



November, 2017

Granite State Doll Club

Canterbury, NH

**November Meeting**  
**Program: Ruth Gibbs Dolls with Jonathan Green**

Where:	<b>Parish House</b> <b>Canterbury United Community Church</b> Hackleboro Rd., Canterbury NH 03224
When:	<b>Saturday, November 11</b> 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 copy of Proposed Standing Rules; dolls made in the USA for Show and Tell; your Christmas Luncheon registration form and check; suggestions for Christmas Project donations.

**President's Message:** I hope you enjoyed the program in October as much as I did. Looking back at the history of the Doll Club was a lot of fun. It was great seeing our current members at earlier meetings. During the business meeting, we reviewed the updates to the chapter by-laws and as we had a quorum, we voted to accept them as presented. We will review the Standing Rules in November. They are attached and you are encouraged to print them and bring them to the meeting. I will have a few copies for those who are unable to print them out. We are trying to save money and paper and limit the number of copies we print and then don't use. See you on the 11th. *Trudi*

**Program:** This month guest speaker Jonathan Green will share the story of Ruth Gibbs and the Godey's Little Lady dolls she designed. These dolls with china heads and limbs were made in New Jersey in the 1940s. Please bring any examples you have in your collection. For the Show 'n Tell portion, bring any doll made in the USA. Should be a great program!

**Holiday Happenings:** If you haven't already sent your Christmas Luncheon form to Gerri, please bring it to the meeting with your check. If you need the form, you can print it out on our website at [www.granitestatedollclub.org](http://www.granitestatedollclub.org). At last month's meeting, we discussed possibilities for donations we can make for this year's Christmas Project. If you have ideas for charitable institutions where we can donate dolls, money or Christmas gifts, please bring suggestions to the meeting so we can make a final decision.

**PROPOSED UPDATES 11/11/2017**

**GRANITE STATE DOLL CLUB – STANDING RULES**

**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 November 11, 2017 may renew as Active members each year regardless of club attendance.
- H. New members joining after November 11, 2017 must attend at least two meetings per club year to retain their status as Active members. If they are unable to attend the requisite two meetings in a club year, they must notify a board member to request an excused absence. Excused absences will be granted due to illness, death, weather conditions, vacation, accident or work emergency. If absences are due to other reasons, they can renew as Associate members the following year (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.
- 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

**4. 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.

**5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

- A. 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.

B. 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)

## **6. MEETINGS**

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

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

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

## **7. DUES**

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

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

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

## **8. COMMITTEES**

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

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

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

iii. 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.

iv. The Charitable Committee shall assist in projects and community activities.

v. 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.

vi. 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.

## **9. DELEGATES**

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

## **10. RESIGNATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

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

## **11. AMENDING STANDING RULES**

A. 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.