

Constitution

Article I. Name

This organization shall be known as Garden City Casino.

Article II. Object

The object of this club shall be to promote the entertainment and social intercourse of its members.

Article III. Management

The management of the affairs and property of the Club shall be vested in a Board of Governors to consist of not less than nine (9) nor more than fifteen (15) of its members as may be fixed from time to time by action of the Board of Governors then in office.

Article IV. Annual Meeting and Election of Governors

The Annual Meeting of the Club shall be held at the Clubhouse on a Monday in April or May of each year selected by the Board of Governors at its February meeting. Such date shall be published immediately after its selection and notice thereof shall be given to the membership not later than 30 days thereafter. The Annual Meeting shall commence at 8 in the evening each year. At this meeting, governors shall be elected to serve for three years, so that as far as possible, as determined by the Board of Governors, one third of their total shall be elected each year.

At the first meeting of the Board of Governors subsequent to the annual meeting of the Club the Board shall elect from its number a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

Article V. Power of Board to Incur Debts

The Board of Governors shall have no power unless specially authorized by a vote of the Club, to incur any liability or debt beyond the amount of money which shall, at the time of contracting such liability or debt, be in the Treasury or actually accrued to the Club in good amounts collectible within thirty days and not needed or appropriated for the discharge of prior debts or liabilities.

Article VI. Vacancies in the Board of Governors

Vacancies occurring, otherwise than by expiration of term, may be filled by the Board. Members chosen to fill such vacancies shall hold office for the balance of the term to which the retiring governor was elected.

Article VII. Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Club may be called at any time by the President, or shall be at any time upon request from five members, addressed to the Secretary. Such requests shall be in writing and shall state the business it is proposed to transact at the meeting, and no business shall be transacted thereat except that germane to the subject mentioned in the notice.

Article VIII. Quorum

Nine (9) members shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Club.

Article IX. Amendments

This Constitution may be amended at any meeting of the Club by a majority vote of the members present provided that 25% of the entire Club's membership is in attendance at said meeting. Notice of the proposed amendment shall be mailed to every member at least 30 days prior to the meeting at which the amendment is to be considered. At such meeting, any amendment germane to the subject of the proposed amendment may be adopted.

Article X. By-Laws

The Board of Governors may from time to time enact By-Laws not inconsistent with this Constitution, and provide for the manner in which the same may be amended.

Article XI. Nomination, Election, Requirements of Membership

The term "Member" shall mean the applicant to whom Membership is granted and his/her spouse. Membership shall be divided into three classes to be known as Tennis, House and Honorary. Only Members shall be entitled to vote at the meetings of the Club and this vote will be limited to one vote per application unit.

Furthermore, there shall be four (4) special classes of Membership entitled as follows: Junior Tennis Membership, Young Professional Membership, Former Resident Membership, and House Waiting for Tennis Membership.

Junior Tennis Membership shall be limited to unmarried sons and daughters of a Tennis Member living at home and who are between the ages of 22 and 25, and shall confer upon such child all the rights of a Tennis Member except the right to vote. Such unmarried children may, in lieu of such Junior Tennis Membership, enjoy the use of the tennis courts upon the payment of the appropriate guest fees in accordance with the By-Law of the Club and the Regulations of the Board of Governors. After the three years of Junior Tennis Membership, on their 25th birth date the young adults may obtain their own Tennis Membership or Young Professional Membership, if applicable, without paying House or Tennis initiation fees as long as they still reside in Garden City. They will also be accorded the privilege of not being waitlisted for Tennis Membership.

Young Professional Tennis Membership shall be limited to residents of Garden City between the ages of 22 and 29, who are not otherwise eligible for a Junior Tennis Membership. Such Young Professional Tennis Member shall have all rights of a Tennis Member, except the right to vote. On the occurrence of their 30th birthday, the Young Professional Membership shall expire and the Young Professional Member may thereafter obtain a Tennis Membership without paying House or Tennis initiation fees as long as they still reside in Garden City. They will also be accorded the privilege of not being waitlisted for Tennis Membership. All other terms and conditions of the Young Professional Tennis Membership shall be in accordance with the By-Laws of the Club and the Regulations of the Board of Governors.

Former Resident Membership shall be available to non-residents of Garden City who are 22 years of age or older who were residents of Garden City and who were during their residency in Garden City members of the Club. Such Former Resident Member shall designate the class of membership for which application is made at the time of application and, if accepted by the Board, shall have all the rights of a Member in the category accepted, except the right to vote. All other terms and conditions of the Former Resident Membership shall be in accordance with the By-Laws of the Club and the Regulations of the Board of Governors. Only Tennis or House Members shall be entitled to have any interest in the property of the Club or to hold office.

Tennis Members shall be individuals, 21 years of age or older, who are residents of Garden City and who shall enjoy all the privileges of the Club.

House Members shall be individuals, 21 years of age or older, who are residents of Garden City and who shall enjoy all the privileges of the Club, except the right to play tennis as a member.

House Waiting for Tennis Membership has the same privileges as House Members and will be put on a waiting list for Tennis Membership in accordance with the date their application is received. Upon a Tennis Membership being made available, the earliest applicant will be afforded the opportunity to convert their House Membership to Tennis by paying the additional initiation fee as explained in the By-laws.

Honorary Members may be elected from time to time by the Board of Governors. Their names, however, must be brought up for re-election each year thereafter at the first meeting of the Board of Governors subsequent to the annual meeting of the Casino.

Offspring of Resident Membership shall be available to non-residents of Garden City who are at least 22 years of age and whose parents are or were former members of the Casino for a least one year. Such person must submit an application and pass verification that his or her parent was or is a Tennis, House or Honorary member in good standing with the Casino. After paying designated dues such member shall have the same rights as someone classified under a Former Resident Membership.

Article XII. Family Privileges

Unmarried children of Tennis, House and Honorary members, up to 22 years of age, shall be entitled to all privileges of the Club to which the Tennis, House or Honorary member, as the case may be, is entitled, except those hereinbefore specifically reserved to members under Article XI, subject, especially as regards to the younger members of their families, to such regulations as the Board of Governors may be from time to time prescribe. The Board of Governors is empowered to permit family privileges to students and armed services personnel who reside with a parent who is a member.

Article XIII. Qualifications

The election of a person shall not entitle them to membership in the Club until his first installment of dues and initiation fee has been paid.

Article XIV. Resignations, Arrearages, Disciplinary Action, Suspension and Expulsion

A member wishing to resign must do so in writing to the Secretary. His resignation shall not be accepted until his indebtedness to the Club shall have been paid. No resignation after March 31st of any year shall exempt a member from dues for that fiscal year, except however, the Board of Governors shall have the power in its discretion to waive dues for any part of a year subsequent to the date of a member's resignation.

Upon resignation of a member his interest in and tide to the property of the Club shall cease and terminate.

The Secretary and Treasurer shall notify a member by mail when he is in arrears for dues and such member thereafter shall not be entitled to the privileges of the Club or the use of the Club's facilities or a vote at any meeting while such arrears continue.

Members who shall fail to pay their dues within thirty days from the due date shall be in arrears and their names shall then be posted in a conspicuous place in the clubhouse; and if such arrears are not paid, the Treasurer shall report the names of the individuals in default to the Board of Governors, and they shall immediately be subject to expulsion or suspension at the discretion of the Board of Governors.

The Board of Governors shall have the power to discipline, expel or suspend any member of the Club at any meeting of the Board, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, for violation or the provisions of the Constitution or By-Laws, or for conduct which, though it may not constitute such violation shall in their opinion be improper and prejudicial to the interests of the Club and their decision shall be final.

Before any member can be disciplined, expelled or suspended by the Board, under the provisions of the immediately two preceding paragraphs, ten days notice in writing that such action will be considered by the Board of Governors at a time and place mentioned in the notice, together with a written specification of the charge against the offending member shall be served personally or by registered mail upon such person.

Article XV. Members in the Service of the United States

The Board of Governors is hereby given express authority to legislate in any way it may from time to time see fit concerning the suspension, partial or entire, of the dues of members in the Service of the United States and as to the extension or limitation of the privileges of the Club to members of the Military Service and their families temporarily or permanently residing in Garden City and its vicinity, who may not have been elected to membership prior to such residence or to their induction into the Service.