



SOUTHERN MARYLAND SABRES HOCKEY CLUB

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

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ARTICLE I TITLE, DESCRIPTION, PURPOSE, AND AFFILIATION

SECTION 1: TITLE

The organization shall be known as the SOUTHERN MARYLAND SABRES Hockey Club, Inc.

SECTION 2: DESCRIPTION

The SOUTHERN MARYLAND SABRES Hockey Club, Inc. (the Club) shall be an independent non-profit organization not controlled by, nor under the common control of, any other organization. The Club shall abide by these By-laws and the rules of USA Hockey.

SECTION 3: PURPOSE

The Club is organized to teach its player members the fundamentals of ice hockey, to promote character development, to provide them with the highest level of competition available consistent with the philosophy and financial resources of the Club and its members, and to instill in its players a sound appreciation of the principles of fair play and healthy competition. Purposes and activities will be limited at all times to those specified in Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

SECTION 4: LEAGUE AFFILIATIONS

The Club may be a member of such hockey leagues or organizations as determined by a majority of the Board of Directors of the Club.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: CLASSES OF MEMBERS

Membership shall be of two (2) classes: Voting and Non-Voting. Membership shall not be restricted by geographical boundaries, providing tentative members meet the requirements of these By-laws. For purposes of these Bylaws, the term "in good standing" shall mean that all dues, assessments, or other amounts due the Club shall have been paid as and when the same were due and adheres to the Code of Conduct and Discipline.

SECTION 2: VOTING MEMBERS

The following persons shall be Voting Members of the Club:

- A. One (1) person per family or one (1) legal guardian of an active Player Member who fulfills the conditions in Article II, Section 1 hereof;
- B. Associate members who are not in a family represented under the conditions of Article II, Section 2 (A) hereof;
- C. Team Coaches who are not in a family represented under conditions of Article II, Section 2 (A) hereof;
- D. Player Members who pay their own dues and assessments and who meet the conditions of Article II, Section 5 (B).

SECTION 3: PRIVILEGES OF VOTING MEMBERS

Only the Voting Members in good standing shall be entitled to vote at membership or special meetings of the Club and to be eligible to hold an elected office.

SECTION 4: DUTIES OF VOTING MEMBERS

Voting Members shall actively participate in Club activities and work for the improvement and general welfare of the Club.

SECTION 5: NON-VOTING MEMBERS

The following persons shall be Non-Voting Members of the Club:

- A. Sponsor Members - All Sponsors of the Club shall be non-voting members of the Club.
- B. Player Members - Any person who fulfills the following requirements may be a Player Member subject to Article II, Section 1:
 1. Attends practices and games regularly and demonstrates good sportsmanship;
 2. Subscribes to and meets the requirements and conditions of membership in USA Hockey;
 3. Remains current in registration, payment of fees and assessments as prescribed by the Board of Directors of the Club;
 4. Adheres to the Code of Conduct and Discipline as established by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 6: PRIVILEGES OF NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Non-Voting members are not entitled to vote at membership or special meetings of the Club and are not eligible to hold an elected office.

SECTION 7: DUTIES OF NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Non-Voting Members shall actively participate in Club activities and work for the improvement and general welfare of the Club.

SECTION 8: REGISTRATION

- A. All Player Members must be registered and accepted by the Club prior to participating in any Club activity. Registrants will be enrolled into their respective Program age groups as recommended by USA Hockey and will play for teams in their own age group subject to provisions in Section 8 (C) (1).
- B. The total number of Player Members in the Club will be limited only by the number of hours of ice time available. Membership priority will be given to prior Club members. New membership will be based on the availability of ice time and team space. The total number of members in the Club will be as determined by the Board of Directors.
- C. Teams will be composed of players generally in accordance with USA Hockey rules and the by-laws of whatever league(s) to which the Club belongs.
 1. No Player Member shall be allowed to register in an older age group. Petitions to move up to an older age group must meet with the approval of the Board of Directors and the consent of the Club's affiliated league or club.
 2. No Player Member shall be allowed to register in a younger age group as prescribed by USA Hockey.

SECTION 9: MEMBERSHIP FEES

- A. Membership Fees
The Board of Directors shall establish the fee structure for membership in the Club. Membership Fees shall be established by the Board of Directors and be collected from all members as follows:
 1. The membership fee (Membership Fees) shall be collected from all Associate Members of the Club, entitling these members the privileges of voting member status, as outlined in Article II, Section 3 of these Bylaws.

2. The membership fees shall be collected from one person per family or one legal guardian of an active player(s) participating in the Club's activities annually.
3. The membership fees shall be collected from Club coaches who are not in a family represented in Article II Section 2 of these bylaws.
4. The membership fees shall be collected from Player members who pay their own dues and assessments.
5. Failure to pay the membership fees will result in the member having their voting privileges suspended until such time they are paid in full to the Club.
6. Membership fees are due at the completion of tryouts and beginning of the fall hockey season.
7. Membership fees are separate and distinct from registration fees.

B. Registration Fees

The Board of Directors shall establish the fee structure for registration in the Club prior to registration.

C. Assessments

Assessments beyond the registration fee may be levied by the Board of Directors in accordance with Article IV, Section 13 (A) of these Bylaws.

SECTION 10: SURRENDER OF MEMBERSHIP

A. Delinquent Accounts

1. All registration fees, assessments, and other fees are due and payable on or before such dates as established and announced by the Board of Directors.
2. All members of the Club who are in arrears will be so notified by the Treasurer. Members having been so notified will have fifteen (15) days within which to make payment or make alternative arrangements with the Treasurer.
3. Failure to comply will result in immediate revocation of membership for both the Player and Voting member involved.

B. Unsportsmanlike Conduct

Any member, player, parent, coach, or official may be suspended or expelled from membership for acts which, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, violates the Club's Code of Conduct and Discipline or otherwise brings discredit upon the Club or its activities. Upon receipt of a report that a member has become involved in such activity, the Vice President and Disciplinary Review Committee will investigate to determine the accuracy of the report and report the findings to the Board. The President may immediately suspend the player or member from all Club activities until such time that the Vice President and Disciplinary Review committee submit their findings to the Board. The Board will also offer the member(s) involved an opportunity to provide information in their own behalf. Upon completion of the investigation and information gathered, the Board will meet to hear the recommendation of the Vice President and Disciplinary Review Committee and determine an appropriate course of action for the person(s) involved. All decisions of the Board shall be final and without appeal. In the event the Vice President or a member of his/her family is involved in unsportsmanlike conduct, the President will assume the duties of the Vice President pertaining to investigation, reporting, and recommending action to the Board.

C. Destruction of Property

Any member who damages rink, personal property and/or public property while participating in Club activities will be subject to the provisions set forth in the Code of Discipline and Conduct as administered by the Board of Directors.

D. Criminal Conduct or Conduct Unbecoming a Club Member

Any member who conducts themselves in a manner that brings discredit to the organization, or who is charged with criminal conduct either while participating in Club activities or not, may be removed from the Club membership by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

SECTION 1 ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER

The format for the meetings shall be conducted by the Roberts Rules of Order, unless otherwise determined by the Club President.

SECTION 2 VOTING MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Meetings of the Voting Members (hereinafter the Membership) shall be held at least twice annually. The meetings shall be held in April and September. Notice of the date, time, and place shall be prominently posted not less than fourteen (14) days nor more than twenty-five (25) days prior to the meeting in the Club's primary arena and/or by electronic mail and posting on the Club's website.

SECTION 3: SPECIAL MEETINGS

- A. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President or by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. It shall be held within thirty (30) days after such determination.
- B. A membership meeting may be requested, and the President shall call such a meeting, upon receipt of a written request signed by 80% of the Club's Voting Members. In this event, the requested meeting shall be held within twenty-five (25) days of the date of receipt of a request by the President.
- C. When a meeting is called in response to a request from the Membership, President, or the Board of Directors, the membership shall be informed by electronic mail and website postings, as well as on the Club's home ice arena's bulletin board not less than five (5) days before the meeting of the business to be acted upon. The business at such a meeting shall be limited to subjects detailed in the notification of the meeting.

SECTION 4: ANNUAL MEETING

An Annual Meeting of the Club may be held in conjunction with the End-of-Season Banquet, or no later than April 30th of that (current) year. Notice of the date, time, and place shall be prominently posted not less than fourteen (14) days nor more than twenty-five (25) days prior to the meeting in the Club's Home Ice Arena and/or by flyer to all members.

SECTION 5: QUORUM

At any membership meeting, the presence of ten percent (10%) of the eligible Voting members in addition to a quorum of the Board of Directors shall be required to constitute a quorum for a meeting. The Board of Directors shall be required to have 3 of 5 members present to constitute a quorum for Board meetings and membership meetings.

SECTION 6: VOTING

Each Voting Member, as defined herein, shall be entitled to vote upon any matter brought before the Membership for resolution, except as otherwise provided in these By-laws. Any motion or matter of business shall be carried by a majority vote of those attending the meeting so long as a quorum is present. Each Voting Member shall have one vote. Votes are not divisible, No voting by proxy is allowed.

SECTION 7: MINUTES

Complete and accurate minutes shall be maintained by the Secretary recording the conduct of all Club business conducted at any regular board, annual or special meeting. Such minutes shall be maintained for the inspection of any Club member. All meetings of the Membership shall be conducted according to the general outline of Robert's Rules of Order. The order of business shall be, as far as applicable and practicable, as follows:

- A. Call to order
- B. Reading and approval of the minutes of the last meeting

- C. Reading and approval of the Treasurer's report
- D. Committee reports
- E. Old business
- F. New business
- G. Adjournment

ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1: COMPOSITION

- A. The Board of Directors shall consist of seven elected Voting Members comprised of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, At Large Board of Director, House Director and Travel Director.
- B. None of the Board may have any financial associations with any of the Club's vendors or any actual or potential financial gain from Club transactions.
- C. No Board of Director may serve in an elected or appointed position with any other youth hockey club during their term of office, to include as a coach, assistant coach or manager.

SECTION 2: TERM OF OFFICE

- A. Each of the elected Directors shall serve a term of two years and may succeed himself/herself. In the event any Director is not able to complete his/her term, the President shall call for a Special Meeting (as described in Article III, Section 2) to elect a replacement to complete the term of the vacancy in accordance with Article IV, Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6.
- B. The terms of office shall be staggered as follows:
 - 1. The President, Treasurer and at Large Board of Director shall be elected in Even number years and serve for two years.
 - 2. The Vice President and Secretary shall be elected in odd number years and serve for two years.

SECTION 3: NOMINATIONS

- A. Not less than thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting or in the case of a special election to fill an interim vacancy, fifteen (15) days, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee.
- B. If possible, the Nominating Committee shall consist of one representative from each team in the Club and will be chaired by the Vice President. Each representative shall be a Voting Member in good standing.
- C. The nominating committee shall nominate at least one (1) Voting Member of the Club for each elective office in accordance with Article IV, Section 1 and 3.
- D. The nominee must be a voting member in good standing. The membership of the Club may also nominate candidates by submitting in writing to the Secretary of the Club the name(s) of Voting Member(s) in good standing.
- E. The Secretary shall notify the Chairman of the Nominating Committee of the name(s) of nomination so submitted. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the time of the annual meeting.
- F. Prior to the conduct of elections, it is the responsibility of the Nominating Committee to individually contact each person whose name has been submitted to determine whether or not that person is eligible, willing, and able to accept the nomination and position if elected.
- G. Nominations may be accepted from the floor only if no candidate has been previously nominated by the Nominations Committee.

SECTION 4: CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS

- A. The Voting Membership will be notified two weeks prior to the Annual meeting.
- B. The information (candidates nominated for each office) will be posted on the web site and current membership will be notified via email.

- C. Election of Directors will be by secret ballot at the annual meeting by the Voting Members present and who are in good standing.
- D. The nominees receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected to the office to which nominated.
- E. If no nominee receives a simple majority of the votes cast on the first poll of the membership, the nominee receiving the least number of votes shall be eliminated from the next and all succeeding polls.
- F. Succeeding polls will be held of the members attending until a simple majority of the votes is obtained.

SECTION 5: BALLOTS

- A. The ballots shall be listed in the following manner:
 - President and list of nominees (even number years)
 - Vice President and list of nominees (odd number years)
 - Treasurer and list of nominees (even number years)
 - Secretary and list of nominees (odd number years)
 - At Large Board of Director (even number years)
- B. All the above should also have room for additional nominations made from the floor. Each Voting Member in good standing shall have a single vote for each office.

SECTION 6: REMOVAL OF A DIRECTOR

Any elected Director may be removed from his/her office as a Director at any time upon the vote of the members present at any meeting of the Club called for that purpose. Two-thirds (2/3) of the Voting Members present at a membership meeting of the Club, at which a quorum as defined in Article III Section 4 is present, must vote for such removal. Written notice of the proposed removal of a Director must be given to such Director at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the meeting at which such removal is to be voted on, and such notice to the director MUST state the cause for the proposed removal.

SECTION 7: BOARD MEETING QUORUM

The presence of three of five of the Directors shall be required at any meeting to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SECTION 8: REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Meetings of the Board will be held regularly on the first Wednesday each month at such times and places as may be fixed by mutual agreement among the members of the Board. Attendees shall be limited to the Board members or those invited by special invitation.

SECTION 9: SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS

Special meetings may be called by the President or in his/her absence, by the Vice President.

SECTION 10: NOTICE OF BOARD MEETINGS

The time and place of each meeting, regular or special, will be fixed by the President. Notice of each meeting will be provided by the President to each member of the Board at least three (3) days in advance of the meeting. Notice may be either written or verbal.

SECTION 11: VOTING

At all meetings of the Board of Directors, each Director shall have one (1) vote. Decisions shall be made by a majority of the Directors present. No voting by proxy will be allowed.

SECTION 12: POWERS AND DUTIES

The Board of Directors shall have complete authority to direct the entire program and operation of the Club except where authority may be specifically delegated in these By-laws.

- A. The Board shall have the power to raise money outside of the Club through solicitation of gifts, sponsors, and fundraising. Within the Club through the collection of membership fees and registration fees. Any special assessments (above and beyond annual membership and registration fees) of the Player and/or Voting Members, to make up for financial shortcomings within the Club shall be approved by a majority vote of the members present at a duly called Membership Meeting.
- B. The Board shall have the power to rule on questions of eligibility of voting members within the provisions of Article II.
- C. The Board shall select and approve all appointed Club officials.
- D. The Board shall have the final approval of Team Coaches. Interested coaches shall apply in writing to the Board of Directors at any time, and the Board shall select coaches for the Club's teams through an evaluation of the coaching applicants.
- E. The Board shall establish such committees, which have a tenure the same as that of the Board, as it shall deem necessary to the efficient operation of the Club or its programs. The Board may delegate the power of appointment to the President, subject to ratification by the Board.
- F. The Board shall provide sufficient and proper insurance for all activities of the Club.
- G. The Board shall submit the Club's financial records to an impartial review, and shall present a written report of such findings at the September meeting of the Voting Membership.
- H. The Board shall actively promote public support of the Club through various media and shall keep before the public interesting information about the Club, its members, and its activities.
- I. The Board shall be responsible for selecting, procuring, issuing, maintaining, and storing all Club equipment.
- J. The Board shall be responsible for the procuring of ice time by May 31st each year, preparing schedules, and provide assistance in training minor (off-ice) officials (scorekeepers, timekeepers, etc.) as necessary.
- K. The Board shall be responsible for the development and publication of data relating to statistics, awards, and league standings of teams.
- L. The Board shall appoint and coordinate the activities of the Club representatives for whatever league(s) of which the Club may be a member.
- M. The Board shall settle all disputes between player and/or player's parents, guardian, and/or coaches concerning their direct relationship to the Club. The Board shall be notified of the specific complaint after investigation into the dispute by the Disciplinary Review Committee. The Vice President shall report the recommendations of the Disciplinary Review Committee and the Board shall act as it determines to be in the best interest of the Club. The Board's decision will be final.
- N. The Board shall approve any use of the Club's logo and/or name.
- O. The Board shall maintain financial accounting as follows:
 - 1. The Treasurer shall maintain accounting activities for receipt of income and disbursement of expenses.
 - 2. If a specific fund raising event is designated in advance of the fund raising activity then the net results of the activity will be used only for that designated purpose. Otherwise, it will be available for the Board of Directors to use for any purpose of the Club. Individual fundraisers will be recommended by the Fundraising Committee and approved by the Board.
 - 3. Club activities, held for the benefit of the entire Club, experiencing a deficit, shall cause an equal assessment to the Voting Membership subject to Article IV, Section 13 (A), and the approval of the Board of Directors.
- P. The Board shall be responsible for the development and annual review of the Club's Philosophy, Code of Conduct and Discipline, and Operating Policy. Any modification to any of these documents must be published and distributed to the Membership.

ARTICLE V CLUB OFFICERS / DIRECTORS

SECTION 1: COMPOSITION

- A. The Officers of the Club shall be the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, At Large Board of Director, House Director and Travel Director. All Officer positions shall be elected for a term of two years.
- B. Any member objecting to the election of any Director may request impeachment by written application to the Board within thirty (30) days of the date of the election to Office. The application shall state the reasons for the request as well as be accompanied by twenty (20) authenticated signatures of duly registered members. The application shall then become a mandatory motion before the Board and requires appropriate parliamentary action.

SECTION 2: PRESIDENT

The President shall be the Chief Executive Office of the Club. He/she shall:

- A. Preside at all meetings of the members and Board of Directors.
- B. Have responsibility of the members and Board of Directors.
- C. Cast the deciding vote in case of a tie.
- D. Have the power to temporarily suspend any program member for conduct considered by him/her to be detrimental to the Club. Such suspensions shall remain in effect until compliance with Article II, Section 10 hereof.

SECTION 3: VICE PRESIDENT

- A. In the absence of the President due to death, incapacitation, or resignation, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have the powers of the President. The Vice President shall also be responsible for:
 1. Assisting the President in the administration of the Club.
 2. Representing the Club with the hockey league(s) or associations determined as provided in Article 1, Section 4.

SECTION 4: SECRETARY

The Secretary shall:

- A. Keep an accurate record of the meetings of the Board and of the general membership meetings.
- B. Be responsible for distributing minutes of Board and general membership meetings.
- C. Be responsible for accurate registration and record keeping.
- D. Give notice in accordance with these By-laws of all meetings of the Board and of the membership.
- E. Serve as Publicity Chairman of the Communications Committee.

SECTION 5: TREASURER

- A. In the absence of the President and the Vice President, the Treasurer shall have the powers of the President.
- B. Prepare a budget and submit it to the Board of Directors by May 31st prior to the hockey season.
- C. Oversee registrations, setting up payments of fees/dues and the collection of same. Collect membership fees.
- D. Keep accurate records of the payments of fees, dues, and donations and the collection of same.
- E. Report the financial condition of the Club monthly to the Board and at all meetings of the membership. The financial statement must show the funds separately as of the last day of the preceding month.
- F. Receive, disburse (only as authorized by the Board of Directors), and account for monies
- G. Make a full financial report at the annual meeting of the membership.
- H. Prepare or cause to be prepared such tax reports and information returns as local, state, and Federal laws require. Supervise the filing of all reports required by law, including the annual returns required to be filed under the income tax laws.

SECTION 6: AT LARGE MEMBER

- A. At-Large member is responsible for attending all meetings called of the Board.
- B. Participate in the decision making.
- C. Volunteer for any committee or position needed to be filled, as desired.
- D. Act as coaching liaison between the Board of Directors and coaches.

SECTION 7: HOUSE DIRECTOR

- A. Responsible for administering and managing the house/recreational ice programs.
- B. Submit ice time requirements to the scheduler for each season
- C. Serve as a liaison between the Board of Directors and house/recreational participants.
- D. Chair the Disciplinary Review Committee for issues within the house/recreational ice program

SECTION 8: TRAVEL DIRECTOR

- A. Responsible for administering the travel ice programs.
- B. Submit ice time requirements to the scheduler for each season
- C. Serve as a liaison between the Board of Directors and travel participants.
- D. Chair the Disciplinary Review Committee for issues within the travel ice program

SECTION 9: ACE COORDINATOR

The ACE Coordinator is a Board of Director appointed position and therefore has no voting rights.

- A. Organize and manage CEP requirements of club coaches
- B. Assist the local association in the development of a well-trained coaching staff
- C. Promote parent education
- D. Provide clear goals and objectives for player skill development.

ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES

SECTION 1: STANDING COMMITTEES

In order to perform an effective management of the Club, Standing Committees will be utilized to extend the involvement of the membership and provide training for future Officers. Members of the Board of Directors will serve as the chairmen of each Standing Committee. The President of the Club shall be an ad hoc member of each of the Standing Committees. The following will comprise the Standing Committees of the Club and will be staffed on an annual basis from the then active membership:

- A. Nominating Committee
Chair -Vice President
Members - One representative from each USA Hockey age group that the Club has teams.
Duties -Present a slate of Officers for election at the Annual Membership Meeting
- B. Fundraising Committee
Chair - Treasurer
Members - Vice President
Four Club Representatives
Duties - Responsible for all major fundraising activities of the Club
- C. Scheduling Committee
Chair - Scheduler
Members - One Representative of each participating age level
Duties - Responsible for the scheduling of teams within the Leagues in which they play and communicating this information within the Club on a continual basis.
- D. Disciplinary Review Committee
Chair- Vice President
Members-The Travel Director or House Director as appropriate and one representative from each USA Hockey Age Group that teams are fielded
Duties- Responsible for investigating any alleged misconduct of Club members, including players, coaches and parents. This committee will also develop the Club's Code of Conduct. Additionally,

this committee will investigate any member's complaint regarding any other member of the Club. The committee will review all circumstances, interview all parties involved, and make recommendations to the Board of Directors for any action. The Board of Directors will review the committees' findings and act as they determine is in the best interest of the Club. The committee has no power directly to administer any action towards any Club member, only to investigate and make recommendations to the Board.

SECTION 2: APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

- A. Committees shall be established by the Board of Directors subject to Article IV, Section 13 (E). Each such committee shall have such powers and perform such duties, not inconsistent with these By-laws, as may be assigned to it by the Board of Directors.
- B. Committee members from the Membership shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

SECTION 1: ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT OF THE BY-LAWS

- A. The By-laws may be adopted by a majority vote of the Voting Members who are in good standing at the organization meeting.
- B. The By-laws may be amended, altered or changed by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Voting Membership present at a duly constituted meeting of the Voting Members.
- C. A proposed amendment, alteration or change of the By-laws must be submitted in writing to a regular or special meeting of the Board. The Board may indicate to the Voting Membership its approval or disapproval of such amendments to be considered and voted upon at the next regular meeting of the Voting Membership, or at a special meeting of the Voting Membership. Proper written notice of the proposed amendment, alteration or change, shall be given to the Voting Membership. Such notice shall state the terms of the proposed amendments, alterations, or changes.

SECTION 2: DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB

Dissolution of the Club may take place in either of the following ways:

- A. Upon a majority vote of the Board, the question of dissolution and transfer of all assets to another entity set up to further the purpose of the Club as contained in Article I, Section 3 above may be put to a vote of the full membership at a special meeting called for that purpose.
- B. Upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the full membership, dissolution would take place. Transfer of assets, in the case of a voluntary dissolution, would take place after all outstanding obligations of the Club were met.
- C. If at any time the Board is unable to or unwilling to fulfill the purposes of the Club, as stated in Article I, Section 3 above, and if another organization, duly constituted and qualified under Article 501 (C) (3) of the Federal Tax Code exists, then the Board shall be required by the Voting Membership to transfer all assets of the Club to that organization after payment of any and all outstanding obligations, and then shall dissolve the Club in favor of that new organization. The new organization is subject to the approval of the Voting Membership.

ARTICLE VIII FUNDRAISING

SECTION 1: FUNDRAISING & SPONSORSHIPS

- A. Individual teams must submit written proposals to the Board of Directors regarding fund-raising activities. Proposals must be submitted to the President or Vice President at least five (5) days in advance of the Board meeting. Additionally, the request must be presented in person at the Board meeting in which the request will be heard. At least 75 percent of the parents on the team must concur in writing with the fund-raising proposal and be committed to participate in the

required activity. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all proposals that it believes are not in the best interests of The Club.

- B. Upon approval, the sponsoring team must submit to The Club's treasurer a written budget proposal and subsequent accounting of funds rose. All monies are to be used within fourteen (14) days of the conclusion of the season. This submission must be signed by the sponsoring parent.