

Grant Park Men's Club

South Milwaukee, WI

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

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Amended: August 2013

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this Club shall be Grant Park Men's Golf Club.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

This Club has been formed and exists for the following reasons:

1. Playing the game of golf and promoting good fellowship and sportsmanship.
2. Learning and practicing the rules, the etiquette, and the true spirit of the game and thus promoting its highest standards.
3. Promoting the development of Public Links Golf.
4. To encourage conformance to the USGA Rules of Golf by creating representative authority.
5. To maintain a uniform system of handicapping as set forth in the USGA Handicap System and issue WSGA handicap indexes to the members.

The Club shall not own, lease, or maintain a golf course.

ARTICLE III

Course and Operations

The Club shall carry on its operations at Grant Park Golf Course, South Milwaukee, WI.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. The Club shall be composed of three classes of members, active honorary, and associate.

Section 2. Active Members.

- (a) The active members shall be limited to 112 in number.
- (b) Any male persons at least 18 years of age, acceptable to the Board of Directors shall be eligible for active membership.
- (c) Active membership shall entitle the holder to all privileges to the Club, including one vote at meetings of the Club.
- (d) 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 WSGA handicap indexes from the club.

Section 3. Honorary Members

- (a) Honorary members shall be granted only as purely and deservedly honorary and in recognition of outstanding contribution to the Club or of an outstanding performance in golf.
- (b) Honorary membership shall entitle the holder to all privileges of the Club except a vote at the Club's meetings and shall exempt him from all dues.
- (c) Honorary members shall be voted on by the Board or at Annual meetings by a majority of either body.
- (d) The number of honorary members shall be left to the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Associate Member

- (a) Any member of another club that wants to join and play in the Club's events.
- (b) Member of another club designates that club as his home club for MCPLA Team Events.
- (c) The associate member will only pay dues as determined by the Board.
- (d) The associate member has no voting privileges.

Section 5 Resignation. Any member may resign by giving notice in writing to the Secretary and paying all dues and other obligations accruing to date of resignation.

ARTICLE V

Club Meetings

Section 1 Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the Club shall be held at such time and place, as the Board of Directors shall designate, unless designated by the Club itself at a previous meeting.

Section 2 Special Meetings. Special Meetings of the Club may be called by the President or by a majority of the Board of Directors, and shall be called on the written request of any 10 members in good standing. For a specific purpose and no other business can be acted on.

Section 3 Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Club shall be held according to a schedule presented by the President by the first meeting of the year.

Section 4 Notice of Meetings. Two weeks' notice of time and place of any meeting shall be mailed or emailed.

Section 5 Voting Privileges. At any meeting of the Club each active member in good standing

Section 6 Quorum. Twenty percent of the active members in good standing shall constitute quorum at any meeting of the Club.

Section 7 Proxies. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted.

ARTICLE VI

Officers

Section 1. The elected officers of the Club shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. No person may hold more than one office.

Section 2. Vacancy. The Board of Directors may fill any vacancy in the offices occurring between annual meetings of the Club by appointment.

Section 3. Nominations.

- (a) At least six weeks prior to each annual meeting, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee and Chairman. The Committee shall nominate no more than three candidates for each office, to be voted on at the ensuing annual meeting. The committee shall submit a report final list of candidates to the Secretary at least 10 days prior to the Annual Meeting.
- (b) Any active club member, in good standing who wishes to be nominated shall notify the nominating committee stating which office he is seeking 21 days prior to the Annual Meeting.
- (c) No nominations may be made at the Annual Meeting, except to fill any office without nominee. The Nominating Committee Chairman shall conduct the election of officers. Voting can be done by voice, hands, or secret ballot at the discretion of the chairman.

ARTICLE VII

Board of Directors

Section 1. Members. There shall be a Board of Directors consists of four officers of the club and four others.

Section 2. Impeachment. The Board of Directors may recommend impeachment/Removal of any board member at any time, but impeachment must be approved by the general membership in attendance at the next regular scheduled meeting by a 2/3 vote of the members present.

ARTICLE VIII

Dues

The Board of Directors shall set membership dues in the Club for the coming year prior to the first meeting of the current year.

ARTICLE IX

Fiscal Year

The fiscal year shall be January 1 to December 31 in the same calendar year.

ARTICLE X

Obligations and Discipline

Section 1. The acceptance of membership in the Club shall bind each member to uphold all provisions of the Constitution, By-Laws, and other rules of the Board of Directors, within its jurisdiction.

Section 2. Members shall be subject to suspension or expulsion by a majority of the Board for conduct detrimental to the game of golf, the good name of the Club, and/or the proper functioning or administration of the Club. Any charges preferred must be in writing.

Section 3. All appeals must be made within 30 days or the next Club meeting, whichever comes first.

ARTICLE XI

By-Laws

The power to adopt, amend, or repeal By-Laws consistent with the foregoing articles resides with the Board of Directors or by two-thirds of the membership at any meeting of the club.

ARTICLE XII

Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any meeting of the Club, by a two-thirds vote of all votes cast, provided written notice of the proposed amendment(s) shall have been sent to all active members at least 30 days prior to the meeting.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

Meetings of the Club

Section 1. At meetings of the Club the following order of business shall be observed when applicable.

1. Determine quorum.
2. Reading of minutes of previous meeting by Secretary.
3. Secretary's Report of the Board of Directors.
4. Treasurer's Report.
5. Committee and Delegate Reports.
6. Consideration of Appeals from Action of suspension or expulsion of members as provided in Article X of the Constitution.
7. Election of Officers
8. Old and New Business
9. Adjournment

ARTICLE II

Officers

Section 1. Election. The officers of the Club shall be elected at the annual meeting and serve a term of one year from January 1 to December 31.

Section 2. Powers and Duties.

- (a) **PRESIDENT** – The President shall provide at all meetings of the Club and of the Board of Directors, and in general shall perform the duties incident to his office. The President is authorized to appoint such special committees as may be found desirable and necessary for further interests and purposes of the Club.
- (b) **VICE-PRESIDENT** – During the absence, inability to act, or resignation of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of that office.
- (c) **SECRETARY** – The Secretary shall keep the records of all meetings of the Club and of the Board of Directors. He shall give and serve all notices of meetings. He shall be responsible for and keep all correspondence, files, records, and papers of the Club except those pertaining to the office of treasurer. He shall present at each annual meeting a full report on all matters

relating to the affairs of the Club, including a summary of all action taking during the year by the Board of Directors.

- (d) **TREASURER** – The Treasurer shall keep full and accurate accounts of all monies received, and shall deposit the same in the name and to the credit of the Club such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors. He shall disburse all monies under the direction of the Board. He shall have authority to receive and to give receipt for all monies due and payable to the Club, and to endorse on behalf of the Club all checks, drafts, notes, warrants, and orders for the payment of money. He shall present at each annual meeting a written report of the money affairs of the Club, and he shall make a like report whenever requested by the Board.

ARTICLE III

Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall be made up of the four officers and the following four others: Tournament & Rules Chairman, Handicap Chairman, Second Team Captain, and Membership Chairman. These members shall serve for one calendar year or upon vacancy, a successor is chosen and that person will serve for the remaining term.

Section 2. Powers and Duties

- (a) Subject only to the provisions of the Constitution and to such action may be taken from time to time by the Club itself at a meeting, the Board of Directors shall have entire control and management of the affairs, property and policy of the Club.
- (b) The Board may delegate any of its powers and duties to a sub-committee of three or more Club members. No sub-committee shall have power to elect candidate to membership to expel any member.
- (c) The Board may make and alter any by-law or other rules not inconsistent with the constitution.
- (d) The Board shall hear all complaints or disputes between members of the Club, but no member of the Board involved in any dispute shall sit in the hearing or vote on such complaint or dispute.
- (e) The Board shall exercise absolute discretion in the interpretation and enforcement of the by-laws, and shall in every way safeguard the best interests of the Club and the game of golf.

Section 3. Meetings. The Board of Directors shall meet at the call of the President or of any three Board members. At least seven days' notice of the time and place of the meeting shall be given to each member of the Board.

Section 4. Quorum. Five members present shall constitute a quorum of the Board of Directors at any meeting.

Section 5. Proxies. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted.

ARTICLE IV

Standing Committees and Team Captains

Section 1. The President shall appoint the following standing committees and chairman to serve for one year:

- (a) Handicap Committee
- (b) Tournament and Rules Committee
- (c) Banquet Committee
- (d) Membership Committee
- (e) Auditing Committee
- (f) Second-Team Committee

Section 2. Duties of Committees and Captains

- (a) The Handicap Committee shall be responsible for the administration of handicaps and shall be the contact group with other organizations in all matters pertaining to handicapping. The committee shall consist of Handicap chairman, Club President, and the Tournament & Rules Chairman.
- (b) The Tournament and Rules Committee shall be responsible for the formulation of the Club's playing schedule, tournament formats, shall supervise the conduct of competitions and any special events, shall be arbitrator in all disputes arising from play, and shall formulate and post any necessary local rule in harmony with policies of the USGA. The committee shall be the contact group with all other organizations in tournament and related matters.
- (c) The Banquet Committee shall be responsible for making complete arrangements for the awards banquet.
- (d) The Membership Committee shall be responsible to retain current members and recruit new members to the club. The committee shall investigate and act upon all applications for membership and to recommend appropriate action to the Board of Directors.
- (e) The Auditing Committee shall be responsible for auditing from time to time the accounts of the Club and report its findings to the Board of Directors.
- (f) The 2nd Team Captain is responsible for fielding a team in the Milwaukee County Public Links Association. He shall also coordinate any 2nd team events at Grant Park.

ARTICLE V

Association

Section 1. The Club will be a member in the following associations:

1. Milwaukee County Public Links Association
2. Wisconsin Public Links Association
3. Wisconsin State Golf Association

Section 2. The President will approve the number of delegates in accordance with each organization.

ARTICLE VI

Expenditures

The Board of Directors shall incur no indebtedness or liability in any year exceeding the amount of funds on hand.

ARTICLE VII

Membership and Dues

Section 1. A ~~male person~~ current member desirous of retaining membership in the Club must signify his intent not later than May 1 of that calendar year. The Board of Directors accepts any new member upon payment of dues and acceptance of application.

Section 2. Dues. The yearly dues shall vary and shall be designated at the first spring meeting by the Board of Directors. Any member delinquent in dues shall be denied all privileges of membership, and shall not be certified as a member of the Club for competitions held by the USGA and other associations of which the Club may be a member. Members whose dues are not paid by May 1 shall be notified with that they will be dropped from membership if their dues are not paid within two weeks.

ARTICLE VIII

Rules for Competition

All competition shall be played under and in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association.

ARTICLE IX

Handicap Systems

The handicap system shall conform to the latest Wisconsin State Golf Association recommendations as published in the WSGA handicap manual. Handicaps will be carried over from year to year. Updated handicaps for all members will be posted on the WSGA website.

New members having an existing WSGA handicap from another club will have that handicap transferred upon presentation of club membership to the Handicap Chairman.

New club members not having a WSGA handicap will be required to:

- (a) Establish a handicap seven days before the first Club group outing by turning in a minimum of five – eighteen hole scores or ten – nine hole scores. Scores from the previous year are acceptable. If fewer scores are received, handicap will be zero. Handicap Chairman will calculate the handicap for the first outing in conformance with USGA handicap circulation procedures. Scorecards should be posted to the WSGA website.
- (b) Establish WSGA handicap for the remaining group events and for single and two-man elimination matches by turning in a minimum of 5-18 hole or 10-9 hole scores prior to WSGA published mailing dated for handicap computation. If WSGA handicap is not obtained play will be at zero handicap. Scores should be posted to the WSGA website.
- (c) Players must have a minimum of eight scores per year posted on the latest WSGA print-out prior to the club champion weekend to participate in the club championship. If fewer than eight current year scores are shown on the latest printout, play will be at zero handicaps,

ARTICLE X

Amateur Classification

The Club in dealing with questions involving amateur classification of a member the Club shall be guided by the rulings of the United States Golf Association.

ARTICLE XI

Claiming of Prizes

Any trophy or prizewinner assumes complete responsibility with the presentations of said trophy or prize and must claim it within 30 days following the presentation date, or trophy/prize will be forfeited. All prizewinners must be members in good standing to receive their prize/trophy.

ARTICLE XII

Amendments

The By-Laws may be amended or suspended, without notice at any meeting of the Board of Directors by two-thirds vote of the members present, or at any regular meeting of the club by a majority of the members present

Certification

These By-Laws, read and approved by the members of Grant Park Men's Golf Club on this month August and this day 18th of 2013, are accepted by:

/s/ Harvey Koenig 8/13/13
President Date

/s/ Byron G. Owen 8/18/13
Vice-President Date

/s/ Robert W. Ralph 8/18/13
Secretary Date

/s/ Robert J. [Signature] 8/18/13
Treasurer Date