

**NEW WESTMINSTER LAWN BOWLING CLUB****BYLAWS****Part 1 – Definitions**

1. In these bylaws, unless the context otherwise requires:

**“Bylaws”** means the bylaws of the Club.

**“Club”** means the New Westminster Lawn Bowling Club.

**“Executive”** means the officers and directors of the Club who are elected or appointed to the Executive Committee for the current year.

**“Officers”** means the President, Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-President, Games Director, Membership Director, Community Relations Director who are elected or appointed to the Executive Committee for the current year.

**“Executive Committee”** means the committee of all officers and directors elected or appointed.

**“Sub-Committee”** means the committee for special operation function for the running of the Club.

**“Ad-hoc Committee”** means the committee for a special project.

**“General Meeting”** means the Annual General, Semi-Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting.

**“Member”** means a person who becomes and remains a member in accordance with the Bylaws.

**“Ordinary Resolution”** means a resolution passed in a general meeting by a simple majority of the votes of the members in good standing of the Club who, being entitled to do so, vote in person.

**“Special Resolution”** means a resolution passed in a general meeting by a majority of not less than two thirds of the votes of the members in good standing of the Club who, being entitled to do so, vote in person.

**“Subscription”** includes fee, due, assessment or other similar sum payable by a member under the Bylaws.

2. Words importing the singular member only shall include the plural and vice versa, and words importing a masculine gender shall include the feminine gender.

## Part 2 – Membership

### 3. Membership shall consist of the categories as follows:

*a. Regular membership*

A regular member is one who shall pay full dues and have full playing, social and voting rights

*b. Junior membership*

A junior member is one who is under 18 years old on the date of application. The junior shall pay fifty percent (50%) of the dues of a regular member and have full playing and social rights. Voting rights are available to juniors between 16 to 18 years of age.

*c. Associate membership*

Is already a carded registered full member of a Bowls BC Club and who joins NWLBC for full playing and voting rights. Shall pay dues as set by the Executive Committee.

*d. Social membership*

A social member is one who has social rights, but no playing or voting rights. The Executive shall have the power to set the fee for such membership each year.

*e. Life membership*

The Club at a General Meeting may elect one or more persons to be life members; a Life Membership is conferred a member who has completed 25 years of full Club membership. Life Members enjoy the rights and privileges of Full Members, but do not pay any dues if they only wish to be a social member However if a Life Member wishes to play in club, inter-club, Vancouver & District, Provincial and National tournaments, such member must pay specific tournament fees and all required proportional fees set by Vancouver & District, Bowls BC and Bowls Canada Boulingrin.

### 4. Membership Application

A person may apply to the Executive Committee for membership of the Club in a prescribed form, and the person becomes a member of the Club upon the acceptance of the application. No application is required for a returning member from the previous year.

## 5. Membership Fees

- a.* The annual membership fees must be determined by Executive Committee and explained to the membership at the Semi-Annual or the Annual General Meeting
- b.* The annual membership fees are due and payable before the 1<sup>st</sup> of May each year.
- c.* There shall be no refund of any membership fees. However, refund of partial or full membership fees because of extenuating circumstances will be considered on a case by case basis by the Executive Committee.
- d.* The Executive Committee shall review and set the fee structure for leagues, club and inter-club tournaments and visitors' play prior to the commencement of the playing season.

## 6. Duties of Members

- a.* Every member must uphold the Constitution and comply with the Bylaws of the Club.
- b.* In order to remain in good standing in the Club, a member shall be in current status with respect to payment of all dues.

## 7. Withdrawal, Suspension & Expulsion

- a.* A member shall cease to be a member of the Club
  - i.* by delivering his/her resignation in writing to the Secretary of the Club
  - ii.* on his/her death
  - iii.* failure to pay his/her membership fee on time
  - iv.* on being expelled, or
  - v.* on being a member not in good standing for twelve consecutive months.
- b.* Any complaint made against a member must be in writing, signed by the complainant and lodged with the Secretary of the Club, who must present the complaint to the Executive Committee at its next meeting.
- c.* The Executive Committee shall consider the complaint and must take action to determine that the said member's conduct was indeed unbecoming. The Executive Committee may then by a secret vote of not less than two thirds of its members present at any of its meetings, suspend any or all of the Club privileges from the said member.
- d.* The decision of the Executive Committee may be appealed by the affected member. The Executive Committee may then reconsider its decision and confirm, amend, or abandon its decision. If confirmed or amended, the affected member may then appeal the

decision to a general meeting where the Club members after considering the matter may grant or disallow the appeal by an ordinary resolution.

### **Part 3 – Management**

#### **8. Composition of the Executive Committee**

- a.* The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the following:
  - i.* President
  - ii.* Vice-President
  - iii.* Secretary
  - iv.* Treasurer
  - v.* Past President
  - vi.* Games Director
  - vii.* Membership Director
  - viii.* Community Relations Director
- b.* The Executive Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall remain in office until the next Annual General Meeting. Retiring members of the Executive Committee shall be eligible for re-election.
- c.* Candidates for election to the Executive Committee must be members in good standing for at least ninety (90) days prior to the election date.
- d.* A member of the Executive Committee who fails to attend three consecutive meetings duly convened shall, unless a satisfactory reason is provided for the absence, cease to be member of the Executive Committee.

#### **9. Power of the Executive Committee**

- a.* The Executive Committee shall have the power:
  - i.* to take action to accomplish the purposes of the Club,
  - ii.* to make rules for conducting Club competitions, settling disputes, and the use of Club facilities by members and non-members,
  - iii.* to oversee the conduct of the affairs of the Club, and
  - iv.* to take action to ensure that all obligations and duties are fulfilled in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Club.
- b.* Any member of the Executive Committee may be removed from office for cause by a vote of not less than two thirds of the remaining members of the Executive Committee.
- c.* Should a vacancy occur on the Executive Committee through resignation or otherwise, the remaining members shall have the power to appoint a voting member of the Club to fill the vacancy for the remaining term of office.

## 10. Mandate of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall have the responsibility and the authority to carry out the day-to-day business affairs of the Club.

### a. Duties of the President

The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer and shall supervise and guide other executives in the conduct of their duties relating to the affairs of the Club.

The President must

- i.* be kept apprised of all activities of the Club.
- ii.* sign all official documents requiring the President's signature.
- iii.* be an ex-officio member of all Committees.
- iv.* preside at all meetings of the Club.
- v.* have no vote at any meeting but shall have a casting vote in case of a tie.
- vi.* submit a written report to the Annual General Meeting.

### b. Duties of the Vice-President

The Vice-President shall assist the President and other Directors in the performance of their duties. In the absence of the President the Vice-President shall assume all the duties of the President.

### c. Duties of the Secretary

The Secretary, or in his/her absence, another individual appointed by the Executive Committee must

- i.* conduct the correspondence of the Club,
- ii.* issue notices of all general meetings and executive meetings,
- iii.* take minutes of all general meetings and executive meetings,
- iv.* have custody of all records and documents of the Club except those required to be kept by the Treasurer,
- v.* File necessary returns and reports as required by laws.

### d. Duties of the Treasurer

The Treasurer must

- i.* keep the financial records, including books of account, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles,
- ii.* open and maintain accounts in financial institutions as authorized by the Executive Committee,
- iii.* prepare and submit an annual operating budget for approval at the Semi-Annual General Meeting,
- iv.* prepare and file the Club's goods and services tax returns if applicable
- v.* ensure that all monies due and payable to the Club are received and deposited in the Club account(s),



#### 11. Standing and Ad-hoc Committees

- a.* The Executive Committee shall establish Standing Committees or Ad-hoc Committees as it considers necessary to carry out the services or programs of the Club. (Coaching, Kitchen, etc)
- b.* The Executive Committee shall approve the terms of reference for all Standing or Ad-hoc committees.

### Part 4 – Meetings

#### 12. Omission of Notice

The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of a notice by, any of the members of the Club, or directors entitled to receive notice, shall not invalidate proceedings at that meeting.

#### 13. Executive Committee Meeting

- a.* The Executive Committee meetings shall be convened at the call of the President.
- b.* The Secretary shall communicate the date; time and place of the meeting to the members or it may be set at the previous meeting.
- c.* Questions arising at these meetings shall be decided by a majority vote.

#### 14. Semi-Annual General Meeting

- a.* The Semi-Annual General Meeting must be held before April 15<sup>th</sup> each year.
- b.* The Secretary must give notice in writing at least fourteen days prior to the meeting stating the date, time, place, and agenda of the meeting.

#### 15. Annual General Meeting

- a.* The Annual General Meeting must be held before November 15<sup>th</sup> each year.
- b.* The Secretary must give notice in writing at least fourteen days prior to the meeting stating the date, time, place and agenda of the meeting.

#### 16. Extraordinary General Meeting

An Extraordinary General Meeting may be ordered by the Executive Committee.

- a.* On the request of ten percent (10%) or more of the voting members in good standing, the Executive Committee must convene an Extraordinary General Meeting promptly.
- b.* The requisition referred to hereinabove must be in writing, signed by all, state the purpose of the requested meeting and must be transmitted to the Secretary of the Club twenty-one days prior to the meeting.

- c. The members shall be given fourteen days notice stating date, place and time as well as the nature of the business to be transacted.
- d. Only the business specified in the notice may be transacted at an Extraordinary General Meeting.

#### **Part 5 – Quorums**

17. A quorum at the General Meeting shall be the lower of thirty (30) or twenty percent (20%) of the voting members in good standing. If within thirty minutes from the time appointed for a general a quorum is not present, the meeting must be adjourned to the same day in the next week, at the same time and place, and if at the adjourned meeting, a quorum is not present within thirty minutes from the time appointed for the meeting, the members present constitute a quorum.
18. Five (5) of the Executive members shall form a quorum for Executive meetings.

#### **Part 6 – Voting**

19. Voting at general meetings shall be by show of hands, or by secret ballot if so requested by the majority of voting representatives present.
20. Voting on matters concerning expulsions or dismissals of members or officials must be by secret ballot.
21. Each voting member in good standing present at the meeting shall have ONE vote to be cast on all matters to be decided by a majority vote.
22. Voting by proxy is prohibited.

#### **Part 7 – Nomination Committee**

23. The Executive Committee shall appoint, no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> September each year, a Nomination Committee. The Committee shall be comprised of a Past President and two members of the Club. The Committee Chair shall be the said Past President. The Committee shall draw up a list of nominees for the coming year.
24. The Nomination Committee Chair shall place before the Annual General Meeting the names of nominees who have consented to stand for a position as indicated in the nomination form.
25. The Nomination Committee Chair shall conduct the election for all positions and shall call for further nominations from the floor for each of the positions. Any voting member in good standing present at the meeting may nominate another voting member in good standing,



provided that the new nominee is present in person at the Annual General Meeting and expresses his/her consent to stand for election, or if absent, has consented to stand for election by signing the nomination form.

## **Part 8 – General**

### **26. Membership year**

Membership in the Club shall be on a yearly basis commencing on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April and ending on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March of the following year.

### **27. Financial year**

The financial year of the Club shall be the twelve (12) month period commencing on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October and ending on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September the following year.

### **28. Expenses**

All reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred by an executive member in conducting the affairs of the Club shall be reimbursed according to the policy and procedures approved by the Executive Committee.

### **29. Club Delegates**

One member of the Executive Committee shall represent the Club at all meetings requiring a club representative of the Bowls BC Association and the Vancouver & District Bowls Association.

### **30. Auditor**

- a.* The Executive Committee may appoint an auditor.
- b.* Upon approval of a resolution passed by a majority of not less than two thirds of the voting members present at a duly convened general meeting of the Club, the Executive Committee shall appoint an auditor without delay.
- c.* The auditor's Terms of Reference to be approved by the Executive Committee must include:
  - i.* the purpose of the audit;
  - ii.* the nature and scope of the auditor's work to be carried out; and
  - iii.* the recipient of the auditor's report.

### **31. Laws of the Sport of Bowls**

The Club shall adopt the Laws of the Sport of Bowls as laid down by World Bowls subject always to Conditions laid down by the National Authority and to the Conditions of Play for Club events.

### 32. Changes to Bylaws

Special Resolution must be passed to effect any changes to the Bylaws. Such a resolution must be passed by a majority of not less than two thirds of the voting members present at a duly convened general meeting of the Club.

### 33. Dissolution of the Club

- a. The business of the Club shall be carried out without the purpose of gain for individual(s) and any profits or accretions to the Club shall be used for promoting its purposes.
- b. In the event of the winding up or the dissolution of the Club, funds and assets of the Club remaining after the satisfaction of its debts and liabilities shall be given to one or more bowls organizations or charities as determined by the Executive Committee.

### 34. Rules of Order and Societies Act

All meetings shall be conducted according to the latest version of Robert's Rules of Order, provided that they do not conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Club. Matters not covered in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Club shall be governed by the current *Societies Act*.

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Anne Ackerman

President

Dated November 9, 2020

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Glory Ewen

Secretary

Dated November 9 2020