

Perky Promenaders By-Laws

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Preamble

This organization is incorporated as a Domestic Nonprofit Corporation in the state of Pennsylvania under 15 Pa.C.S, and thus is subject to Pennsylvania Nonprofit Corporate Law as specified therein.

The Articles of Incorporation take precedence over this document. At the time of incorporation, only information pertaining to Name and Purpose were specified in the Articles of Incorporation. That information is reproduced herein as a convenience:

1. The name of the organization, as specified in the original Articles of Incorporation, is “Perky Promenaders.”
2. The purpose of the organization, as specified in the original Articles of Incorporation, is “to teach, promote, and practice square dancing.”

Article I: Name

The name may be abbreviated as Perkys.

Article II: Purpose

(See Preamble.)

Article III: Membership

Section 1 – There shall be three classes of membership: regular, associate and honorary.

Section 2 – Regular membership shall consist of those adults 18 years of age or older who have completed a required series of lessons for square or round dancing or have demonstrated club level ability.

Section 3 – Associate membership is open to children under the age of 18 years who have completed a required series of lessons for square or round dancing or have demonstrated club level ability. Associate members may attend club dances if accompanied by an adult. An associate member may not hold office, chair a committee or vote.

Section 4 – Honorary membership is approved by 2/3 members present at any Executive Board meeting. Honorary members have all the privileges of regular members and are excused from paying dues and regular dance fees.

Section 5 – All members are expected to support the purpose of the club as defined in Article II.

Section 6 – All members are encouraged to wear square dance attire at club dances, except those dances specifically identified as casual dress.

Section 7 – Membership shall be terminated at the request of the member or by decision of the Executive Board.

Section 8 – All members, except associate members, may vote if present at meetings.

Article IV: Dues

Section 1 – Dues and dance fees shall be established by the Executive Board on the basis of projected expenses versus the number of members.

Section 2 – The fiscal year shall be from January 1st to December 31st.

Section 3 – The payment program for dues consists of: A. annually, B. Semi-annually, C. Quarterly, or D. Membership fee plus pay-by-the-dance.

Section 4 – Guest fees shall be determined by the Executive Board.

Section 5 – Members will be exempt from paying dues during a leave of absence granted by the Executive Board.

Section 6 – New members, starting late, shall be charged a proportionate amount.

Article V: Officers

Section 1 – The officers of the Perky Promenaders shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2 – The President shall preside at all meetings of the Perky Promenaders, be Chairperson of the Executive Board, be Ex-Officio member of all committees, appoint and/or remove committees, preserve order, act in case of emergencies, and appoint the delegates to the Federation of Delaware Valley Square and Round Dancers.

Section 3 – In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall preside and perform all the duties of the office of the President; in the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice-President shall automatically succeed to the office of the President for the unexpired term; be responsible for obtaining the callers and cuers for the club dances; be responsible for the Christmas dance.

Section 4 – The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all club and Executive Board meetings; shall maintain a record of all club correspondence; maintain a current membership list.

Section 5 – The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the club; shall keep a record of all receipts and disbursements; shall render a written report at all club meetings and when requested by the President of Executive Committee; shall prepare a written report at the end of each year to be filed for audit.

Article VI: Election of Officers

Section 1 – Officers shall be elected by a majority vote for one calendar year.

Section 2 – Officers shall be nominated and elected in November. Nominations may be accepted from the floor.

Section 3 – Officers shall be installed at the Christmas Dance in December and shall conduct the business meeting in January.

Article VII: Executive Board

Section 1 – The Executive Board shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, the immediate past President, the delegates to the Federation of Delaware Valley Square and Round Dancers, and committee chairpersons.

Section 2 – A joint planning meeting of the retired Executive Board and the newly elected Executive Board shall be held before the second club dance in January.

Section 3 – Other executive meetings shall be called by, and at the direction, of the President.

Section 4 – The Executive Board shall be responsible for the business of operating the club.

Section 5 – The Executive Board shall review the caller-cuer salary annually.

Article VIII: Committees

Section 1 – The President shall appoint all committee chairpersons to serve for the term of his office.

Section 2 – The Membership committee has the responsibility for handling the smooth introduction of all new members. The committee shall maintain a current membership role book,

be responsible for a yearly address book and its distribution to all members. The prolonged absence of any member should be observed by this committee.

Section 3 – The Special Events Committee shall handle every special club project with the exception of the Christmas dance.

Section 4 – The Publicity Committee shall see to the distribution of publicity on Club-sponsored dances and events.

Section 5 – The Refreshment Committee is responsible for providing and serving refreshments at all Club dances and Club-sponsored activities and for cleaning up the service area following the activity. The chairpersons of the committee oversee Club refreshment supplies and can appoint a separate refreshment committee for each activity.

Section 6 – The Birthday-Anniversary Committee shall recognize and appropriately celebrate each member's birthday and each couple's anniversary.

Section 7 – The Decorating Committee shall make sure that appropriate decorations are displayed whenever the occasion calls for them.

Section 8 – The Sunshine Committee shall remember any sick, hospitalized or bereaved member.

Section 9 – The Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate of officers for the ensuing year and present the slate at the first Club dance in November. The committee shall conduct the election before the end of the same dance.

Section 10 – The Historian has the responsibility of maintaining the Club's scrapbook and shall prepare a brief written review of the year's events for inclusion in the Christmas program.

Section 11 – The Square- and Round-Dance Class Committees are responsible for ensuring the continued offering of classes and dances to the general public.

Article IX: Badges

Perky Promenader's badges are to be presented, at Club expense, to everyone inducted into the Club. Replacement badges are at the individual's expense.

Article X: Disbursement of Club Funds Upon Disbandment

In case the disbandment of the Perky Promenaders becomes necessary, all outstanding debts and obligations shall be satisfied, after which all monies remaining in the Perky treasury shall be paid over, by the Treasurer, to the Federation of Delaware Valley Square and Round Dancers with the stipulation that all such money shall be used for the sole purpose of encouraging new square dancers and new square dance clubs.

Article XI: By-Laws

Section 1 – These By-Laws may be amended at any time by a 2/3-majority consent of members present at a specially called Club meeting. The proposed amendments will be presented in writing to all Club members no later than one month before the special meeting.

Section 2 – All By-Laws, amendments and resolutions enacted prior to this version shall be declared null and void.