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CHARTERED CLUB BYLAWS

CERAMICS WEST CLUB

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Chartered Club Bylaws

Article I - General

Section A - Name of Organization

Ceramics West Club

Section B - Purpose of Organization

The purpose of the Club is to stimulate the art of Ceramics in all phases and to arrange for the instruction, demonstration, recreation, and pleasure of Ceramics as a hobby.

Section C – Compliance with Recreation Centers of Sun City West, Inc.

These bylaws will fully comply with the Recreation Center of Sun City West, Inc. (Recreation Centers, the Association), Articles of Incorporation, Association Bylaws, Rules, Regulations, and Procedures (RR&Ps) for Chartered Clubs. In the event of a conflict between these bylaws and the above stated governing documents of the Recreation Centers, the Recreation Center's documents shall prevail.

Section D – Chartered Club Operation as a Non-Profit Organization

This Chartered Club shall be operated exclusively as a non-profit organization in accordance with applicable Arizona and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Tax Exempt Codes, and Association Bylaws.

Article II – Membership

Section A – Membership

Membership shall be open to individuals in good standing with the Recreation Centers. Club membership is only open to those issued a current Owner-Member Card, Associate Member Card or Tenant Activity Card (Recreation Card). Each Club Member has equal rights, responsibilities, and obligations.

Section B – Honorary and Lifetime Memberships

Honorary and Lifetime Memberships are not allowed in Chartered Clubs.

Section C – Membership Reporting

The Annual Membership Report (CR-15) must contain each Club Member's name and Recreation Card number as of December 31 and is to be submitted to the Recreation Manager by February 15 of the following year.

Section D – Membership Preconditions

There shall be no precondition for membership other than as defined in Article II – Membership, Section A – Membership, above, nor will Club Members be required to join any local, national, state, or regionally affiliated organization.

Section E – Recreation Card Holder Guest/Visitor Privileges

See the Rules, Regulations, and Procedures (RR&Ps) for the definition of a Guest/Visitor.

A Recreation Card Holder Guest/Visitor may attend a scheduled Club activity up to five (5) times annually before they are required to join the Chartered Club.

A Club Member may host up to five (5) different Recreation Card Holder Guest/Visitors annually.

Members will be responsible for their guests while in our facilities and all Club rules must be followed.

Section F – Non-Recreation Card Holder Guest/Visitor Privileges

See the Rules, Regulations, and Procedures (RR&Ps) for the definition of a Guest/Visitor.

A Non-Recreation Card Holder Guest/Visitor must be accompanied by a Club Member host at all times when in Club facilities.

A Non-Recreation Card Holder Guest/Visitor may attend a scheduled Club activity up to five (5) times annually. A Non-Recreation Card Holder Guest/Visitor is not eligible to become a Club member.

A Club Member may host up to five (5) different Non-Recreation Card Holder Guests/Visitors annually.

Section G – Club Dues

The dues for each member will be determined annually on the recommendation of the Club Board and approved by a majority vote of the Club Members attending the meeting after a quorum has been established (see Article V – Meetings, Section G – Voting and Quorum Requirements on page 11).

Section H – Maintaining a Chartered Club

Chartered Clubs must meet membership and membership participation requirements per the RR&Ps measured by Rec Center software and annual CR-15 Membership Report.

A Club Charter is dependent on club membership, membership participation of existing Club Charter.

Section I – Club Monitoring

This Club requires that its members participate as Monitors in order to retain their Club membership. Each Member must monitor a minimum of four (4) hours per month. Members who do not meet this minimum requirement will be subject to having their membership revoked for the following year.

Section J –

In order to avoid the appearance of a resale establishment, and maintain our Tax-Exempt status, the sale of greenware and supplies is for ACTIVE MEMBERS who meet the following criteria, which are:

Those who volunteer the required number of hours in the preceding month, are eligible for the following:

- Firing
- Self-pouring – after completion of pouring class.
- Taking Special Classes

Article III – Code of Conduct

Section A - Member conduct

Disciplinary action is necessary when members threaten the safety of themselves or others, are abusive, create turmoil, disruption, or dissension among Club members, Club, or the Association in general.

The Club Board (majority vote of 51%) must initiate and approve all disciplinary actions, with the member notified within five (5) business days of infraction. The infraction is to be documented in Club records by including a form CR-16 (Chartered Clubs Disciplinary Actions), with copies forwarded to the Recreation Manager and Chartered Clubs Committee Chairperson.

Refer to the RR&Ps for full disciplinary procedures.

Section B – Commercial/Mass Production Prohibition

Club members are prohibited from mass producing for the purpose of profit.

Article IV – Officers

Section A – Club Officers

The club board must consist of (at a minimum) four officers: a president, a vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer.

Section B – Club Officer Election

The Club Board shall be elected by a majority vote of those present at the Club's annual membership meeting after a quorum is established (see Article V – Meetings, Section G – Voting and Quorum Requirements on page 11). The elected officers shall serve **without** compensation. If appointed by the Club Board to fill a vacancy, the appointee must be confirmed by a majority vote of the Club's board.

Section C – Club Officer Verification

Newly elected or appointed officers, shall, within fourteen (14) days of taking office, attest that they have read and understand the Rules, Regulations, and Procedures (RR&Ps) for Chartered Clubs by signing the CR-5 (New Club Officers and Rules, Regulations, and Procedures for Chartered Clubs Affirmation Report) and forward it to the office of the Recreation Manager.

Section D – Responsibility to Submit Annual CR-15 Report

The secretary shall submit the Annual Membership Report (CR-15) for the year just ended to the Recreation Manager by February 15th of the following year.

Section E – Officer Duties/Responsibilities, Term Lengths, Term Limits, and Duties

See Appendix A – Club Officer Role Descriptions on page 16 for Officer Duties and Responsibilities descriptions.

Officers shall be elected for a one (1) year term. The President's term of office will be for no more than two (2) consecutive years. All other officers are not limited in terms.

Section F – Filling a Board Vacancy

Should vacancies occur in any elected office (except that of President), it shall be filled by appointment made by the President and approved by a simple majority vote of the Club Board. This office shall be held until the next election. A presidential vacancy will be filled by the Vice President.

Section G – Removal of Directors and Officers

Contact the Recreation Manager for information on this topic.

Section H – Officer Succession

It is the responsibility of the Club President to educate the incoming president on Club bylaws including the Rules, Regulations, and Procedures information (which can be found online at www.scwclubs.com) onto their successor.

Article V – Meetings

Section A – Club General Membership Meeting Frequency and Openness

There will be a minimum of two (2) general membership meetings conducted each calendar year. One of these meetings should be designated as the election meeting. All General Membership Meetings are to be open meetings.

Section B – Club Business Currency and Board Meeting Openness

The Club’s Board will meet as needed to ensure Club business is kept current and that Board Meetings are open.

Section C - Provisions for Calling and Recording Meetings

Minutes will be taken by the Secretary to document all business sessions and approved by the Club President.

Meeting Minutes should be available to Club membership prior to the subsequent General Membership Meeting.

Minutes, as well as pertinent administrative records, will be retained for a period of three (3) years.

Section D – Required Club Officers Meetings

Club officers (or their designated attendee) are required to attend Officers Meetings called by the Recreation Center. The purpose of these meetings is to update policies, clarify procedures, and discuss mutual concerns.

Section E – Club Meeting Purpose

Membership meetings should not have as their primary purpose a social event.

Section F – Special Meetings

For a grievance or reasonable cause, Club membership must present a petition signed by at least ten (10) percent of the Club members to require the Board to call a Special Membership Meeting. The Club Board must acknowledge receipt of the petition within two (2) business days of receipt of the petition and schedule the special meeting and notify Club members of the date, topic, and venue of the special meeting within three (3) business days of receipt of the petition. The special meeting must be held within ten (10) days of receipt of the petition.

The Club Board may call a special Membership Meeting. The Club Board must schedule the meeting and notify Club members of the date, topic, and venue within two (2) business days after announcing the special meeting. The special meeting must be held within ten (10) days of the meeting announcement.

An officer of the Board may call for a special meeting of the Board.

Section G – Voting and Quorum Requirements

- 1. Club Board Meetings – A quorum is a simple majority of the Board.**
- 2. Membership Meetings – Quorum Definitions**

A quorum is the minimum attendance at a Club membership meeting necessary to conduct elections, approve bylaws, approve budget, or conduct Club business.

The required majority must be of those present at the meeting specifically called for such purpose.

A simple majority is required for all issues except bylaws.

To approve bylaws, a two-thirds (2/3) majority is required. A quorum shall be ten percent (10%) of the Club membership. However, a quorum for approving bylaws cannot be less than twenty-one (21) members. A Club could have an excess of one hundred (100) members at a meeting, but the top requirement is one hundred (100).

Voting may be done in person (voice vote or show of hands), by paper ballot, or any generally accepted other technologically assisted solutions and retained in Club records. There will be no proxy votes.

Reference Robert’s Rules of Order for assistance in parliamentary provisions. Note that stated bylaws take precedence over Robert’s Rules of Order (i.e., anything not stated in bylaws shall be referred to Robert’s Rules of Order for parliamentary procedures).

Article VI – Financial

Section A – Financial Record Retention

Financial Records shall be retained for a period of seven (7) years prior to current year.

Section B – Spending Limits

Any expenditure up to and including five hundred dollars (\$500.00) may be made from Club funds. Purchases over five hundred dollars (\$500.00), except for supplies, will require approval by the club membership. Only expenditures of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) or less can be paid by petty cash.

Section C – Club Member Compensation

No member shall receive compensation or financial award from Club funds for contributions or service to the Club. The only exception is when a member has an independent contractor agreement reviewed by the Recreation Manager.

Section D – Financial Record Audits

Financial records must be audited annually by individuals other than those elected to the Club Board. The results of the Report of Audit will be presented to the general membership and duly recorded in the applicable minutes of such meetings. A copy will be provided to the office of the Recreation Manager.

Section E - Club Advertising

Any commercial advertising or flyers of Club activity must follow RR&Ps and Association policies.

Section F - Contracts

Any contracts for instructors must meet RR&Ps Guidelines. Each contract must be renewed annually and a copy of each sent to the office of the Recreation Manager for approval. (Refer to RR&Ps).

Section G - Treasurer's Duties and Responsibilities

Treasurer role description in the Appendix A – Club Officer Role Descriptions on page 16.

Section H - Inventories

Inventories shall be taken prior to December each year by the Firing, Greenware, Pouring, and Supply Chairpersons and any other department required by the Recreation Center. The Treasurer must keep a reportable inventory – equipment three-hundred dollars (\$300.00) and over and a simplified inventory for items and equipment under three-hundred dollars (\$300.00) that the Club wishes to insure. A copy of this inventory must be submitted to the Recreation Manager's office by December 31st.

For those clubs that turn in an inventory list, it is important to have a description, serial/model numbers, date purchased, and total amount.

Article VII – Committees

Section A – Non-Permanent Committees and Chairpersons

Committees and/or chairpersons may be elected or appointed by the Club board. Club Bylaws must state the election or appointment process to be used (see **Article-IV** on page 9).

Section B – Permanent (Standing) Committees

Permanent (standing) committees, at a minimum, will include a Safety and Audit Committee. Additional committees must be brought to a vote of the membership and so stated in Club Bylaws.

Section C – Ad Hoc Committees

The Club President may appoint ad hoc committees with the approval of the Board.

Section D - Duties of the Safety Committee

Duties of the Safety Chairman/Committee: Will inspect the room and report any problems to the Facility Supervisor

Section E – Audit Committee/Chairperson Duties and Responsibilities

Financial records must be audited on a yearly basis by individuals other than those elected to the Club Board. The results of the Report of Audit will be presented to the general membership and duly recorded in the applicable minutes of such meeting. A copy will be provided to the office of the Recreation Activities Manager.

Section F - Other Committees and Their Duties

Nominating Committee: A three (3) member nomination committee shall be elected by the general membership at the September meeting. They shall present a list of nominees at the October meeting at which time nominations will also be accepted from the floor. This closes nominations for the current slate. A list of nominations shall be posted until the November meeting when elections will be held. Officers will be elected by a simple majority vote.

Article VIII – Amendments

Section A – Amending These Bylaws

This Club requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of membership at a meeting specifically called to amend the bylaws.

Section B – Amendment Review Requirements

The Recreation Manager shall review the proposed amendments prior to the submittal to the Club membership.

Section C – Proposed Amendment Publication

Proposed amendments shall be publicized to the membership at least one (1) month prior to the vote. All amendments must be voted upon and approved by a quorum of the membership (see Article V – Meetings, Section G – Voting and Quorum Requirements on page 11).

Section D – Revised Bylaws Review Requirement

A complete revised set of the Club's bylaws will be submitted to the Recreation Manager for final review. The amended bylaws require the approval of General Manager prior to implementation. The results and dates of the membership vote shall be duly noted on the submitted document.

Article IX – Dissolution

Section A – Clubs with an IRS Tax Status Other than 501(c)(3)

Upon the winding up and dissolution of this Club, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the Club, the remaining assets shall be turned over to the Recreation Centers.

Appendix A – Club Officer Role Descriptions

President

- Set a time and place and preside at Board and General Membership meetings.
- Solicit and compile agenda for Board meetings.
- Create and appoint Chairs of needed action committees, and appoint members to fill Board, committee and coordinator vacancies.
- Correspond and communicate Club and fiscal business with the Rec Center, including room reservations and facility management issues.
- Communicate with members using the Club's email program.
- Attend mandatory facilities request submission day.
- Attend mandatory Rec Center club officer meetings.
- Review Secretary meeting minutes prior to publishing.
- Signatory on the bank account.
- Contribute to crafting and writing club policies and procedures.

Vice President

- Perform the duties of the President in their absence and/or succeed the President if they cannot complete the term.
- Lead Board meetings and organize agenda in absence of the President.
- Attend Board and General Membership meetings.
- Assist President in tasks as assigned.
- Attend mandatory Rec Center club officer meetings.
- Signatory on the bank account.
- Contribute to crafting and writing club policies and procedures.

Treasurer

- Receive and reconcile class income and membership dues paid
- Account monthly for club income and expenses using Quicken or similar financial software.
- Reconcile bank account monthly.
- Provide a financial report with income statement to the Club Board monthly.
- Provide an income statement to the Content Manager for posting on the website monthly.
- Provide membership forms received with class receipts to membership chair and reconcile membership count vs income monthly.
- Attend mandatory Rec Center club officer meetings.
- Submit form CR-7 (Annual Financial Statement) for the year just ended to the office of the Recreation Manager by February 15 of the current year.

- Clubs that turn in an inventory list must have complete item descriptions, serial/model numbers, dates purchased, and total amounts.
- Complete and submit 1099s to instructors and bookkeeper and IRS annually.
- Complete and submit form 990 to the IRS annually.
- Report the state of Club finances at Board and General Membership meetings.
- Maintain records for seven years.
- Signatory on the bank account.
- Contribute to crafting and writing Club policies and procedures.

Secretary

- Attend Board and General Membership meetings to record meeting minutes.
- Seek approval of Board meeting minutes from Board members.
- Seek approval of General Membership meeting minutes at General Membership meetings.
- Attend mandatory Rec Center club officer meetings.
- Maintain, track, and file all Club-pertinent communications for three years.
- Contribute to crafting and writing Club policies and procedures. Update policy and procedure changes.
- Check and respond to the Club's email account.
- Complete the CR-15 (membership) and submit to RCSCW annually.
- Send club rosters to ClubTrack administrators at least twice per month.

Appendix B – Bylaws Amendments

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Signatures



Club President

3-27-23

Date



General Manager

3-22-23

Date