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THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE FAIRFAX CLUB OF WEST VIRGINIA

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Constitution and By-Laws

Article I

Section A. The name of this organization shall be THE FAIRFAX CLUB OF WEST VIRGINIA.

Article II
OBJECTS

Section A. To form a body of men thoroughly representative, and who may be eligible to membership of the community covered by the Constitution and By-Laws; to unite its members in the closest bonds of fellowship; to encourage an active participation in all things that have to do with commercial, civic, educational and social betterment; to uphold the principles of good government; to take part in any meritorious movement, which would be for the good of the commun-

ity; and to cooperate with other organizations engaged in laudable endeavors for the public welfare.

Section B. The promotion of health, amateur sports, athletic recreation, entertainment and the cultivation of kindred interests among its members.

Article III

MEMBERSHIP

Section A. The membership of the Club shall be divided into the following classes: Active and Honorary.

Section B. There shall be no fixed limit to the number of members in the respective classes.

Section C. Any white adult male person shall be eligible to membership, provided he be a citizen of the United States and of good moral character and reputation.

Section D. Active members shall be those living within the Fairfax and Davis Districts and in the towns of Kempton, Maryland, and Henry, West Virginia, and passed upon by unanimous vote of the Membership Committee and the Board of Directors.

Section E. Honorary members shall be those who have rendered some distinguished ser-



vice in public life or in business affairs, and shall be elected by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors or unanimous vote of members present at any regular meeting. Honorary members shall not be required to pay dues, nor will they be entitled to vote or hold office.

Section F. All active members of the Club shall be elected by the membership committee by unanimous vote. An application for membership shall be proposed to the committee by at least two members in good standing.

Section G. Any person receiving notice of his election and shall not, within thirty days after sending of said notice, make payment of the entrance fee, shall forfeit all rights by his election, provided, that the Board of Directors may, for just cause, suspend the operation of this rule.

Article IV

FEES AND DUES

Section A. There shall be an entrance fee of \$15.00 for each active member.

Section B. The membership dues shall be \$10.00 per year for each active member, payable semi-annually in advance, and for the half in which they are elected.



Article V

RESIGNATION

Section A. Resignation of any member shall become effective upon written notice to President or Secretary of the Club, provided all dues to date of resignation have been paid.

Article VI

FORFEITURE OF MEMBERSHIP

Section A. Any member who neglects or refuses to pay any indebtedness due the Club within thirty days after formal demand has been made by notice from the Secretary, shall forfeit his membership.

Section B. If any member shall be charged in writing addressed to the President or Secretary by any member with conduct injurious to the good order, welfare, interest or character of the Club, or at variance with the requirements of the Constitution and By-Laws or Rules, the Board of Directors shall thereupon inform the member charged, in writing, and if upon inquiry, and after giving the person so charged an opportunity to be heard, the Board shall be satisfied of the truth of the charge, and that the same demands such action, they may proceed to expel such member, or to suspend him for a period not ex-

ceeding six months, or they may request him to resign, upon notice to him after having heard the case.

A two-thirds vote of the whole Board shall be required to expel or suspend a member.

Article VII

REINSTATEMENT

Section A. Action for reinstatement must be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors and it shall require unanimous vote of the Board and payment in full of all arrears to secure reinstatement.

Article VIII OFFICERS

Section A. The officers of the Club shall be a President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section B. The officers elected shall constitute a Board of Directors.

Article IX

MEETINGS

Section A. The annual meeting of the Club shall be the first regular meeting in the month of January for the election of officers,





and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it. All elections for officers shall be by ballot and a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to elect.

Section B. At all annual meetings of the Club 30 per cent of the members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section C. At least ten days before all annual meetings of the Club the Secretary shall notify each member of said meeting.

Section D. In addition to the annual meeting, the Club shall hold at least one meeting per month, the time and place to be determined by the Board of Directors, and such meetings shall constitute regular meetings of the Club where business of a helpful Community, State or National interest may be discussed and passed upon.

Article X

QUALIFICATION OF OFFICERS

Section A. No person shall be eligible to hold office in this Club unless he be a member in good standing.

Section B. No Officer or Director shall receive any compensation for any service rendered this Club with the exception of the

Secretary, whose compensation shall be fixed by the Board of Directors.

Article XI

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section A. The duties of said officers shall be in accordance with the general guidance of parlamentary rules.

Section B. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys from the Secretary and deposit the same in a Bank in the name of the Club and shall pay out money only on order drawn by the Treasurer and countersigned by the President. He shall give such Bond as the Board of Directors may desire and the cost of such bond shall be borne by the Club.

Article XII

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section A. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the Club and shall serve for one year. They shall be elected at the annual meetings of the Club and shall serve until their successors are elected.

Section B. The Board of Directors shall have general charge of the affairs, fund and property of the Club. It shall have full power and it shall be its duty to carry out





the purpose of the Club according to the Constitution and By-Laws. The Board shall make, or cause to be made, all necessary contracts.

Section C. The Board of Directors shall meet each year not later than one week after the annual meeting of the Club and shall elect all committees deemed necessary for the good of the Club. And such Committees shall hold office until the meeting of the Board of Directors next following the next annual meeting of the Club and until their successors are elected.

Section D. The majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section E. The Board of Directors shall make and enforce rules regulating the use of any property of the Club and the promotion and maintance of social welfare and athletic recreation activities at any time. It shall have the power to fix and enforce penalties for violation of the rules so made, and to remit penalties for offences against the rules and unintentional violations of the Constitution and By-Laws.

Section F. The Board of Directors shall have the power to make and amend rules for its government, and to fix and enforce

penalties for the violation thereof, and shall have the power to decide all questions not governed by the Constitution and By-Laws.

Section G. The Board of Directors shall hold a special meeting whenever in its judgment the call is necessary.

Section H. The Board of Directors shall have the power to assess the members whenever in its judgment it is necessary, but said assessment shall not exceed \$5.00 in any one year, without the consent of two-thirds of the membership in good standing.

Section I. The Board of Directors shall fill any vacancy in its membership by electing a member to hold office until the next annual meeting of the Club and until his successor shall be elected. The Board of Directors shall fill any vacancy occurring in any office or committee, except the office of President, by the election of a member qualified as herein provided, to fill the unexpired term.

Section J. The Board of Directors shall on or before the first Monday in the month of January of each year, appoint a committee of three members, who shall audit the Treasurer's accounts and report thereon in writing to the Board on or before the regular annual meeting. Section K. The Board of Directors shall submit at each annual meeting of the Club a general report of the affairs of the Club; also a copy of the Treasurer's accounts, together with the report of the Auditing committee thereon.

Article XIII

GUESTS

Section A. No person living within the boundaries prescribed by this Constitution and By-Laws, except he be a member and his wife, daughters and minor sons, shall be entitled to the privileges of the Club or property at any time.

Section B. A Visitor refers to a person living beyond the boundaries prescribed by this Constitution and By-Laws. A Visitor may be introduced to the privileges of the Club or property by a member in good standing under the rules adopted by the Board of Directors governing the same.

Article XIV

EMBLEMS

Section A. The emblem of the Club shall be as described; the outside circle of the emblem to have a back-ground of gold with

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black lettering "The Fairfax Club of West Virginia 1923" placed within the circle, and the inner background to be red with gold impression of the Fairfax stone, upon which would be the letters "FFx 1746" in black. Section B. The colors of the Club shall be gold, black and red. Section C. The flower of the Club shall be the Rhododendron.

Article XV

AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws may be made at the annual meeting or at a meeting called for the purpose, by a two-thirds vote of all members present, provided that a written notice of the proposed amendments shall be submitted to the Board of Directors and approved by a majority vote of the whole of said Board; and provided further, that notice of the proposed amendments shall be given to all members by the Secretary at least ten days before the date of said meeting.

AMENDMENTS

ADOPTED AT ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 7, 1924

- Article III.—Section A—Insert the word "associate" between the words "active" and "and."
- Article III.—Section DD—Associate members shall be those living beyond the already described boundaries of the active membership in Section D, and passed upon by unanimous vote of the Membership Committee and the Board of Directors.
- Article III.—Section F—Insert the words "and associate" between the words "active" and "members."
- Article IV.—Section A—Insert the words "and associate" between the words "active" and "member."
- Article IV.—Section B—Insert the word "and associate" between the words "active" and "member."

