



The Scarborough Chess Club

Constitution

Name:

The name of the organization is The Scarborough Chess Club, hereinafter referred to as the Club.

Objectives:

The Club is a not-for-profit organization with the sole purpose of bringing together people who share the common interest of playing chess. More specifically, the Club seeks to encourage, foster and generate activities pertaining to chess.

Membership:

Membership in the club is open to all who are in harmony with its objectives, who accept and abide by its Constitution and Tournament Rules, contingent upon payment of current annual dues. Membership can be revoked if a member violates the objectives of the Club, or fails to accept and abide by its Constitution and Tournament rules. Such an action can only be made by a simple majority vote of the Executive of the Club. The nature and extent of such revocation, as well as conditions for reinstatement are to be determined by the Executive on an individual case basis.

Organization:

Executive Officers shall be:

1. President
2. Vice-President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Officer-at-Large
6. Tournament Director

In addition, up to three Special Officers can be appointed by the Executive to fulfill specific duties, their responsibilities to be decided at the time.

Special Officers have equal voting privileges in all Club affairs, except when being appointed by the Executive at the annual Club meeting, and if there is a Club Manager, s/he shall not have voting privileges on any motion concerning his/her remuneration.

Elections:

The Executive shall be elected at the Annual Club meeting, held in the month of September of each year at the Club. Voting shall take the form of majority hand approval from the members present, except in the case of voting for Executive Officers which shall be in the form of a secret ballot. Should a vacancy occur between elections, it shall be filled by a majority vote of the Executive and Special Officers.

Proxies:

Any member who is unable to be personally present at the Annual Club meeting may appoint any person to act as his/her proxy. No person shall act as proxy for more than one member. Signed submitted proxies will be accepted.

Term of Office:

The Executive and Special Officers shall hold office for one year, until the next Annual meeting of the Club.

Duties of Executive Officers:

- President: S/he shall be the chief executive officer of the Club, presiding over all meetings of the Club and the Executive. S/he shall supervise the conduct of all Club affairs not otherwise delegated but cannot make unilateral decisions without consulting the other members of the Executive. In matters where immediate decisions must be made, s/he is empowered to exercise his/her discretion, with the proviso that his/her decision must be subsequently ratified by the Executive.
- Vice-President: S/he shall assist the President in the discharge of his/her duties and shall perform the duties of the President if and when the President is unable to perform them, owing to some temporary incapacity.
- Secretary: S/he shall perform those duties incidental to the offices of a recording secretary, a corresponding secretary, and a general secretary.
- Treasurer: S/he shall keep the general books of account of the Club, in which shall be recorded all receipts and disbursements. S/he shall have custody of all books of account, including bank books, cancelled cheques, vouchers, statements, and other documents pertaining to the general bank accounts of the Club. The Treasurer shall, as requested by the President or other member of the Executive, provide information about the financial affairs of

the Club. At the yearly meeting in September, s/he shall submit a financial report to the Club.

Officer-at-Large: S/he shall perform duties as assigned to meet the needs of the organization.

Tournament Director: S/he shall be responsible for making the pairings each week for all the tournaments and is responsible for resolving all disputes involving tournament play. If s/he feels it necessary, s/he will ask the President for assistance in dealing with any tournament dispute.

Executive Meetings:

The Executive shall meet on a regular basis during the year to consider and discuss ongoing matters pertaining to the functioning of the Club within the purview of its objectives. A quorum for an Executive meeting shall be: four, if there are five or six Executive/Special Officers; five, if there are seven or eight Executive/Special Officers. Decisions shall be by majority vote, with the President having a second tie-breaking vote when required.

Mechanism for Replacing Executive:

The Club Executive may be dissolved during its term by a vote of non-confidence made during a special Club meeting. This meeting can be called if a petition requesting such a meeting containing the signatures of at least one-third of the paid-up members is presented to the Executive. The basis of such a vote must be that more than half the current, paid-up members of the Club vote no confidence in the current Executive. The motion for non-confidence must specify in what ways the Executive has failed in its duties to manage the Club.

Changes to Constitution:

Changes and/or amendments can be made by majority vote of the membership in attendance at the Annual meeting including any signed proxies received by the Executive.

Affiliation:

The Club shall abide by the laws of the game of chess in Canada through affiliation with the Chess Federation of Canada, the Ontario Chess Association and the Greater Toronto Chess League.

Approved at the Annual Meeting, September 7, 1989

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