

Stone Creek Mens Club Bylaws



Article I - NAME

This golf club shall be called the: *Stone Creek Mens Club*, hereafter referred to as "The Mens Club" or "SCMC"

Article II – PURPOSE

- To stimulate interest in golf by bringing together a group of golfers interested in forming a golfing organization.
- To promote and foster among the members a closer bond and fraternity for their joint and mutual benefit, and to conserve the best interests and true spirit of the game of golf as embodied in its ancient and honorable traditions.
- To encourage conformance to the USGA Rules of Golf by creating a representative authority.
- To maintain a uniform system of handicapping as set forth in the World Handicap System (WHS) and issue USGA Handicap Indexes to the members.
- To provide an authoritative body to govern and conduct club competitions.

Article III – MEMBERSHIP

- Membership shall be available to all men 18 years of age or older.
- There shall be at least 10 members.
- 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 USGA Handicap Indexes from the club.
- The SCMC shall charge annual dues.
- The amount of annual dues, schedule and dues categories shall be set by the Officers.
- Only golfers who have paid and are current with the annual dues have standing and are members of the SCMC – until then they are considered to be non-members (guests)

Article IV - MEETINGS

I. Order of Business:

- At all meetings of SCMC, the order of business shall be:
 - ◆ Roll Call.
 - Reading and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.
 - Unfinished business.
 - Reports of Officers.
 - Reports of standing committees.
 - New business.
 - Adjournment.

II. Procedures:

- "Roberts' Rule of order/ Revised" shall be the final authority as to parliamentary procedure at all meeting of the member, insofar as they do not conflict with any provisions of the Bylaws.

III. Quorum:

- 10% (ten percent) of the total membership shall constitute a quorum at the Annual Meeting or any other Special or general membership meeting of the SCMC.
- 50% (Fifty Percent) of the Officers shall constitute a quorum at any Regular Business Meeting.

IV. Meetings:

- Regular Business meeting:
 - ◆ The Officers shall have a Regular Business meeting monthly (usually the last Tuesday of each month except for the month of December) unless cancelled by a majority vote of the Officers.
 - ◆ Meetings may be held online.
- Annual meeting:
 - ◆ The Annual Meeting of the general membership shall be held in November.
 - ◆ Additional general membership meetings may be held throughout the year as deemed necessary by the Officers.
- Special meeting:
 - ◆ A Special Meeting may be called by a majority vote of the Officers or by 10% (ten percent) of the total membership.
 - ◆ Vote by e-mail communication is permissible.

Article V - LEADERSHIP

I. Officers (SCMC Board):

- The members shall elect a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Handicap Director, Tournament Director, and two (2) At-Large positions to act as officers of the Mens Club.

II. Duties of Officers:

- **President:** shall preside at all meetings of the SCMC and shall have general supervision over the affairs of the Club, its property and servants.

- **Vice-President:** shall, in the absence of the President, perform his duties, (should neither be present, any member shall be chosen by vote to conduct the meeting). Shall be the lead of the Membership Committee.

He shall act as liaison with Oregon Golf Association (OGA) and SCMC to inform the Club of OGA activities, and coordinate with the OGA and the Club all OGA activities that have an impact on SCMC.

- **Secretary:** shall keep records of meetings and perform other duties that may be assigned by the officers and shall post any notices and minutes of meetings of the SCMC Board.

- **Treasurer:** shall be responsible for the safeguarding of all funds collected and received by the Club and for their proper disbursement. Such funds shall be kept in financial institutions approved by the Board. Checks are to be signed by the Treasurer, (or in his absence, by the Secretary). Shall present a monthly financial report to the Board. Shall be the lead of the Sponsorship Committee.

- **Handicap Director:** shall assemble a Handicap Review Committee and is the Chairman. The Director is responsible for ensuring the *Handicap Index* of those *members* who have designated SCMC to be their *home club*, is administered in accordance with the requirements of the *WHS Rules of Handicapping*.

- **Tournament Director:** shall be responsible for the planning and conduct of all Saturday competitions, all Tournaments, and is Chairman of the Tournament Committee, (i.e. has the authority to solicit help from members of the Mens Club to be part of the Tournament Committee).

- **Two At-Large Members:** each have a one (1) year term and have full voting rights. They may be assigned duties not specified with other Board positions.

- **Terms of Office:** shall be two (2) years except for the At-Large positions, which will be one (1) year.

The President, Handicap Director and Tournament Director will be elected in odd numbered years. The Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer will be elected in even numbered years. The At-Large positions will be elected yearly.

Article V – LEADERSHIP (cont.)

Vacancies: In the event of a vacancy, the remaining Officers may choose to fill the vacant position by a majority vote of the Officers then in office. If filled, the appointee shall serve until the next election.

III. Government and Management:

Control and management of the affairs, funds, and properties necessary to conduct the business of SCMC shall be vested in the Officers.

Article VI - STANDING COMMITTEES

I. Titles:

- Titles of the standing committees are Membership, Sponsorship, Tournament and Handicap Review.
- The Membership Committee shall be led by the Vice-President.
- The Sponsorship Committee shall be led by the Treasurer.
- The Tournament Committee shall be led by the Tournament Director.
- The Handicap Review Committee shall be led by the Handicap Director.

II. Duties of Committees:

- **Membership Committee:**
 - ◆ Create suitable activities in conjunction with the golf program.
 - ◆ Keep members advised of activities through emails and on-line newsletters.
 - ◆ Distribute information regarding the SCMC to the media and to the sponsoring organization.
- **Sponsorship Committee:**
 - ◆ Garner sponsorship representation for SCMC Tournaments and other events.
- **Tournament Committee:**
 - ◆ Plan and conduct all Saturday competitions and Tournament competitions.
 - ◆ Prepare schedule of events and, upon approval by Board, distribute to members.
 - ◆ Distribute responsibility of the program among the Tournament Committee members to acquaint players with the competitions.
 - ◆ Publish and post special conditions of play.
 - ◆ Publish and post results of Saturday play and Tournament play.
 - ◆ Assist in the preparation of Local Rules, if any, to be used for play.
 - ◆ Post USGA and Local Rules to explain these Rules to players.
- **Handicap Review Committee:**
 - ◆ Is responsible for ensuring compliance with the SCMC obligations and responsibilities under the WHS *Rules of Handicapping*.
 - ◆ Inform members of the WHS *Rules of Handicapping*.

Article VII – NO SHOWS / EXPULSION / SUSPENSION

I. Major Tournament No Shows and/or Cancellation Policy:

- The Board policy regarding cancellation/no shows on Major events is as follows:
 - ◆ Members who fail to cancel by 5pm Thursday prior to the event will be prohibited from playing in the next major event unless:
 - ◆ The position is filled by a person on the waiting list
 - ◆ If a member is a no show/cancel for a major event twice in a season (excused or not), that member may be prohibited from playing in any Club Championship.
 - ◆ Additionally, individuals who show a pattern of cancellations over time may be subject to Board-discipline.

II. Suspension or Expulsion:

- By unanimous vote of the Officers, any member may be suspended and/or expelled from the SCMC for good cause including, but not limited to, violation of rules, handicap infractions, or any conduct which adversely reflects upon the SCMC.
- Disciplinary action of a member, including immediate suspension, may occur via an electronic vote or teleconference of the Officers or at a Regular Business meeting of the Board.
- Disciplinary action may also include a “warning letter” or “letter of concern” in lieu of a suspension.
- At the next Regular Business meeting, the matter of suspension shall either be affirmed or modified according to the merits of each case.
- Expulsion of a member may only occur after action at a Regular Business or Special meeting.
- The member being disciplined, suspended or expelled shall have the opportunity to present a case for a modification of the action taken or proposed by the Officers concerning his situation.
- Deliberations by the Officers in the matter shall be held in an Executive Session.
- The action taken may be shared with the membership as deemed appropriate by the Officers.
- In the event the suspension and/or expulsion involves an Officer, he shall not be permitted to vote, nor shall he be included in or counted as part of any vote.
- In the event a member is expelled, that member shall forfeit his right to vote and shall be suspended from all activities of the SCMC for a time designated by the Officers according to the merits of each case.
- At no time shall any portion of club dues be refunded in the cases of suspension or expulsion.

Article VIII –ELECTIONS

- At least five weeks prior to the Annual Meeting, the officers may appoint a nominating committee consisting of five members of the club.
- At least four weeks prior to the Annual Meeting, this committee may submit to the Officers, and shall inform the members of, a list of nominees to fill any vacancies.
- Other members in good standing may volunteer for open positions by announcing their interest to the Board at least two weeks prior to the annual meeting.
- At least one week prior to the annual meeting, a list of all candidate volunteers and nominees shall be e-mailed to each member at their last known e-mail address.
- Voting may be by written ballot at the Annual Meeting or by internet voting.
- Those names receiving the greatest number of votes cast shall be declared to be elected.
- The terms of offices begin the day of the Annual Meeting.

Article IX –AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended, or new Bylaws adopted, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members present at a Regular Business Board meeting, or the Annual Members meeting, or at any special meeting held for that purpose.

CERTIFICATION

These SCMC ByLaws have been read and approved by:
Members of the Stone Creek Mens Club Board
and are accepted by:

PRESIDENT:	Eugene (Gene) Zaharie
VICE PRESIDENT:	Pat Walsh
SECRETARY:	Tom Dorzweiler

REVISION DATE: July 2024