

# **BY-LAWS OF THE ROCHESTER CANOE CLUB**

## **ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP**

### SECTION 1 - Election of members

(a) Each applicant for membership shall complete an application as prescribed by the Board of Governors. Any applicant must meet with the Membership Committee to review key aspects of RCC membership including a reminder to review the constitution and by-laws.

(b) Each application for membership shall be referred to the Membership Committee. It shall be the duty of that Committee to investigate the candidate. If the applicant is recommended for membership, the Membership Committee shall post the application on the Club bulletin board during the season. The Membership Committee shall notify all Club voting members of the application by email regardless of season.

(c) The Board of Governors shall vote on the candidate within 10 days of receiving the application. Votes can be conducted either at any Board of Governors meeting, via email, or other electronic means. A candidate shall be elected to membership by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the quorum vote of the Board of Governors, and such membership shall become effective upon payment of the applicable fees, dues and assessments.

(d) A key will be provided to the new member by the Membership Committee after receipt of payment of the initial bill.

### SECTION 2 - Fees

The initiation fees, annual dues and boat fees are to be set by the Board of Governors by February 15<sup>th</sup>. If no change to the dues and fees are adopted by February 15<sup>th</sup>, the existing dues and fees apply for the coming season

(a) The initiation fee shall be waived if the applicant applies for membership upon attaining twenty-one (21) years of age and is a child and member of the household of a Senior or Life member in good standing.

(b) Dues shall be mailed to each member not later than the first day of March each year, and are payable not later than the first day of May. Failure of a member to pay his obligation by the first of May will result in a 10% late fee. Flagrant tardiness of fee payments by a member may result in termination of his or her membership at the discretion of the Board of Governors, and upon written notice from the Secretary of the Board of Governors.

(c) New members shall pay full dues if the welcome letter is dated prior to June 1. Dues shall thereafter be prorated based on when the new membership is approved: June 1 to June 30 – 5/6 dues; July 1 to July 31 – 4/6 dues; Aug 1 to Aug 31 – 3/6 dues; Sept 1 to end of season 1/6 dues. A new member is considered an Introductory Member as specified in the constitution.

(d) The Board of Governors may establish fees for non-members for the privilege of participating in club activities, using club facilities, and storing boats.

### SECTION 3 - Privileges

(a) Any non-member must be accompanied by a member in good standing. Any non-member may be admitted on not more than three (3) occasions during the year, except as specified in paragraph (b) below. Members of other accredited yacht clubs, upon obtaining approval of the Commodore, need not be so accompanied. The Board of Governors may make exceptions to this rule for special events, such as frostbiting.

(b) Any individual may crew regularly for a Senior, Life, or Under 30 Member boat owner for one season only, without a crew fee being applied. The Member boat owner must pay the crew fee for subsequent seasons.

(c) Prospective members may use the Club facilities to house a boat of one of the Club's approved classes upon invitation of the Commodore only.

(d) Every member in good standing may use any and all facilities and services provided by the Club, on an equal basis with all other members; provided, however, that if the Board of Governors shall determine that the demand for certain facilities or services does or will exceed the available supply, it may adopt any plan or rule to restrict usage for the benefit of the club as a whole.

## **ARTICLE II - RESIGNATIONS AND SUSPENSIONS**

### SECTION 1

(a) A member who is in good standing may resign by tendering a written resignation to the Board of Governors.

(b) A member will have resigned by way of being in arrears for two full years upon missing the deadline for payment for the third time consecutively.

(c) A former member who has resigned in good standing may reestablish their membership within 3 years of their resignation by presenting a letter to BOG requesting a reactivation of their membership and pay a full year of dues. Upon request, the Board of Governors may prorate dues as specified in Article I, Section 2 (c).

### SECTION 2

The Board of Governors shall have the power to expel or to suspend for such time and on such condition as it may determine, any member who has willfully disregarded any rules or regulations of the Club or whose conduct shall be determined to be injurious to the welfare of the Club. Any member having a complaint against another member on account of any such actions or conduct of the latter may report the same in writing to the Board of Governors; such complaint shall set forth the facts of the case, together with the names of witnesses if any. If the Board of Governors on its own initiative shall consider that a member should be subjected to discipline, the Secretary shall prepare a similar written complaint. Any such complaint shall be heard promptly by the Board of Governors on at least five (5) days' notice to the member complained of and to the complaining member; and such members appearing at the meeting and their witnesses shall be heard and their statements reduced to writing and filed with the Secretary. The decision of the Board of Governors upon any such complaint shall be reduced to writing and a copy thereof sent to the member complained of and the complaining member, if any.

## **ARTICLE III - FINANCES**

### SECTION 1

The Board of Governors shall adopt a budget of expenditures to be made from the treasury. The specific appropriations therein contained for the use of any committee or officer may be dispersed and paid by the Purser upon the order of the respective committee chairman or officer without further authorization of the Board of Governors. No disbursement in excess of any specific appropriation shall be made except with the approval of the Board of Governors.

### SECTION 2

The Board of Governors shall from year-to-year set the annual budget such that it generates a surplus or deficit in order to hold in total cash a targeted amount of \$40,000 in 2012 US dollars as established by the Department of Labor's Consumer Price Index at the start of each year. If the amount of cash reserve at the beginning of the year is less than 90% of the target, the Board of Governors shall pass a budget which is projected to produce a surplus. If the amount of cash reserve at the beginning of the year is greater than 110% of target, the Board of Governors shall pass a budget which is projected to produce a deficit.

## **ARTICLE IV - AMENDMENTS**

### SECTION 1

The Board of Governors may amend these By-Laws in accordance with the procedure provided for in the Constitution.

(adopted by the RCC Board of Governors on 12/17/2020)