

GRANITE STATE DOLL CLUB

Bylaws

Region 15

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United Federation of Doll Clubs, Inc. (“UFDC”)

Adopted April 10, 1999

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of the Club shall be Granite State Doll Club.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

This Club is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes pertaining to doll collecting. The terms charitable and educational shall have the same meaning herein that they have in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

No substantial part of the activities of the Club shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. The Club shall not participate or intervene (including the publishing or distributing of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

No part of the net earnings or other assets of the Club shall inure to the benefit of any member, officer, contributor or other private individual having, directly or indirectly, any personal or private interest in the activities of the Club.

Should the Club cease to conduct its affairs and be dissolved, all property and funds remaining after the payment of all debts and the satisfaction of all liabilities and obligations of the Club, and after the return, transfer or conveyance of all assets requiring return, transfer or conveyance thereof because of the dissolution of the Club, shall be distributed to any one or more organizations which are organizations described in each of Sections 501(c)(3), 170, 2055 and 2522 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the comparable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code then in effect, to further its exempt purposes. Such organization or organizations shall be selected by the Club, but if the Club fails to do so, shall be selected by the Executive Committee of UFDC. The foregoing shall constitute the plan of distribution upon dissolution of the Club.

The fiscal year of the Club shall be from September 1 to August 31.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERS

Sec. 1 – Membership

Persons of at least eighteen (18) years of age, owning a personal collection of no fewer to than ten (10) dolls, may apply for membership; said membership to be voted upon at any monthly meeting of the Club. The membership of the Club shall be unlimited, but not less than ten (10) members. The Club shall have one class of membership, Active, and may have two additional classes, Associate and Honorary.

A. Active

Persons who meet the above requirements, who regularly attend meetings and participate in the activities of the Club and pay any dues and fees assessed by the Club shall be eligible to be Active Members.

Applicants for membership shall be recommended by three (3) Active Members and shall attend three (3) meetings prior to a vote being taken on the application. Voting on the applicant shall occur at the fourth meeting, a quorum being determined. Three (3) negative votes will automatically result in rejection of an applicant.

Active members do not have to attend a set number of meetings.

Active members are entitled to vote on all matters which may come before the Club for consideration.

B. Associate

Persons who otherwise meet the requirements for Active Members, but, because of distance or other circumstances, are unable to attending meetings shall be eligible to be Associate Members.

The applications for membership and the voting procedure on such applications shall be similar to the procedure for Active Members where practical and subject to the Club's Standing Rules.

Associate Members are not required to attend meetings and shall not hold a Club office. The Club shall determine whether or not Associate Members are entitled to vote on matters to come before the club.

C. Honorary Members

Persons who have contributed significantly to the Club, to the development of doll collecting or to UFDC may be admitted as Honorary Members upon the adoption of a resolution naming them as such. The Club shall pay all fees for membership including those payable to UFDC.

Honorary Members shall not hold a Club office. The Club shall determine whether or not Honorary Members are entitled to vote on matters to come before the Club.

The Club (shall or shall not) have Honorary Members.

Honorary Members may vote on matters to come before the Club.

ARTICLE IV – ANNUAL CLUB DUES

The amount of annual club dues and the time of payment shall be determined by the Club and shall include all fees payable to UFDC. Annual fees are payable for every club member in each class of membership and include a subscription to DOLL NEWS (a quarterly publication of UFDC) for each member who does not already subscribe to DOLL NEWS through another club. It is the responsibility of the member to prove that he/she has already paid for a subscription for the upcoming year. A member may have the option of subscribing for copies of DOLL NEWS through each club to which he/she belongs.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

Sec. 1 – Officers

The officers of the Club shall be a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and such other officers as the members may elect.

Sec. 2 – Term

The term of each office shall be two (2) years. A person may be re-elected to office for a second two-year term, but may not serve again in that same office until an intervening term has elapsed.

Sec. 3 – Eligibility

A candidate for office must have been an Active Club Member in good standing for at least one year.

Sec. 4 – Nominations and Elections

The nominating committee shall report its slate of candidates for election at the Annual Business Meeting at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor. The officers shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Business Meeting. The person elected shall be that person who receives the greatest number of votes. If only one (1) candidate is nominated for an office and there is no dissenting voice, such candidate shall be deemed elected. No candidate shall be nominated who has not consented to serve, if elected.

Sec. 5 – Vacancies

Vacancies in office, except that of the President, who shall be succeeded by the Vice President, shall be appointed by the President and shall serve the remainder of the two (2) year term in office.

Sec. 6 – Commence of Office

Officers shall assume the duties and powers of office to commence with the year beginning September 1 or such earlier date as provided by the Standing Rules.

Sec. 7 – Duties

The duties of the officers of the Club shall be as hereinafter set forth.

A. President

The President shall preside at all meetings, appoint the chairman of all committees and serve as an ex officio member of those committees, the Nominating Committee excepted. The President shall have such other duties as may be prescribed by the Standing Rules or by a vote of the Club.

The President shall present any and all information sent to the Club by UFDC, complete any and all reports and/or forms and supply any information requested by UFDC, forwarding them at the time stipulated.

At the conclusion of the term of office, all papers belonging to the Club or pertaining to the duties of the office, including the UFDC Club President's Manual, shall be turned over to the incoming President.

B. Vice President

The Vice President shall work in cooperation with the President and shall perform such duties as may be assigned to him/her. The Vice President shall, in the absence of the President or at the President's request, perform the duties of the President.

C. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall receive, have supervision and custody of all monies, funds and credits of the Club and shall cause to be kept full and accurate accounts of the receipts and disbursements of the Club in books belonging to it. The Treasurer shall collect annually member dues and shall pay all bills of the Club as directed by a vote of the members.

The Treasurer shall submit annually a membership roster of the Club along with the correct fees payable to UFDC, according to the instructions issued by UFDC.

D. Secretary

The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Club and shall record or cause to be recorded all votes taken and minutes of all proceedings in the minute book of the Club. He/She shall be custodian of all books, papers and records of the Club and shall permit an inspection of such by any officer. The Secretary shall have such other duties as may be requested by an officer or by a vote of the Club.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

Sec. 1

The Club shall meet on a regularly scheduled basis a minimum six (6) times per year at times to be determined by a vote of the Club and set forth in the Standing Rules. The date or location of a meeting may be changed provided all members are so notified. Meetings shall be open to all classes of members.

Sec. 2

An Annual Business Meeting shall be held in April for the election of officers, to receive annual reports and for the transaction of such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting.

Sec. 3

Representation of 15 active members, including officers, % of the total number of votes entitled to be cast, present in person, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings of the club.

ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES

Sec. 1 – Executive Committee

The officers of the Club shall constitute the Executive Committee. This committee shall: have general supervision of the affairs of the Club between its business meetings; formulate plans and make recommendations to the Club; and perform such other duties as specified. The Executive Committee shall be subject to the orders of the Club and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by the Club.

Sec. 2 – Standing Committees

The President shall be an ex officio member of all standing committees except the Nominating Committee.

- A. A Finance Committee shall be appointed to review all financial and business records pertaining to the Club affairs in April of the election year, immediately prior to the transfer of these records to the newly elected officer. Recommendations of this committee shall be presented to the Executive Committee for study.
- B. A Program Committee shall be appointed to prepare the yearly programs of the Club, shall arrange for presentation at each meeting and shall prepare a booklet setting forth activities for the year.
- C. A Membership Committee shall be appointed to screen all prospective members and present a recommendation to the Club. This committee shall determine that applicants for membership meet the criteria set forth in these Bylaws as well as any other requirements established by the Club.
- D. The Nominating Committee shall consist of a minimum of three (3) persons who shall be elected at the February meeting (prior to the Annual Business Meeting). The President shall call for the election of this committee at least one (1) month prior to the Annual Business Meeting. The President shall appoint one of the elected members to serve as Chairman. This committee shall prepare a slate of candidates, one (1) for each office, for election at the

Annual Business Meeting provided, however, that no person shall be elected who has not consented to serve, if elected.

Sec. 3 – Special Committees

Such other committees may be appointed by the President as the club or Executive Committee may, from time to time, deem necessary to carry on the work of the club. The President shall be an ex officio member of all such committees.

ARTICLE VIII – DELEGATES TO UFDC

A delegate(s) may be elected, annually, in accordance with procedures set forth in the UFDC bylaws, for the purpose of representing the Club at the Annual UFDC Business Meeting. Delegate(s) shall be members in good standing of the Club, shall attend the Annual UFDC Business Meeting to express the desires and wishes of the Club, and return to the Club with a report of the Meeting.

ARTICLE IX – ETHICS

Sec. 1

All members are expected to comply with the Bylaws, established policies and procedures of the Club and UFDC. Each member agrees to conduct him/herself, at all times, in an ethical and harmonious manner so as to insure the fulfillment of the objectives of the Club and UFDC. Each member is expected to comply with any reasonable request of Club officers or any member of the UFDC Board of Directors.

Sec. 2

Any member who is continuously disruptive in meetings, who speaks against the Club and members, or creates serious dissension in any UFDC activity shall be brought before the Executive Committee who may censure the member or may request the resignation of the member.

Sec. 3

Any member censured or asked to resign has the right to represent his/her position to the membership of the Club who would then vote to uphold or deny the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE X – BYLAWS

These Club Bylaws may not be amended altered substantially, or repealed unless by direction of UFDC.

Note: See “Addendum to Standard Club Bylaws”

ARTICLE XI – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern this Club in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws, or the Bylaws of UFDC.

Adopted: April 10, 1999

Brenda W. Thomas, President

Ena Carlson, Secretary

Accepted to UFDC Membership: June 17, 1951

Charter Number: 18

ADDENDUM TO STANDARD CLUB BYLAWS

“The numbers or words which are used to complete the blanks in certain sentences of these Club Bylaws shall be a part of the Bylaws of the Club until such numbers or words are changed. Such numbers or words may be change by a vote of the membership of the Club at a duly authorized meeting at which notice of the proposed change in the Club Bylaws has been furnished to all members in writing prior to such meeting.”

If revisions to the Club's Standard Bylaws become necessary, they must be made according to the procedure outlined in the above addendum. Clubs should request another blank Standard Bylaws Form from the Central Office and return the revised copy to the 1st Vice President for review. The revised Bylaws will then be included in your Club's permanent file at the UFDC Central Office.

[Remember, only the words or numbers that are used to fill in the blanks may be changed.]