

BY-LAWS OF THE WOODLANDS STARS SQUARE DANCE CLUB

THE WOODLANDS, TX

(ADOPTED WITH CHANGES DECEMBER 2015)

Article I – Name

The name of this non-profit club shall be The Woodlands Stars.

Article II – Purposes

The purpose of the club shall be to promote the pleasures of western style square and round dancing. This will involve the encouragement of active member participation, cooperation with other clubs and the sponsorship and support of classes, workshops and other square dance activities.

Article III – Membership

Membership shall be open to persons who have successfully completed any approved club-sponsored square dance course and attended two consecutive club dances.

Membership may be suspended or revoked by the Executive Committee for delinquency in dues or for conduct deemed to be detrimental to the club. Reinstatement shall be at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Only members in good standing may vote, hold club office, attend member-only functions and wear the club badge.

Article IV – Dues and Fees

The dues period and the method of payment will be recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by the Club Membership. Any member delinquent in dues for more than one (1) month shall be considered not in good standing.

Club dance and other fees shall be established by the Executive Committee.

Article V – Organization

The club shall be governed by an Executive Committee, elected by the majority vote of the Club Members at the

Annual Meeting, 'composed of those who hold one of the four offices and the immediate Past President couple.

The Executive Committee shall recommend the general policies, transact such business as will further the club purposes and will not commit the club to expenses beyond the current year, except for facilities and personnel contracts that require advance commitments.

Any vacancy occurring on the Executive Committee shall be filled for the remainder of term through appointment by the President or Acting President.

Article VI – Officers

Officers of the club shall include the President(s), Vice President(s), Secretary(s) and Treasurer(s). Each elected officer(s) must serve the entire year or the office shall be deemed vacant.

The term of office shall be from July 1 – June 30. No officers may serve in the same office for more than two (2) consecutive years.

The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee of three (3) to five (5) club members to present a slate of nominees to all Club Members at the first club sponsored dance in May. Nominees for office must have been members in good standing for six consecutive months. Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Article VII – Duties of the Officer

Presidents – The President shall preside at all meetings, call meetings of the Executive Committee, promote the general welfare of the club and serve as ex-officio on all committees.

Vice Presidents – The vice presidents shall perform the duties of the President in his absence and perform such other duties requested by the Executive Committee.

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Article VII – Duties of the Officer (cont'd)

Secretaries – The Secretary shall keep minutes of all club meetings, handle all correspondence and perform such other duties requested by the Executive Committee.

Treasurers – The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all monies as authorized by the Executive Committee, keep detailed accounts of all such transactions and submit financial reports at Club and Executive Committee meetings.

Article VIII – Club Caller

The Club Caller shall be elected by a majority vote of the Club Members.

The Club Caller shall be an Honorary Member of the Executive Committee. His compensation shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

In the event the Club Caller is unable to fulfill his duties, the Executive Committee shall appoint a substitute until the Caller is able to fulfill his duties.

Article IX – Class Coordinators

One (1) to four (4) club members shall be appointed Class Coordinators by the newly elected Executive Committee immediately following the Annual Meeting.

The class coordinators shall be honorary members of the Executive Committee.

Article X – Meetings

The Annual Meeting shall be held immediately following the conclusion of the first regularly scheduled club dance in May.

Special meetings of the club will be called by the Executive Committee. However, any member may make a request to the Executive Committee to have a Special Meeting. A majority vote of the Executive Committee will be necessary to approve this request. If a member's request for a Special Meeting is not granted by the Executive Committee, a petition signed by 20% of the

Article X – Meetings (cont'd)

Membership shall be necessary to override the Executive Committee decision.

A majority vote of all members present at any meeting shall be required on all matters. A quorum shall be deemed to be (6) members of the Executive Committee. All Executive Committee Meetings shall be open to the Club Members.

All Executive Committee meetings shall be announced at the regular club dance prior to the meetings and all activities of all meetings shall be reported to the Club Membership at the next scheduled club dance.

Article XI – Voting

Executive Committee Members, although elected as couples or individual(s), shall have individual voting rights.

At the Annual and Special Meetings of the Membership, each individual Club Member shall have an individual vote.

Article XII – Parliamentary Procedure

Robert's Rules of Order, Revised shall govern this Club in all cases, except as specifically stated in these By-Laws.

Article XIII – Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended by submitting the proposed amendment to the Membership through the Executive Committee. Written notice shall be sent to the Membership at least ten (10) days prior to the Club Meeting at which it will be considered.

A two thirds (2/3) majority of Members present shall be required for the adoption of any amendment.

Article XIV – Suggestions

Any club member who has a suggestion for the betterment of the Club should submit it to the Executive Committee in writing.