

Johnson Rags Dance Club

CONSTITUTION

Preamble: We, the members of The Johnson Rags Dance Club, in order to foster a spirit of fun, fellowship and good ballroom dance opportunities, hereby establish this constitution and rules for the conduct of our Club.

Article I: Name

Section 1 The name of this organization shall be “The Johnson Rags Dance Club.”

Article II: Purpose

Section 1 The purpose of this organization shall be to:

1. Provide opportunities for the active members and the members’ invited guests to participate in excellent ballroom dancing.
2. Have enjoyment, fun and fellowship through Club activities.

Article III: Membership

Section 1 Membership in this Club shall be open to anyone over the age of 21 who is interested in ballroom dancing.

Section 2 There shall be one type of membership – active members who have paid annual dues and know or are working on ballroom steps in five dances.

Article IV: Officers and Board

Section 1 The Board shall consist of three *elected* officers (President, Vice-President and Member-at-Large) and a Secretary/Treasurer who shall be *appointed* by the Board. A newly elected officer shall serve the first year as Member-at-Large, progressing the following year to Vice-President, and to President the third year. When the President’s term of office is completed, that officer shall step down from the Board.

Section 2 Election of a new officer shall take place annually at the general meeting of the Club membership in April. Each active member shall have one vote.

Section 3 The officers of the Board shall serve as the nominating committee.

Section 4 The term for elected officers shall be one year for each office – **July 1 to June 30**. No Board member except the Secretary/Treasurer shall serve more than four consecutive years on the Board. The term for the appointed Secretary/Treasurer shall not be limited and shall be at the discretion of the Board.

Section 5 Communication to the membership shall be by **email**, letter, telephone or by announcement at the general meetings.

Article V: Duties of the Officers

- Section 1 The **President** shall preside at all general meetings of the members; shall call extra meetings when necessary; shall appoint temporary committees as needed; shall call at least one Board meeting; shall arrange for the location of the Club dances and sign the pertinent contracts; and shall sign checks when necessary in the absence of the Secretary/Treasurer.
- Section 2 The **Vice-President** shall preside in the absence of the President; shall book bands and sign the pertinent contracts or make other arrangements for dance music; and shall be responsible for the Club's publicity.
- Section 3 The **Secretary/Treasurer** shall keep records of all transactions of the Club; shall keep an accurate record of all expenditures and income of the Club; and shall collect and disburse funds as necessary for the Club's operation.
- Section 4 The **Member-at-Large** shall have the responsibility of decorating and getting accommodations ready for the dances and shall assist the other officers when needed.

Article VI: Meetings

- Section 1 A general membership meeting shall be held each year at the April dance. Board meetings shall be held as necessary.
- Section 2 At least seven evening dance sessions shall be provided each year during the fall, winter and spring months for the active membership and their invited guests. Dance music shall be provided by bands or by recordings.

Article VII: Fees

- Section 1 Membership fees shall be set by the Board and reviewed annually.

Article VIII: Ratification

- Section 1 This constitution shall be ratified on the basis of individual votes. A two-thirds vote of the active members present at the time of the vote is necessary for ratification.
- Section 2 This constitution may be amended at any time by a two-thirds vote of the active members present at the time of the vote.
- Section 3 This constitution shall be effective immediately after ratification.

Article IX: Disposition of Assets upon Dissolution

- Section 1 Any remaining assets of the Club upon dissolution, after payment of all bills, shall be given to a not-for-profit organization for the promotion of dancing.