

AKRON CANTON DART CLUB, INC. BY LAWS AS AMENDED: AUGUST 11, 2023

ARTICLE I

NAME:

SECT. 1 The name of this organization shall be the Akron Canton Dart Club Inc.

ARTICLE II

DEFINITIONS:

SECT. 1 Hereinafter the initials ACDC shall mean the Akron Canton Dart Club Inc.

SECT. 2 Whenever the word Board is used, it shall mean the elected officials as described in Article VI, Section 1.

SECT. 3 Whenever the word member is used, it shall mean an individual who has obtained a membership in the ACDC.

SECT. 4 The ACDC divisions shall be designated as Tungsten, Nickel, and Brass. Divisions to be used in lieu of, based on participation; will be designated as Division 1, Division 2 and Division 3.

ARTICLE III

OBJECTIVES:

SECT. 1 To establish and/or improve conditions of play in local pubs, restaurants, or anyone hosting the game of darts.

SECT. 2 To promote dart competition and maintain good sportsmanship for social and recreational purposes.

SECT. 3 To sanction, organize, and support league and tournament play in the ACDC area.

ARTICLE IV

REGISTRATION, FEES, AND DUES:

SECT. 1 Each team and team Captain must be registered with the ACDC on or before the next season's registration deadline.

SECT. 2 Team rosters and team sponsors, along with all fees, must be paid by Friday before the start of that season or face penalty.

SECT. 3 Membership fees shall be determined by a 2/3 majority vote of a quorum at any meeting. Current fees are as follows

- A. Fees for 4-person team
 - a. Sponsor Fee - \$50.00
 - b. Seasonal Fee - \$25.00 per person
- B. Fees for Doubles
 - a. Sponsor Fee - \$50.00
 - b. Seasonal Fee - \$25.00 per person
- C. Fees for Flex Singles
 - a. Sponsor Fee - \$20.00
 - b. Seasonal Fee - \$25.00
- D. Current yearly dues are \$20.00 per entrant, payable once each calendar year, from January 1 to December 31, in addition to seasonal fees.
- E. Each time a player subs for a team, \$5.00 is due by scheduled deadline. If a player subs on the same team 3 times, \$10 credit is applied to the seasonal fee. ie: John Brass plays twice for Brass Monkeys. He then plays a 3rd time. John is now a member of that team and is required to pay \$15.00 for seasonal dues. Seasonal dues (\$25) less \$10 paid in sub fees for that team.

SECT. 4 Registration fees for all substitutes shall be as regulated in the ACDC rules.

ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP:

SECT. 1 Membership is open to anyone 21 years of age or older.

SECT. 2

- A. A member that causes disharmony among other members or uses abusive language at ACDC functions shall be subjected to the grievance procedures. If the Grievance is found valid, a registered letter of reprimand may be sent to the individual(s) involved, and any subsequent occurrence could result in a suspension from the ACDC for a period to be determined by the Board.
- B. A member that acts in a way to cause bodily harm to others at any ACDC function, or causes damages to ACDC property, or lesser properties, shall have their membership revoked, with no refund of fees or dues. The revoked member shall have a 30-day calendar period to apply for reinstatement, with the Board. If no appeal of reinstatement is made by that member within the proper time frame, that membership shall remain revoked for a period of (2) years, following the 14-day appeal period. The member(s) involved are responsible for the cost of repairs and damages.

ARTICLE VI BOARD:

SECT. 1 The ACDC Board shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and four additional voting members as designated officers.

- A. The office of Secretary, by a majority vote of the Board members present at any meeting, may be appointed to more than one Board member, or non-Board member, if no elected Board members qualify. Duties and/or fees may be split if more than one person shares this office.

SECT. 2 Each Board member shall be elected to a (2) year term and is subject to background check.

- SECT. 3** There will be an election of (4) Board members each year.
- SECT. 4** (a) Nomination and election shall be in the month of September from membership in good standing, who has paid his/her yearly dues. Elections can be moved past the September deadline based on pandemic or other emergency situations. Unanimous vote, including trustees, is required to extend the voting period.
- (b) Board members must have (*) access to a published telephone number and have transportation to Board meetings and committee work. (*) having access to a published telephone number where you can be reached, or a message relayed and reply within 24 hours.
- SECT. 5** The nominee list shall be maintained after elections for the purpose of replacing a Board member who may resign or be recalled. The nominee list shall be renewed each year.
- SECT. 6** Vacancies on the Board will be filled by members on the nomination list, approved by a 2/3 majority vote of the Board at any meeting. If a 2/3 vote cannot be reached, the Board may nominate a member for a vote.
- SECT. 7** A Board member may be removed if he/she fails to attend (3) consecutive Board meetings or (3) meetings within 12 months. Officers are Board members.
A Board member who misses (3) consecutive meetings and or (3) regular Board meetings in any (12) month period may be removed by a 2/3 majority vote of the Board, as in Article IX, section 2.
- SECT. 8** Board officers shall serve a term of one year and be nominated from and voted on by popular vote of the Board at the first meeting following the elections. Each officer may serve consecutive terms if nominated and re-elected to the Board by the membership after (2) years in office.
- SECT. 9** Board members must be nominated and re-elected by the membership after (2) years in office.
- SECT. 10** The past President shall be an ex-officio (non-voting) member of the Board, acting in an advisory capacity.
- SECT. 11** In the event that the position of a Board officer becomes vacant, the nomination and election process shall be repeated for said position.
- SECT. 12** Treasure is subject to background investigation and cannot serve as treasurer if convicted of financial crime(s).
- SECT. 13** Any member removed from board or is under/had disciplinary action are ineligible to run for board position. Member may write an appeal to be eligible to hold position. Appeal must be approved by 2/3rds vote, including trustees.

SECT. 14 If a member is currently on the Board and is involved in grievance that goes to committee, said member must temporarily step down from board pending grievance process.

ARTICLE VII MEETINGS, QUORUM:

SECT. 1 The Board, at their discretion, shall meet once per month or as necessary at a time and location to be determined by the President, notice of said meeting shall be published one week prior to the meeting.

SECT. 2 Board meetings shall have a time limit of (2) hours. This limit may be extended by a unanimous vote of those members in attendance.

SECT. 3 A quorums must be present to transact business. In the absence of the President and Vice President, those members in attendance shall appoint a chairman Pro-Tem to act as President at that meeting.

ARTICLE VIII DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

SECT. 1 **PRESIDENT:** The President shall preside over all meetings of the Board and General membership of the club. The President shall vote only to break a tie, the exception being voting on Article VI Sections 6 and 8, all of Article IX, and Article XII, Section 1. The President shall decide questions of order and appoint all committees. The President shall perform, direct or co-ordinate all general public relations of the club and its function.

SECT. 2 **VICE PRESIDENT:** The Vice President shall assume all duties of the President during his absence. The Vice President shall be chairman of the Rules, By-Laws, and Election Committees.

SECT. 3 **CHAIRMAN PRO-TEM:** The Chairman Pro-tern as regulated in Article VII, Section 3, shall have full power and duties as prescribed for the President in Article VIII, Section I.

SECT. 4 **SECRETARY:** The duties are many and varied.

- (a) Shall keep minutes of all Board meetings.
- (b) Shall distribute all notices to the Board and membership.
- (c) Shall have charge of such books, papers, and documents as the Board may direct
- (d) Shall receive all applications for membership through team entries, as well as sponsorship fees.
- (e) Shall make team breakdown and schedule teams into divisional matches.
- (f) Shall be responsible for the development of a budget for any projected programs of the ACDC.
- (g) These duties may be split, as in Article VI, Section I (a)

- (l) A recording secretary may be appointed to: keep minutes of Board meetings, prepare an agenda, maintain records, and prepare a calendar of events.

SECT. 5 TREASURER: The duties are many and varied.

- (a) Shall receive all monies paid to the club, fees, dues, and other funds generated from the club's activities.
- (b) Shall have sole custody and control over the books and accounts of the club, with the Board's direction and approval. One other member, by vote, shall have access to books and records.
- (c) Shall prepare a statement of account of all monies received and report at meetings of the board.
- (d) Shall be responsible for the development of a budget for any projected program of the ACDC.
- (e) Shall prepare all necessary papers as required to and apply for a bond in such sum and with such surety as shall be satisfactory to the Board, unless the Board directs otherwise.
- (f) These duties may be split, as in Article VI, Section I (a)
- (g) The Treasurer, at the discretion of the Board, shall produce books for audit

SECT. 6 BOARD MEMBERS: Board members shall have and exercise general supervision of the affairs of the club and shall manage and control its properties and effects. Board members shall assist in the administration of the ACDC policy and provide and enforce penalties for infractions committed by members of the club.

- a. No Board member may vote on a grievance involving his/her division.
- b. A Board member will be appointed by the President to be Chairman of a working committee.
- c. TRUSTEES: duties of trustees shall be as outlined in the Articles of Incorporation and:
 - (1) Trustees are to review all budgets and money expended by the club.
 - (2) Advise the Board and give recommendations of the By Laws.
 - (3) Trustees must approve any expense more than \$2000.00
 - (4) Trustee automatically resigns if he/she fails to be a member in good standing.

ARTICLE IX RECALL:

SECT. 1 Automatic recall and replacement, refer to Article VI, sections 6 and 7.

SECT. 2 Any Board member may be recalled from office by a 2/3 majority vote of the entire Board at any meeting, or by mail if circumstances so warrant. All recall voting shall be by secret ballot, (no vote required for Article VI, Section 7).

- SECT. 3** Recalls may be in effect if the Secretary or Treasurer receives a petition for recall of a board member, which has the signatures of 2/3 of the membership attached.
- SECT. 4** Any Board member recalled may submit to the Secretary's office an appeal, within 30 days of recall date. Consideration will be before the entire Board or by mail.
- SECT. 5** The vacancy created by a recalled board member, will be filled from the list of nominees, and approved by 2/3 of the Board. If 2/3 vote is not obtained, the board may nominate a member in good standing for a vote.
- SECT. 6** The president must submit nominee(s) within 60 days of the vacancy.

ARTICLE X GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES:

- SECT. 1** Any member in good standing, Sponsor or Board members may file a grievance.
- SECT. 2** Grievances may be initiated in written form only, to the Secretary office, and must be postmarked/delivered by midnight of the fifth day of the alleged infraction.
- SECT. 3** Upon receipt of the written grievance, the President will be notified, and appoint a 3-member committee of Board members and/or team Captains to investigate the grievance. The committee will cause notice to be served to both parties regarding the grievance, and the committee members will investigate the grievance with in 72hrs. The committee will present the findings and recommendations to the board for final approval.
- SECT. 4** Captains and/or member grievance is filed against, will be notified via registered mail, and may appear at a hearing set by the grievance committee, in a period not to exceed 30 days of the alleged infraction.

ARTICLE XI NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:

- SECT. 1** Election of Board members and Trustees will be held each year during the month of September.
- SECT. 2** The election process shall consist of listing re-nominated established Board members, and new nominees. Members must vote for not more than 4 names on the ballot. The 4 nominees with the most votes shall be re-elected or newly elected board members with a 2-year term. Incumbents will be represented on the ballot by *
- (a)** The election of trustees shall consist of listing all nominees. The top three vote getters will receive a (1) year term.

- SECT. 3** The Vice President is chairman of the nominating committee, which shall consist of 3 members. The nominating committee need not be board members.
- SECT. 4** The Nominating Committee shall establish such rules as may be necessary to run the election. Such rules shall be approved by the elected Board.
- SECT. 5** Nominations to the Board and Trustees will be open for 30 days, and close one week prior to the election date.
- SECT. 6** Any member in good standing may be nominated by another member in good standing, or by the nominating committee. The nominees must be contacted and agree to serve the term of office involved.
- SECT. 7** The Nominees receiving the highest number of votes shall be the ones elected to the Board or Trustees.
- SECT. 8**
- (a) The unsuccessful nominees will remain on the list of potential Board members for (1) year and will be called on to serve on the Board if a Board member resigns or is recalled. This is not a seniority list. The President will appoint a nominee from this list, and he/she must be approved by a 2/3 majority vote of the Board members present at any meeting. In lieu of no 2/3 vote of the current board, the board may nominate a member for the position. Term of office will be the remaining term of the Board member who resigned or was recalled
 - (b) If a trustee resigns or is recalled, he/she will be replaced by the next highest number of votes on the nominee list. In lieu of no 2/3 vote of the current board, the board may nominate a member for the position.
- SECT. 9** The President must submit the nominee(s) within 60 days of the Board vacancy, from the nominee list.
- SECT. 10** No member who has been convicted of a felony shall serve as board member or trustee.
- (a) A member that has a felony may file an appeal to be approved to be eligible to run for a board position. The appeal must be approved by 2/3rds majority vote, including trustees.
 - (b) If a member is currently on the board, and a felony is discovered. The above rule is applied.

ARTICLE XII AMENDMENTS, ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- SECT. 1** These By- laws may be amended by a 2/3 majority vote of the Board at any meeting called for said purpose.

SECT. 2 The order of business and/or procedures at any meeting not covered by these bylaws shall be subject to "Robert's Rules of Order, revised".

ARTICLE XIII CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS:

SECT. 1 The Board has sole authority to enter into contracts and agreements in the name of the ACDC. Such contracts and agreements must bear the signature of any Board member, with the approval of 2/3 vote of the Board, except as in Article VIII, Section 8 (c).

ARTICLE XIV EXPENSES:

SECT. 1 Any member, by the direction of the Board, is to be reimbursed for all legitimate expenses incurred in the name of the ACDC.

SECT. 2 All expenses are subject to approval of a majority vote at any meeting.

ARTICLE XV POLICY, TOURNAMENTS:

SECT. 1 Policy changes and rulings made by the Board will be in the form of announcements and/or notices issued by the Secretary and shall be in force immediately upon issue.

SECT. 2 Team Captains are responsible for team notification of announcements and notices.

SECT. 3 Sponsorship of darting events:

- (a) In the interest of promoting darts, the ACDC will from time to time sponsor a darting event other than the normal schedule of league games
- (b) ACDC rules of play shall prevail at such an event
- (c) ACDC will be responsible for the operation of such an event.
- (d) ACDC shall provide prizes and/or trophies at these events through solicited donations, or from funds available.
- (e) The Tournament Director will be paid at the rate of .50 cents per entry. Funds shall be paid from the tournament budget. If needed, an assistant may be paid at the same rate.
- (f) A predetermined amount will be issued to the equipment officer to pay members or non-members who assist in transporting, erecting, and dismantling Tournament equipment.

ARTICLE XVI RESERVE FUND:

SECT. 1

- (a) The Board of Directors will maintain and utilize the reserve fund to help provide for the long-term stability and existence of the Akron Canton Dart Club Inc.
- (b) The Board of Directors, by a 2/3 majority vote, may make transfers of not more than \$5,000 per fiscal year, from this fund for any legitimate expenditure of the club.
- (c) The Board of Directors may designate that a portion of membership dues, operating surpluses, or net proceeds of designated fundraisers, may be used to increase the fund.
- (d) However, any increase or decrease to the fund exceeding \$5,000 within a fiscal year, must receive prior approval by a majority vote of the membership, or unanimous approval of the Board.

ARTICLE XVII PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR SECRETARY/TREASURER:

SECT. 1

Payment for Secretary and Treasurer shall be.

- a. Secretary - \$2.50 per active playing member each season.
- b. Treasurer - \$2.50 per active playing member each season.

SECT. 2

Payments shall be made to the Secretary and Treasurer in the following manner:

- (a) 60% payment after the season scheduling is completed
- (b) Remaining 40% shall be paid over 3 (5 week) equal payments.

ARTICLE XVIII CHARITY:

SECT. 1

Akron Canton Dart Club Charity to be determined based on 2/3 vote of board.

SECT. 2

Collection for charity is as follows per season after registration period:

- a. Four (4) dollars per team – 4-person Team League
- b. Two (2) dollars per team – Doubles League
- c. One (1) dollar per member – Flex Singles

ARTICLE XIV

DATES OF RENEWALS:

- SECT. 1 Registration of Incorporation (501c) – Renewed 6/2022. To be RENEWED every (5) Five Years.**
- SECT. 2 ADO Affiliation Fees – To be paid annually by December 31st, on on ADO Website.**
- SECT. 3 INSURANCE – Yearly renewal, (on auto renewal).**