

# MAIN STREET STROLLERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

## Article I – NAME

Section I - The Name of this organization shall be the: MAINSTREET STROLLERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB, hereafter referred to as the Strollers.

## Article II -- PURPOSE

The purpose of the Strollers is to provide fun, friendliness, and fellowship through square dancing. This general purpose is to be accomplished through regular club workshops, new dancer classes, club square dances, and participation in the dances and festivals sponsored by other square dance clubs and organizations.

## Article III — MEMBERSHIP

Section I - Skill Requirement: Applicants for membership shall be able to dance at club level (full Plus).

Section II - Youth Members: Applicants 13-17 years of age must be accompanied by an adult member of the club.

Section III - Attendance Requirement: Prospective applicants must attend club workshops at least three consecutive times before completing an application for membership.

Section IV - Application Approval: Applications for membership shall be voted upon at a regular board of directors meeting and approval of membership will require a majority vote. Applicants for membership shall not attend the meeting during voting, but shall be notified by the secretary of the Board's decision.

Section V - Special Membership: The club caller and his taw (wife) and the club cuer and spouse will have free membership. This entitles them to participate at all club functions, unless otherwise directed. Other special memberships may be granted by the Board upon due consideration of finances and tradition.

Section VI - Behavior Requirement: Club members are expected to maintain discreet social behavior. Reasonable etiquette, courtesies and considerations of the traditions of square dancing are to be displayed at all times. Appropriate square dance attire should be worn at all club-sponsored functions unless an alternate dress is specified. Square dance attire is optional at workshops.

Section VII - Membership definition-To be a member of the Strollers you must have

- A) A completed membership form on file
- B) Your membership approved by the Board
- C) Your club dues paid
- D) Your association fee paid for the current year

Section VIII - Membership privileges-As a member of the Strollers you can

- A) Wear the club badge
- B) Be elected to the Board
- C) Vote at the general meetings

## Article IV - INITIATION FEES AND DUES

Section I - Amount Required: Upon membership the first month's dues are required plus the cost of the badge.

Section II - Delinquency: Dues are delinquent if not paid for two months. A Reinstatement fee shall be \$5.00. In the case of a "Leave of Absence", the dues shall be reduced by one-half during the leave. Upon request, the dues

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will be waived in cases of medical or hardship leave, upon approval by the board of directors.  
Section III - Reduced fees for special cases must be approved by the board. This approval must be noted  
On the membership form on file. This approval is valid for one year only.

## Article V — MANAGEMENT

Section I - Responsibility: The Board of Directors of Strollers shall be responsible for the complete management of its affairs and shall carry out and enforce all of the purposes for which it is organized according to the provisions of these by-laws and by a majority vote of its members.

Section II - Methodology: The current edition of Roberts Rules of Order Revised governs the conduct of meetings of this club where they do not conflict with the constitution.

## Article VI - OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section I - Definition: Officers of this club shall include president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer and others as required.

Section II - Directors: There shall be 6 directors plus the past president and together with the current club officers shall constitute the Board of Directors.

Section III - Election: The officers and directors shall be elected by ballot at the September meeting of the Strollers. Officers shall hold their respective office for a term of one year. Three directors shall be elected each year to serve two-year terms. Officers and directors shall be elected by majority vote. The Board of Directors shall appoint a member for any vacated office for the remainder of that vacated. All candidates must have given their consent to be nominated for officer or director. Each term of office starts on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year.

## Article VII – MEETINGS

Section I - Membership Meetings: A minimum of two membership meetings shall be held annually at the discretion of the Board of Directors. The meetings shall be open to the entire membership.

Section II - Board of Director's Meetings: The President may call as many meetings of the Board of Directors as is considered necessary. Regular meetings shall be held as designated by the President.

Section III - Quorum:

- (a) A simple majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.
- (b) A simple majority of the members of the Strollers shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business at a membership meeting.

Section IV - Business Issues or Inquiries: All items of business or other inquiries shall be directed by the membership to an officer or director. Club business shall not be brought by a member to the caller and/or cuer.

## Article - VIII - CALLER and/or CUER

Section I - Contract: The club arrangement with the club caller and/or cuer shall be a contractual agreement between the club and the caller and/or cuer, to be reviewed annually. This contract may be terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice.

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Section II - Advisor: The caller and/or cuer shall act as an advisor to the club upon request of the membership. Neither the caller nor the spouse or the cuer nor the spouse shall hold club office.

Section III - Membership Issues or Inquires: There may be occasions when the membership wishes to discuss the club caller's and/or cuer's functions, programming, etc. Therefore, when a member wishes to discuss business pertaining to these functions, the member may present his/her views to a member of the Board of Directors. If the Board deems it necessary, it will place the discussion on the agenda for the next business meeting and may ask the caller and/or cuer not to be present.

## Article IX - NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Section I - Members / Purpose: A nominating committee composed of the Board of Directors plus the past president shall meet and nominate persons for each office, making sure that person or persons will accept the office and shall present those names to the membership during the regular Election meeting. Nominations for all offices shall also be taken from the floor at this regular meeting.

## Article X – OFFICERS

Section I - Definition: The officers of the club shall be:

1. President
2. Vice-President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer

These will be elective offices for a term of one year.

Section II - President's Responsibilities: The President shall preside at all meetings of the membership, call special meetings when necessary, and enforce these by-laws.

Section III - Vice-President Responsibilities: The vice-president shall preside in the absence of, or at the request of the president, and shall assume all the duties of the president in the event of a vacancy in that office. It shall also be the duty of the vice-president to be in charge of the club banner, appoint officers/directors/members to chair the following standing committees or to fill the named position:

1. Refreshment chairperson for club workshop (kitchen supplies)
2. Public Relations Director
3. Sunshine
4. New Dancer Coordinator
5. Wagon Master
6. Club Dance Coordinator
7. Historian
8. Telephone Tree

Section IV - Secretary Responsibilities: The secretary shall keep a written record of all business transacted at membership meetings; shall be in charge of all correspondence of the organization; shall make available membership applications; and shall keep a current copy of the club membership roster, club constitution and by-laws, a current copy of the ASDSC Constitution and By-Laws, and a current copy of the ASDSC roster of officers.

Section V - Treasurer Responsibilities: The treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and

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expenditures; collect and bank all money of the organization; disburse all funds for club expenses; make financial reports which will be published at the end of each calendar quarter and for each board meeting; keep a current copy of present membership applications; and keep a current copy of the club roster. The financial records of the club shall be available and open for inspection by any member upon request within a reasonable time.

Section VI - Annual Audit: An auditing committee composed of the president, president-elect, treasurer and treasurer-elect, shall audit the club books each year during the month of December.

Section VII - ASDSC Delegates: One or more members of the board of directors shall act as ASDSC delegates. They shall represent this club at ASDSC meetings and shall keep the club informed about Association activities at club business meetings and at other times as may be necessary.

## Article XI – AMENDMENTS

Section I - Effective Date: These by-laws shall become effective on the date adopted by majority vote of the membership.

Section II - Amendment Approval: These by-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the members present at a regular business meeting, or at a duly called special meeting, provided that the motion for said amendment shall be made at a board meeting at least 20 days prior to the meeting at which the proposed amendment shall be voted upon. The proposed amendment of the by-laws shall be presented to the members in writing and shall set forth precisely that portion of the existing by-laws to be amended. If a member is not present when the proposed amendment is distributed, then a written copy will be mailed at least 20 days prior to the proposed approval meeting. The -amendment, if approved, shall then become a part of the by-laws.

## Article XII – DISSOLUTION

Section I - Disbursement of Assets: In the event of the dissolution of Strollers, the net assets remaining after payment of all debts shall be disposed of in the manner determined by the membership at that time.

Signed: <SIGNATURE BY BETTY HIATT>

Betty Hiatt, President

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