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Cowntown Singles web pages

BY-LAWS OF THE COWTOWN SINGLES

ARTICLE 1 – NAME

The name of this Club shall be COWTOWN SINGLES. Club dress style and color can be determined by 2/3 majority of members present at a general meeting.

ARTICLE 2 – PURPOSE

The purpose of this Club is to promote square dancing for fun; and to encourage the members to develop close personal acquaintances and a friendly spirit of mutual co-operation; to educate future generations and to perpetuate American Folk Dancing.

ARTICLE 3 – MEMBERSHIP

Candidate must be graduated, plus level dancer to be eligible to join the Club. Anyone under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Failure to observe appropriate square dance behavior could result in revocation of membership. Membership applications will be presented at the next general meeting for approval.

ARTICLE IV – DUES

The amount of yearly membership dues, which includes insurance, monthly newsletters and miscellaneous club benefits, shall be determined by a 2/3 majority vote of club members attending the Monthly Membership Meeting. To maintain membership privileges, dues are to be paid by January 1 with a

grace period of 31 days. (This Amendment to Article IV DUES approved and adopted 10/8/96)

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

Paragraph 1. The term of office will be six months from date of installation. In the event of an office is vacated, a special election will be held to fill the vacancy. (A vacancy of President will automatically be filled by the Vice-President or until a special election can be held).

Paragraph 2. Nominations for officers shall be open the first general meeting in December and June. Nominations will be open to the floor two times before election night.

Paragraph 3. Elections of officers shall be the third Friday dance (or second dance) in January and July. (Rev 8/92)

Paragraph 4. Installation of officers shall be the first dance following elections.

Paragraph 5. Officers shall be elected by ballot.

Paragraph 6. Removal of officers of the Club: Any officer may be removed for a just cause by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members in good standing present at the meeting. All members will be notified ten (10) days prior to such a meeting.

Paragraph 7. President – Whose duty it shall be preside over all meetings to appoint committees and coordinate all Club activities. To act as liaison between Club and caller. Also should direct a periodic audit of financial records. Such audit should occur at least once in a twenty-four (24) month period.

Paragraph 8. Vice-President – Whose duty shall be to preside in the absence of the President . Also shall be in charge of organizing and operating the class.

Paragraph 9. Secretary - Whose duty shall be to take care of all correspondence and take minutes of all meetings.

Paragraph 10. Treasurer - Whose duty shall be to take care of all finances, keep a complete record of expenses and income, and give a financial report at meetings.

Paragraph 11. In order to run for office, the candidate must have been a member in good standing, participating in a minimum of 50% of the club's functions for at least six (6) months. If there is no candidate available that meets the above criteria, the nominating committee reserves the right to review the qualification of any member in good standing to determine his/her eligibility for office.

Paragraph 12. In the event that only one person is nominated for an office, there shall be no election for that office.

Paragraph 13. Voting for officers will be permitted by absentee ballot.

Ballots will be distributed, upon request, from the nominating chairperson.

Ballots must be returned in a sealed envelope prior the election night

dance. If the voting member does not sign the return envelope, the vote will

not be accepted. Any other circumstance that prevents the ballot from

being received prior to the election night dance. The nominating chairperson

will be responsible for ensuring that each voting member receives only one

(1) ballot.

ARTICLE VI – ASSETS

The Club and its activities shall be financed by receipt of membership dues, donations and other monies approved by the Club.

ARTICLE VII – MEMBERSHIP

This Club shall meet the 1st, 3rd, 5th Fridays for the purpose of dancing, The membership will meet once a month to report and transact all business of the Club.

ARTICLE VIII – FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year shall commence on the first day of January each year and shall end the last day of December the following year.

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS

These by-laws may be amended only by a two-third (2/3) majority of the Club present at the general or special meeting. All proposed amendments must be in the hands of the Club members, in writing, at least ten (10) days before action or same may be taken.

NOTE: These by-laws were approved by the membership and adopted on 4/15/1994

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

As an oversight, the following article was incorporated into the original Cowtown Singles Square Dance Club's bylaws:

“ARTICLE – DUES

Membership dues shall be \$10.00 per person per year which includes insurance. To maintain membership privileges, dues are to be paid by

January 1 with a grace period of 31 days. “

Rising costs of insurance, hall rent, postage and miscellaneous expenses, create a necessity to occasionally adjust the Club's yearly dues. In an effort to cut down on the costs of a special vote each time, a motion was made and carried that Article IV be amended as follows:

PROPOSED ADENDMENT TO “ARTICLE IV – DUES”

“The amount of yearly membership dues, which includes insurance, monthly newsletters and miscellaneous club benefits, shall be determined by a 2/3 majority vote of club members attending the Monthly Membership Meeting. To maintain membership privileges, dues are to be paid by January 1 with a grace period of 31 days.”

A vote of this proposal will take place on October 8 at the Monthly Membership meeting, (you will be notified of the location). Please come out and make your voice heard. (Please note: There are currently no plans to raise Cowtown Singles Square Dance Club's dues).

If you have any questions, please call our President, Don Hendrickson at 909-352-9833 or Linda Wicker 909-780-1744

NOTE: this was approved and adopted on 10-8-96