

# **By-Laws of the Stone Creek Men's Golf Club**

**AMENDED ON AUGUST 1, 2019**

## **Article 1 - NAME**

The name: This golf club shall be Stone Creek Men's Golf Club hereafter called "The Men's Club."

## **Article II - PURPOSE**

1. To stimulate interest in golf by bringing together a group of golfers desirous of forming a golfing organization.
2. To promote and foster among the members a closer bond and fraternity for their joint and mutual benefit, and to and conserve the best interests and true spirit of the game of golf as embodied in its ancient and honorable traditions.
3. To encourage conformance to the USGA Rules of Golf by creating a representative authority.
4. To maintain a uniform system of handicapping as set forth in the USGA Handicap System and issue USGA Handicap Indexes to the members.
5. To provide an authoritative body to govern and conduct club competitions.

## **Article III - MEMBERSHIP**

- Section 1. Membership shall be available to all men. There shall be at least 10 members.
- Section 2. Only golfers with a reasonable and regular opportunity to play golf with fellow members and who can personally return scores for posting may be members and receive USGA Handicap Indexes from the club.

## **Article IV - MEETINGS**

- Section 1. Order of Business
  - At all meetings of the Men's Club, the order of business shall be:
    - Roll Call.
      - Reading and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.
      - Unfinished business.
      - Reports of officers.
      - Reports of standing committees.
      - New business.

- Adjournment.
- Section 2. Procedure
  - "Roberts' Rule of order/ Revised" shall be the final authority as to parliamentary procedure at all meeting of the member, insofar as they do not conflict with any provisions of the By-Laws.
- Section 3. Quorum
  - 25% (Twenty-five percent) of the total membership shall constitute a quorum at any general meeting of the Men's club
  - 50% (Fifty Percent) of the board members shall constitute a quorum at any board meeting.

## **Article V - LEADERSHIP**

- Section I. Officers
 

The members shall elect a President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, Handicap Chairman, OGA Director, and two (2) At-Large positions to act as officers of the Men's club.
- Section 2. Duties of Officers
  - President: shall preside at all meetings of the Men's club, and shall have general supervision over the affairs of the league, its property and servants.
  - Vice-president: shall, in the absence of the President, perform his duties. Should neither be present, any member shall be chosen by vote to conduct the meeting. Shall act as liaison with Oregon Golf Association (OGA) and men's club to inform men's club of OGA activities, Coordinates with OGA and Men's Club all OGA activities that have an impact on men's club.
  - Secretary: shall keep records of meetings and perform other duties as may be assigned by the officers, shall post notices of meetings of the Men's club to the members in the monthly newsletters as provided in the By-Laws and conduct all correspondence, excepting that pertaining to the office of the Treasurer.
  - Treasurer: collect and discharge the funds as directed by the Men's club. He shall keep the accounts in belonging to the Men's club, and such books shall be open for inspection at all absence of the Treasurer, the Secretary shall be empowered to sign checks in the name of the Men's club.
  - Handicap Chair: shall assume responsibility for scoring, handicap revisions, turning in scorecards, assessing penalties maintaining records and notifying members of changes. Announce course rating and tees to be used for play. Issues handicap cards to members or a periodic list of players with Handicap Index. The Handicap Chair shall assemble a handicap review committee.

- Tournament Chair: shall be responsible for the planning and conduct of all competitions and be the lead of the tournament committee. Has the authority to solicit help from members of the Men's club to be part of the tournament committee.
- Two (2) At-Large positions with one (1) year terms shall comprise remaining makeup of the board. These positions have full voting rights and can be assigned duties not specified with the other board positions.
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- Vacancies- In the event of a vacancy, the remaining officers may choose to fill the vacant position by a majority vote, of the officers then in office. If filled, the appointee shall serve until the next election.

Terms of office for the above officers shall be two years except as noted above for the At-Large positions.

- Section 3. Government and Management
  - Control and management of the affairs, funds, and properties necessary to conduct the business of the Men's club shall be vested in the Officers.

## **Article VI - STANDING COMMITTEES**

- Section 1. Titles
  - Titles of the standing committees are: Tournament, Social, and Publicity. The heads of these committees are appointed by the President with the exception of the Tournament Committee. The Tournament Committee shall be led by the Chair. The Publicity committee shall be led by the Treasurer and Secretary. The committees may be consolidated depending on the size of the Men's club.
- Section 2. Duties of Committee
  - Tournament Committee:
    - Plan and conduct all competitions.
    - Prepare schedule of events, and upon approval by Board, distribute to members.
    - Distribute responsibility of the program among the committee members, and acquaint players with procedures.
    - Publish and post special conditions of play.
    - Assist in the preparation of Local Rules, if any, to be used for play.
    - Post USGA and Local Rules, and explain these Rules to players.
  - Social Committee:

- Create suitable activities in conjunction with the golf program.
- Publicity:
  - Keep members advised of activities through emails and on-line newsletters.
  - Distribute information regarding the Men's club to the media and to the sponsoring organization.

## Article VII – CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Qualifications for the Club Championship, Senior Club Championship, and Super Senior Club Championship are as follows:

- Club Championship:
  - 8 paid events since the previous year's Club Championship **OR**  
or 6 paid events in the current season  
no age restriction
- Senior Club Championship :
  - 8 paid events since the previous year's Senior Club Championship **OR**  
or 6 paid events in the current season  
Contestant must be 50 years of age or greater by the date of the event
- Super Senior Club Championship:
  - 8 paid events since the previous year's Super Senior Club Championship **OR**  
6 paid events in the current season  
Contestant must be 65 years of age or greater by the date of the event

Definition of paid events:

- Only events from March 1<sup>st</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup> will be included
- Major Championship
- Regular Saturday Men's Club game
- Regular Wednesday Men's Club Game
- Net match play (counts as 1 paid event regardless of the number of matches played)
- Gross match play (counts as 1 paid event regardless of the number of matches played)
- Team match play (counts as 1 paid event regardless of the number of matches played)

Exception to the qualification requirements:

If a member is unable to lay 8/6 counting rounds to make him eligible to play in the Club Championships, he may appeal to the board to be included. Long term membership, consistent participation, and an established level of play will be minimum requirements. Additionally, health or injury issues with the member or his family, and/or job situation or other financial duress may be among those considered acceptable. Final decision will be at the sole discretion of the board.

The Men's Club policy regarding cancellation/no show on major events is as follows:

- You must cancel your tee time for a major event by the preceding Thursday at 5pm. Cancellation must be made by contacting the Treasurer or Tournament Chair.

- If you do not cancel by the preceding Thursday at 5pm, you will be prohibited from playing in the next major event unless:
  - Your position is filled by a person on the waiting list, or
  - You submit a written note explaining your cancellation or attend the next board meeting with a verbal explanation. Your explanation must be accepted by the board and acceptance is at the board's sole discretion.

There will be no exceptions to this prohibition/re-institution policy.

- If you are a no show/cancel for a major event twice in a season (whether excused or not), you will be prohibited from playing in the next regular or senior club championship. Additionally, individuals who show a pattern of cancellation over the years, will be documented and subject to board censure.

### **Article VIII – EXPULSION/SUSPENSION/DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

By unanimous vote of the Officers, any member may be expelled/suspended/disciplined by the Men's club for good cause, including, but not limited to violation of rules, handicap infractions, or any conduct which results in adverse reflection to the Men's club.

In the event a member is expelled or suspended, that member shall forfeit his right to vote and shall be suspended from the activities of the Men's club for a period of time designated by the Officers according to the merits of each case. Disciplinary action may involve lesser penalties but can also lead to suspension/expulsion.

### **Article IX - ELECTIONS**

At least 8 weeks prior to the Annual Meeting, the board positions up for election will be announced to the membership and all members in good standing that wish to run may submit their name and a brief description of themselves which will then be sent by e-mail to all members. At 1 week prior to the Annual Meeting, a ballot of all the nominees will be created and e-mailed to the membership. Any member who decides to seek election after the ballot is created, may announce his candidacy at the Annual Meeting and be considered as a write in vote.

Voting shall be by written ballot and those names receiving the greatest number of votes cast shall be declared to be elected. The election shall be supervised by the Secretary of the Board or his designee and at least one club member present at the meeting who is not on the Board or currently running for election.

### **Article X - AMENDMENTS**

These By-Laws may be amended, or new By-Laws adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members present at meeting or at any special meeting held for that purpose.

**CERTIFICATION**

These By-Laws, read and approved by the members of Stone Creek Men's Golf Club are accepted by:

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President

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Vice-President

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Secretary

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Date