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CHARTERED CLUB BYLAWS

Palo Verde Patchers

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Chartered Club Bylaws

Article I - General

Section A - Name of Organization

Palo Verde Patchers

Section B - Purpose of Organization

The club is formed for charitable and educational purposes under 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Further the club will raise for bona fide 501 (C) (3) charitable organizations such as the New Life Center and Soldier's Best Friend, and other bona fide 501 (C) (3) charities who meet present and future IRS tax codes as agreed upon by the club.

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 three (3) times annually before they are required to join the Chartered Club.

A Club Member may host up to three (3) different Recreation Card Holder Guest/Visitors annually.

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.

Guest privileges shall be limited to three (3) times per year for Non-Recreation Cardholders.

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 12).

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 monitoring, please see the Membership Handbook for policies.

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.

In general, craft club rules for preventing, measuring, and enforcing the prohibition of commercial/mass production must be S.M.A.R.T.:

S – Specific

M – Measurable

A – Achievable

R – Reasonable

T – Time bound

Article IV – Officers

Section A – Club Officers

The Club board must consist of four officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Additional officers for this Club may include a 2nd Vice President who is elected and has voting rights; and, the Past President who has no voting rights.

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 12). 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 Treasurer 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 17 for Officer Duties and Responsibilities descriptions.

Officers shall be elected to serve one (1) year and shall assume office on January 1st. No officer shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office, with the exception of Treasurer. The Past President's term will be for one (1) year only.

Section F – Filling a Board Vacancy

In the event that a vacancy occurs in an elective office during the term thereof, the Club Board shall appoint a candidate for the office subject to the approval of the membership at the next regular meeting of the Club

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 (RR&P's) information (which can be found online at www.scwclubs.com) on to their successor.

Article V – Meetings

Section A – Club General Membership Meeting Frequency and Openness

There will be a minimum of three (3) 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 (20) 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

The Club Board shall set a specific dollar limitation on Club expenditures by the Club Board and anything over that amount must have the vote of the membership. This limitation is Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00). Only expenditures of Twenty-five dollars \$25.00 or less can be paid by petty cash.

All monies received from dues, classes, special or social events must be deposited in the Club's bank accounts and duly recorded. No disbursements should be made from unbanked monies. All disbursements should be made by Club check or from an established petty cash fund, with backup documentation including invoice or signed receipt. All bank accounts shall be in the name of the Club and continue through succeeding administrations. Checks shall require only one signature; the Treasurer will be the first signatory, if unavailable, the President will be the signatory.

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 Review. (Refer to RR&Ps).

Section G - Treasurer's Duties and Responsibilities

See Treasurer role description in the Appendix A – Club Officer Role Descriptions on page 17.

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 – Officers 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

The duties of the safety Chairperson/Committee are to ensure that the rooms or areas dedicated to activities are clear of hazards and if any are noted to advise Facility Supervisor.

Section E – Audit Committee/Chairperson Duties and Responsibilities

The Audit Chairperson/Committee (person(s) other than those elected to the Club Board) shall audit Club financial records on an annual basis. The results of the financials will be presented to the membership and recorded in applicable minutes of such meetings.

Section F - Other Committees and Their Duties

Nominating Committee

Each year the President shall appoint a nominating committee to nominate one or more candidates for each elective office. The committee shall report their nominations to the general membership at the October meeting.

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 12).

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 IRS tax designation of 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, any remaining physical assets shall become the property of the Recreation Centers.

Any remaining monetary assets shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, and/or scientific purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Appendix A – Club Officer Role Descriptions

President

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and perform all duties customary to the office. The Past President shall serve as a non-voting consultant to the board.

Vice President

The Vice-President shall assist the President and in the absence of that officer, preside at all Club meetings and perform all duties customary to the office of President. The Vice-President shall be responsible for scheduling classes and workshops and arranging all program presentations at business meetings.

Treasurer

The Treasurer shall secure and properly record Club revenue and expenses. The Treasurer will oversee the purchasing of all fixed and non-fixed assets, equipment, and supply inventories. The Treasurer shall issue a quarterly format of the Annual financial Statement (Form CR-7). The Treasurer's records shall be made available to the auditing committee on request. The Treasurer shall preserve all financial records for a period of seven (7) years prior to the current year.

Secretary

The Secretary shall keep a list of the membership, act as corresponding secretary and preserve the Club records for a period of three (3) years.

Appendix B – Bylaws Amendments

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General Manager

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