

**BY-LAWS OF THE
HAYSHAKERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB
Astoria, Oregon**

ARTICLE I NAME

Section I The name of this club is Hayshakers Square Dance Club.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

Section I To promote, sponsor, encourage and teach square and round dancing.

Section II To encourage and promote a spirit of friendship and cooperation among square dancers.

Section III It has no capital stock and it is not operated for profit.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section I The club shall have the following classes of membership:

- A. Active.
- B. Honorary members.

Section II

- A. Active members shall be dues-paying members, with full club privileges.
- B. All active members are required to be present at club dances at least once every 3 months or membership may be revoked, unless relieved by leave of absence.
- C. The Board of Directors shall act upon each request for leave of absence on an individual basis.

Section III New Members.

- A. All new members joining the club are required to pay an annual fee at the current rate in effect, which includes club dues for the current year, and purchase of a Club pin.

Section IV

- A. Any person who, in the opinion of the Board, has rendered outstanding service to the club shall be eligible for election by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors to honorary membership.
- B. Honorary members shall pay no dues and shall enjoy full club privileges, excepting voting power.

- Section V A. The membership of any member can be revoked for cause at any time by the unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.
- B. A written notice specifying the reason for such revocation and signed by all members of the Board of Directors shall be sent to any person whose membership is revoked.
- Section VI No person shall be denied membership on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin or disability.

ARTICLE IV DUES

- Section I Dues shall be paid annually prior to April 1st at the current rate in effect, payable in advance, and shall entitle the member to all club privileges.
- Section II No dues will be refunded.
- Section III Members delinquent in dues for 30 days may be dropped from the club roll.
- Section IV Donations as admission to club functions shall not exceed amounts necessary to maintain reasonable club operational costs.
- Section V In the event the club should cease to exist as a non-profit organization, any funds then in the club treasury shall be distributed to another non-profit group of like persuasion and no single person or persons shall receive such funds.

ARTICLE V MEETINGS

- Section I A. Special meetings of the membership for the transaction of business may be called by the President when deemed necessary.
- B. Annual meetings of the membership shall be held on the first Saturday of April each year. At such annual meeting elections of officers and directors will be held.
- Section II Regular club dances shall be held on the first and third Saturdays of each month.
- Section III Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at least once a month.

ARTICLE VI DIRECTORS

- Section I The governing body of this club shall be a Board of seven Directors: The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President, and two Members-at-large.
- Section II Vacancies on the Board of Directors caused by death, resignation or refusal to serve shall be filled by the Board of Directors. The person so appointed will serve until the next annual meeting at which officers and directors are elected.

- Section III A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.
- Section IV A. The Directors have the following powers: To conduct, manage and control the affairs and business of the club and make rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the laws of Oregon or the Articles or By-laws of the club, for the guidance of the officers and management of the affairs of the club.
- B. Board meetings are open to all club members for discussion and input, however, the Board of Directors only shall have the power to make motions and vote.
- Section V All offices shall be held by one person with voting rights. If that person has a spouse, the spouse may share the title with no voting rights.

ARTICLE VII OFFICERS

- Section I The officers of the club shall be:
- A. President
B. Vice-President
C. Secretary
D. Treasurer
- Section II The President shall direct the affairs of the club, subject to the control of the Board of Directors. He shall call meeting of the members and of the Board of Directors. He shall also appoint committee chairman and make arrangements for the hall, caller and etc.
- Section III The Vice-President shall assist the President, and in the case of the absence of the President from any meetings, shall act as President. In the case of the death or permanent disability of the President from any cause, the Vice-President shall act as President during the unexpired remainder of his term.
- Section IV The Secretary shall handle all correspondence, keep permanent minutes of all business meetings, and post a copy at the hall.
- Section V The Treasurer shall collect all dues and money and deposit same in a bank designated by the club, in the name of the club. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all monies received and expended and shall issue all orders for payment of all bills. All bills shall be paid by check.

ARTICLE VIII NOMINATIONS

- Section I A. Nomination committee of three active members shall be appointed on the first Saturday in January each year and shall present it's nominations on the first Saturday of March each year. The committee chairman shall be selected by the nominating committee.

B. Members at large to serve as directors on the board will be nominated and voted on by the membership.

Section II A. No candidate shall be nominated without their prior consent.

B. Additional nominations by active members may be received from the floor prior to the balloting with the nominee's consent. Any candidate already on ballot who receives a floor nomination for a higher-ranking office shall automatically be dropped from the lower ranking office and nominations for the lower-ranking office re-opened, if necessary.

Section III The new slate of officers may be elected by a simple majority of the active club members present at the annual meeting. There will be no absentee ballots.

Section IV The candidate receiving the largest number of votes cast for that office shall be elected. The successful candidate shall take office the first Saturday in August.

Section V The term of office shall be 1 year.

ARTICLE IX PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section I Robert Rules of Order shall govern procedure at all meetings of the membership and Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS

Section I These by-laws may be repealed or amended or new by-laws adopted by the following methods:

A. By a two-thirds vote of the Directors at any meeting of the Board, subject to the approval of a majority of the members present and voting at the next annual meeting, or at a special meeting of the membership called for this purpose, provided there is a sufficient number present at such meetings to constitute a quorum.

B. By the consent of two-thirds of the active members present, provided there is sufficient number to constitute a quorum, or by written approval of the proposed change by two-thirds of the members qualified to vote.

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