



GSDC News



October, 2017

Granite State Doll Club

Canterbury, NH

October Meeting Program: A Walk Down History Lane

Where:	Parish House Canterbury United Community Church Hackleboro Rd., Canterbury NH 03224
When:	Saturday, October 14 11:00 Social Hour & Lunch 12:00 Business Meeting 1:00 Program
Please bring:	Your nametag; a Mystery Gift if you owe one; your lunch including drink and dessert; printed copies of Proposed Standing Rules and Bylaws; scrapbooking supplies; photos or memorabilia from club meetings and events; the doll that started your collecting

President's Message: It was great to see so many of our members at the September meeting. I enjoyed hearing Peg's report about the convention even though I was there. We are still in need of a VP, accepting this job does not mean you must be President next year. So please think about this, I really could use someone's help. Our Doll Show was lovely, those of you who did not attend missed a great show. We have yet to decide where the show will be held next year as the hotel we use has been sold and Diane Gardenour (Chairperson) has not heard from the new owners. As part of this newsletter you will find the Proposed Updates to the By-Laws and Standing Rules. Please **print them out and bring to the October meeting** with you, we will discuss and vote on them at the meeting and will not have printed copies there for everyone. Please do not hesitate to contact me prior to the meeting regarding any concerns you may have, including spelling or grammatical errors. Zendelle and I reread them several times but new eyes make the difference. Our current Bylaws and Standing Rules are available on our club's website if you want to see the changes. If you wish to see the UFDC By-Laws, contact Susan Voake or me and we can forward them to you by email. This month's program had to be changed due to unforeseen circumstances and after many phone calls, we decided to move our review of the scrapbooks to October. See you in Canterbury. *Trudi*

Program: This month we will take a Walk Down History Lane as we look at our club's scrapbooks and add new photos. It will be fun to remember the good times with our friends who are no longer with us (and see how our own gray hairs have multiplied!) Jane Beaudry will bring all the scrapbooks as well as any pictures we need to add. If you have any scrapbooking supplies, photos or other club memorabilia you can bring, please do, as we would love to have everyone's input. For Show n' Tell, bring the doll or dolls that started your collecting. We should hear some great stories!

Proposed By-laws to be reviewed and voted upon. All words in red are the only words we can change and will be discussed and voted upon. My comments are in parenthesis in purple)

GRANITE STATE DOLL CLUB

Bylaws

Region 15

June 17, 1951

United Federation of Doll Clubs, Inc.
("UFDC")

Adopted April 10, 1999, Revised October 14, 2017

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

SECTION 1 – Membership. Persons of at least eighteen (18) years of age, owning a personal collection of 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.

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 must attend 2 meetings each year. Members who are absent from the required number of meetings without legitimate excuse will be dropped from active membership.

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.

The Club shall have Associate Members.

Associate Members **may or may not** vote on matters to come before the Club. [\(We must choose\)](#)

C. Honorary. 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 have Honorary Members.

Honorary Members **may or may not vote** on matters to come before the Club. [\(We must choose\)](#)

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

SECTION 1. Officers. The officers of the Club shall be a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and such other officers as the members may elect.

SECTION 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.

SECTION 3. Eligibility. A candidate for office must have been an Active Club Member in good standing for at least one year.

SECTION 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.

SECTION 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.

SECTION 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.

SECTION 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. She/he 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

SECTION 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.

SECTION 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.

SECTION 3. Representation of (15 active members, including officers), 40% 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. (UFDC requires that we use a percentage and I suggest 40% as that equals 15.2 members)

ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES

SECTION 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.

SECTION 2. Standing Committees. The President shall be an ex officio member of all standing committees except the Nominating Committee.

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.

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.

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.

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.

SECTION 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

SECTION 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.

SECTION 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.

SECTION 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.

***IMPORTANT See “Addendum**

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.

Accepted to UFDC Membership: June 17, 1951
Charter Number: 18

Adopted: April 10, 1999
Brenda W. Thomas, President
Ena Carlson, Secretary

Adopted: _____ 2017
Trudi C. Googins, President
Betty Bezanson, 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 changed 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 changes 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 UFDC Central Office and return the revised copy to the UFDC Office where a copy will be kept and the original sent to the Parliamentarian 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.

1. MEMBERSHIP

A. An applicant for membership shall submit a Letter of Intent to the Club's President.

B. When attending the second meeting as a guest, the applicant will receive an application form and a short version of the standing rules for membership.

C. Upon attendance at the third meeting, the completed application will be presented and read to the Club. The application must include the signatures of three (3) members in good standing acting as sponsors and be accompanied by a written reference from one of the sponsors. At this meeting the applicant will give a presentation to the Club of six (6) of the applicant's dolls. The applicant may not attend another meeting until notified of the Club's decision on membership.

D. At the next official meeting, the Club, without the applicant present, will review and discuss the application. A quorum of members in good standing will vote; a written ballot may be requested during the meeting or by request to the President prior to the meeting.

E. The Membership Committee Chairman will notify the applicant in writing of the Club's decision. If the Membership Chairman is unavailable, this shall be accomplished by one of the officers of the Club.

F. If the application is accepted:

1. The new member will be invited to the next meeting.

2. The new member will be welcomed and introduced to the Club at the next meeting he/she attends.

3. The new member must submit dues (pro-rated to the current quarter of the year) to the Treasurer.

4. The new member will receive GSDC Bylaws and Standing Rules.

G. All those considered Active members as of October 2017 may renew as Active members each year regardless of club attendance. New members joining after that date must attend at least two meetings per club year to retain their status as Active members. If they are unable to attend two meetings in a year, they can renew as Associate members the following year. (This matches the By-Laws)

H. Active members must notify a board member for an excused absence. Excused absences will be due to illness, death, weather conditions, vacation, accident or work emergency. (We need to add this to match By-Laws)

I. Doll collectors requesting Associate membership shall complete the same procedures (Sec. 1-7) as for Active membership, except need not attend meetings or show their dolls. Associate Members must have established a prior relationship with the Club. The Club may have unlimited Associate Members.

J. "Friend of Granite State Doll Club" membership may be conferred upon former active members who have contributed to the Club and are no longer able to take an active part. They may not hold office and do not have the right to vote.

K. Members must not use Club membership for personal or commercial profit.

L. Junior Members, aged 8-18, shall be encouraged and welcomed as non-voting members. Their dues shall be \$1.00 a year over and above the cost of DOLL NEWS, should they wish to subscribe.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Newly elected officers shall assume the office at the beginning of the fiscal year, September 1st, allowing the months of July and August for the transition of responsibilities to occur.

3. OFFICERS

A. The Office of Secretary office will be divided into Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary.

B. President, Vice President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by a written ballot at the Annual Meeting held in even-numbered years. If there is only one candidate for office and there is no dissenting voice, the vote may be taken viva voce. The office of Corresponding Secretary and Auditor shall be filled by appointment of the President at the first meeting after assuming office.

3. DUTIES OF Corresponding Secretary and Auditor

A. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct all correspondence and issue notices as required by the President.

B. The Auditor shall inspect the books of the Club and prepare a report to be presented at the Annual Meeting.

4. **Conflict of Interest:** Each officer, prior to taking his/her position on the Board, and all present Officers shall submit in writing to the President, a list of all businesses or other organizations of which she/he is an officer, director, trustee, member or owner (either as a sole proprietor or partner), shareholder, employee or agent with which the Corporation has, or might reasonably in the future enter into, a relationship or a transaction in which the Officer would have conflicting interests. The President shall become familiar with the statements of all the Directors in order to guide her/his conduct should a conflict arise. (Required by the State of New Hampshire)

5. MEETINGS

The Club shall meet on the second Saturday of each month, except on special holidays.

The Annual Meeting shall be held the second Saturday of April.

Meetings are open to all Active, Associate, Honorary, Junior Members, and Friends of Granite State Doll Club.

6. DUES

The initial dues for a new member shall be \$11.00 plus the cost of DOLL NEWS and any Federation levee.

The annual dues for a renewing member shall be \$10.00 plus the cost of DOLL NEWS and any Federation levee.

Dues are payable each April. Notices for unpaid dues shall be sent out twice. Any member in arrears as of June 15th shall be dropped from membership; however said member may reapply to the Club for reinstatement after payment of all past dues.

7. COMMITTEES

The President shall appoint the following committees at the first meeting after assuming office:

The Vice President shall be the chairman of the Program committee.

The Hospitality Committee shall send out all cards of get well, condolence, and for birthdays when requested. They may enlist assistance as needed.

The Publicity Committee shall strive to inform the public about the Club's activities either by newspaper, radio or television in order to promote interest in doll collecting.

The Charitable Committee shall assist in projects and community activities.

The Historical Committee shall maintain an active record of Club functions and history. They shall endeavor to obtain and distribute this record to persons as decreed by the Club. This shall include photography, newspaper items and keeper of the scrap books.

The Ways and Means Committee shall raise money for the club's general fund. They shall take responsibility for the annual auction if such auction is held.

8. DELEGATES

The Club will reimburse each elected delegate the amount of \$100 on return and report of said convention.

9. RESIGNATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Members shall submit a letter of intent to resign to the President.

10. AMENDING STANDING RULES

Standing Rules may be amended at a regular meeting provided notices and copies of such proposed amendment(s) shall have been distributed to all active members prior to date of discussion and voting.

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