

Main Street Strollers Square Dance Club

Constitution and By-Laws

Established in 2017

Article I. Name, Principal Office, and Purpose

Section 1.

The name of the club shall be the Main Street Strollers Square Dance Club, hereafter referred to as the Strollers.

Section 2.

The principal office of the Strollers shall be located in the county of El Dorado, state of California.

Section 3.

The purpose of the Strollers shall be to provide a non-profit square dance activity devoted to the recreation and enjoyment of its members. This general purpose is to be accomplished through regular club workshops, new dancer classes, club square dances, and participation in the dances and festivals sponsored by other square dance clubs and organizations.

Section 4.

The Strollers may be affiliated with the Associated Square Dancers of Superior California, Incorporated, and/or National Square Dancers.

Article II. Membership

Section 1.

Applicants for membership shall be able to dance at the club level (full Plus).

Section 2.

Applicants 13 – 17 years of age must be accompanied by an adult member of the club.

Section 3.

Prospective applicants must attend club workshops at least three consecutive times before completing an application for membership.

Section 4.

Applications for membership shall be voted upon at a regular Board of Directors meeting and approval of membership will require a majority vote. Applicants for membership shall not

attend the meeting during voting, but shall be notified by the Secretary of the Board of Directors decision.

Section 5.

The Strollers club caller and spouse, and the Strollers club cuer and spouse will have free membership. This entitles them to participate at all club functions, unless otherwise directed. Other special memberships may be granted by the Board of Directors upon due consideration of finances and tradition.

Section 6.

Club members are expected to maintain discreet social behavior. Reasonable etiquette, courtesies, and considerations of the traditions of square dancing are to be displayed at all times. Appropriate square dance attire should be worn at all club-sponsored functions unless an alternate dress is specified. Square dance attire is optional at workshops.

Section 7.

To be a member of the Strollers you must have:

- a. A completed membership form on file.
- b. Your membership application approved by the Board of Directors.
- c. Your club dues paid.
- d. Your association fee for insurance paid for the current year.

Section 8.

As a member of the Strollers you can:

- a. Wear the Stroller's badge.
- b. Be elected to the Board of Directors.
- c. Vote at the General meetings.

Article III. Initiation Fees and Dues

Section 1.

Upon membership, the first month's dues are required plus the cost of the badge.

Section 2.

Dues are delinquent if not paid for two months. A reinstatement fee shall be \$5.00. Upon request the dues will be waived by the Board of Directors in cases of medical or hardship.

Section 3.

A Leave of Absence may be granted by the Board of Directors if a member is unable to attend Stroller's functions for a minimum of one month.

Section 4.

Reduced fees for special cases must be approved by the Board of Directors. This approval must be noted on the membership form on file. This approval is valid for one year only.

Article IV. Management

Section 1.

The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the complete management of its affairs and shall carry out and enforce all the purposes for which it is organized according to the provisions of these By-Laws and by a simple majority vote of its members.

Section 2.

The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Revised governs the conduct of meetings of this club where they do not conflict with the By-Laws.

Article V. Officers and Directors

Section 1.

Officers of this club shall include president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and others as required. * Officer positions can be shared by more than one person and shall be referred to as officer co-chairs. The co-chairs shall share the responsibilities for the officer positions, are allowed to vote on motions, and are included in the quorum count for the Board of Directors meetings.

Section 2.

There shall be 6 directors plus the past president and together with the current club officers shall constitute the Board of Directors.

Section 3.

The officers and directors shall be elected by ballot at the September meeting of the Strollers. Officers shall hold their respective office for a term of one year. Three directors shall be elected each year to serve 2-year terms. Officers and directors shall be elected by majority vote. The Board of Directors shall appoint a member for any vacated office for the remainder of that vacated. All candidates must have given their consent to be nominated for officer or director. Each term of office starts on January 1 of the following year.

Article VI. Meetings

Section 1.

A minimum of 2 General Membership meetings shall be held annually at the discretion of the Board of Directors. These meetings shall be open to the entire membership.

Section 2.

The President may call as many meetings of the Board of Directors as is considered necessary. Regular meetings shall be held as designated by the President.

Section 3.

- a. A simple majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.
- b. A simple majority of the members of the Strollers shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business at a General Membership meeting.

Section 4.

All items of business or other inquiries shall be directed by the membership to an officer or director. Club business shall not be brought up by a member to the caller and/or cuer.

Article VII. Caller and/or Cuer

Section 1.

The club arrangement with the club caller and/or cuer shall be a contractual agreement between the club and the caller and/or cuer, to be reviewed annually. This contract may be terminated by either party upon 30 days written notice.

Section 2.

The caller and/or cuer shall act as an advisor to the club upon request of the membership. Neither the caller and/or cuer, nor their spouse, shall hold club office.

Section 3.

There may be occasions when the membership wishes to discuss the club callers and/or cuers functions, programming, etc. When the member wishes to discuss business pertaining to these functions, the member may present his/her views to a member of the Board of Directors. If the Board of Directors member deems it necessary, the item will be placed on the agenda for the next board meeting and the caller and/or cuer may be asked not to be present for this meeting.

Article VIII. Nominating Committee

Section 1.

A nominating committee composed of the Board of Directors plus the past President shall meet and nominate persons for each office, making sure that person or persons will accept the office and shall present those names to the membership during the General Membership meeting. Nominations for all offices shall also be taken from the floor at this General Membership meeting.

Article IX. Officers

Section 1.

The officers of the club shall be:

1. President
2. Vice-President
3. Secretary

4. Treasurer

These will be elective offices for a term of one year starting January 1st.

- * Refer to Article V, Section 1.

Section 2. President

- a. The President shall preside at all meetings of the General Membership and the Board of Directors.
- b. Call special meetings when necessary.
- c. Request from the ASDSC Association Insurance Director the Statement of Insurance Coverage.
- d. Organize and conduct an audit of the club's financial records each December, along with the President elect, Treasurer, and Treasurer elect.
- e. Enforce these By-Laws.

Section 3. Vice-President

Shall preside in the absence of, or at the request of the President, and shall assume all the duties of the President in the event of a vacancy in that office. It shall also be the duty of the Vice-President to appoint officers/directors/members to chair the following standing committees or to fill the named position:

- a. Refreshment Chairperson for the club workshops (kitchen duty)
- b. Publicity Director
- c. Sunshine
- d. New Dancer Coordinator
- e. Wagon Master
- f. Club Caller/Cuer Procurer for Club Dances
- g. Historian
- h. Telephone Tree

Section 4. Secretary

- a. Shall keep a written record of all business transacted at General Membership meetings, and Board of Director's meetings.
- b. Shall be in charge of all correspondence of the club to include contacting the hall landlord to reserve and verify in advance the dates for the club dances in coordination with the Caller/Cuer Procurer of Club Dances.
- c. Shall keep the hall landlord up to date in advance regarding the club's Thursday night workshop and dance date requirements for the hall during the year.
- d. Shall make available membership applications.
- e. Shall keep a current copy of the club's membership roster.
- f. Shall keep a copy of the club's By-Laws.
- g. Shall keep a current copy of the ASDSC Constitution and By-Laws.
- h. Shall keep a current copy of the ASDSC roster of officers.

- i. Shall keep track of MSS's stolen banners, banner retrieval and the banners MSS steals and their retrievals.

Section 5. Treasurer

- a. Shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and expenditures.
- b. Shall collect and bank all money of the club.
- c. Shall disburse all funds for the club expenses.
- d. Shall make financial reports which will be published at the end of each calendar quarter and for each Board of Directors meeting.
- e. Shall keep a current copy of present membership applications.
- f. Shall keep a current copy of the club roster.

The financial records of the club shall be available and open for inspection by any member upon request within a reasonable time.

Article X. Audit

Section 1.

An auditing committee composed of the President, President-elect, Treasurer, and Treasurer-elect, shall audit the club's financial books each year during the month of December.

Article XI. ASDSC

Section 1.

One or more members of the Board of Directors shall act as ASDSC delegates. They shall represent this club at ASDSC meetings and shall keep the club informed about Association activities at club business meetings and at other times as may be necessary.

Article XII. Amendments

Section 1.

These By-Laws shall become effective on the date adopted by majority vote of the membership.

Section 2.

These By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the members present at a regular business meeting, or at a duly called special meeting, provided that the motion for said amendment shall be made at a Board of Directors meeting at least 20 days prior to the meeting at which the proposed amendment shall be voted upon.

Section 3.

The proposed amendment of the By-Laws shall be presented to the members in writing and shall set forth precisely that portion of the existing By-Laws to be amended. If a member is not present when the proposed amendment is distributed, then a written copy will be mailed at least 20 days prior to the proposed approval meeting. The amendment, if approved, shall then become a part of the By-Laws.

Article XIII. Dissolution

Section 1.

Members shall be given notice of the intent to dissolve the club 2 weeks prior to the General Membership Meeting at which the dissolution proceedings are to take place.

Section 2.

The dissolution of the club shall require a two thirds majority vote of the members present.

Section 3.

In the event of the dissolution of the club, all outstanding obligations shall be paid in full. Any remaining assets shall be distributed by the Board of Directors to charitable organizations.

Section 4.

No assets are to be distributed to any Officer, Board of Director, member, member's family or friends, or employee of the club.

Approved by the Board of Directors: Tom Lucas_____

President

Date

Denise Springer_____

Vice President

Date

Pat Tibbetts_____

Vice President

Date

Rochelle Best_____

Treasurer

Date

Jerry Galloway_____

Treasurer

Date

Nancy DeGan_____

Secretary

Date