

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

THE McKINNEY DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the organization shall be The McKinney Duplicate Bridge Club and may be referred to as 'The Club' or as 'MDBC'.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The purpose of the Club is to promote duplicate bridge in all its aspects, to serve the interests of its bridge players, to stimulate public interest in duplicate bridge, and to foster a love of the game.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in the club shall be open to all duplicate bridge players.

Section 2. Membership dues shall be no less than \$5 per calendar year. When a member pays dues after November 1, said dues will cover the remainder of that year and the following year.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

Section 1. Officers of the Board shall include a President, a Vice-President, a Club Manager, a Secretary and a Treasurer. Each officer will be elected for a term of two calendar years. Each officer shall also be a Director of the club.

Section 2. There shall be three additional Directors of the Board and each will be elected for a term of three calendar years. Directors will be staggered, one per year, in consecutive three year periods.

Section 3. Any Board member may seek re-election for additional terms. Each Board member will have one vote on board matters.

Section 4. If a vacancy on the Board occurs, the remaining members, at the next regular meeting, may fill the vacancy by appointment or by scheduling a special election. A Board member may be removed by a simple majority of the Board.

ARTICLE V DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club, appoint chairpersons of committees and act for other officers in their absence. The President shall assign other duties as needed.

Section 2. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all official meetings and document them to the other Board members.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all Club funds and furnish periodic reports of receipts and disbursements as required by the Board.

Section 5. The Club Manager shall be the Club's primary contact with the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) and will be responsible for posting of scores from Club play to the League and meeting all other ACBL reporting requirements.

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

Section 1. The Club shall conduct an annual meeting of the membership in November and hold a general election of Board members. If a tie should occur, it will be resolved by lot, drawn by the President in the presence of a majority of board members. The board will provide information and consider items submitted by the club membership.

Section 2. The Board of Directors will hold regular meetings at least quarterly to consider matters pertaining to the Club. All such meetings shall be open to any Club member except when personnel matters or player conduct is scheduled to be addressed. The seat of any member of

the Board who misses more than 25% of called board meetings, during any calendar year, may be vacated by majority vote of the Board.

Section 3. A quorum shall be a simple majority of board members.

ARTICLE VII EXPENDITURES

Any Club expenditure greater than \$200, must be approved by 2 members of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these Bylaws may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors at any scheduled meeting. Proposed amendments may be offered by any member of the Club in good standing.

ARTICLE IX ZERO TOLERANCE

The McKinney Duplicate Bridge Club subscribes to and fully adopts the current ACBL Zero Tolerance Policy. If any player behaves in an unacceptable manner during game play, it shall be called to the attention of the Game Director and resolution shall be at the Director's discretion. Such misbehavior shall then be reported to the Board for final disposition.

ARTICLE X DISSOLUTION

In the event the Club shall cease to operate, the Board, after paying or making provisions for settling of all liabilities of the Club, shall distribute any remaining assets to the currently active Club Members.