

The Village Card Club, Inc. - Constitution

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be "THE VILLAGE CARD CLUB, INC."

ARTICLE II: SCOPE OF THE ORGANIZATION

Section 1. The Objectives of the organization shall be:

- A.** to provide for the promotion of community welfare by providing bridge facilities for the benefit of the playing public as a whole, as well as for the benefit, pleasure and recreation of its members,
- B.** to promote the game of bridge for the social, recreational and educational value of the players, and
- C.** to raise and dispense charitable funds.

Section 2. The organization shall be self-governing within the limits of its authority.

Section 3. The organization shall be non-profit, non-sectarian and non-partisan.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Requirements for membership shall be set by the Board of Directors as stated in the By-Laws of this organization. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to revoke or suspend membership,

Section 2. A member shall be deemed to be in good standing when he/she is current in dues and not under suspension or on probation.

Section 3. Each member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote, participate in activities, and receive benefits provided by the organization.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. All elected and appointed officials shall be members in good standing and shall meet the criteria set forth in Article VII of the ByLaws.

Section 2. Officers of the organization shall consist of: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers and the following elected directors: Membership Chairman, Game Manager, Purchasing Agent, Publicity Director, and a Player Development Director who shall be an intermediate/newcomer player.

Section 4. The Board of Directors shall be elected by the general membership at the December semiannual meeting and shall assume their duties, as stated in the By-Laws, on the following January 1st.

- Section 5.** The elected Directors shall perform the duties of their offices as set forth in the By-Laws. These duties are to be reviewed at the first Board meeting following election.
- Section 6.** The Officers shall be elected for a term of one year and may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office.
- Section 7.** The elected Directors shall serve on a rotating schedule for a term of two (2) years and may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same position.
- Section 8.** In the event a board position is vacated, an interim director or officer shall be appointed by the President with approval of the Board of Directors.
- Section 9.** The ACBL Club Manager and Parliamentarian shall be appointed as non-voting members of the board by the incoming President, with approval of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V: AMENDMENTS

- Section 1.** Amendments to the Constitution may be offered by: 1) any member in good standing, 2) the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, and/or 3) the Board of Directors, provided that the procedures in Article V of the Constitution are followed.
- Section 2.** This Constitution may be amended at any General Membership Meeting by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of those members in attendance, provided a quorum of members is present, and provided that a written copy of the proposed amendments are made available to the general membership at least two (2) weeks prior to the General Membership Meeting by posting on the club bulletin board and web site. A verbal announcement of the availability of the amendments shall be made at each regularly scheduled game two (2) weeks prior to any General Membership Meeting.
- Section 3.** A quorum of eighty (80) members is necessary to amend this Constitution.
- Section 4.** Any proposed amendment to the Constitution at the General Membership meeting, which was not made available to the membership at least 2 weeks prior to the meeting, will require a unanimous vote of a quorum of 80 in attendance to be accepted.

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