

APPLETON LIBATION ENTHUSIASTS® Homebrew Club



Appleton Wisconsin

Constitution and By-laws

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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the “Appleton Libation Enthusiasts[®]”, hereafter referred to as The “ALE” Homebrewers Club.

ARTICLE II - OBJECT

The general purpose shall be the practice and study of the art and science of brewing and the gathering, dissemination, and perpetuation of facts and knowledge of those subjects. We will also be advocates for the responsible consumption of beverages containing alcohol.

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS

The Constitutional officers of this association shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a club brewmaster. One officer, called the Secretary, may perform the duties of the Secretary and Treasurer, in the event there is a shortage of candidates willing to run for one of the positions.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Membership in The ALE Club shall be open to anyone with an active interest in brewing and/or an appreciation for any fine beverage containing alcohol, and who has reached the legal drinking age for the State of Wisconsin and pays the annual dues.

ARTICLE V - FUNDS

The funds for the Association shall be raised by the collection of annual dues and by such other means as the Association shall from time to time determine. Annual dues shall be determined by a majority vote of the attending members of the annual business meeting.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

The proper office or meeting place of the ALE club shall be in the State of Wisconsin. Meetings shall be held on a regular basis as determined by the members. The Annual meeting shall be the first meeting of the calendar year. Special meetings may be called according to the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII - BYLAWS AND AMENDMENTS

The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote by ballot of the members present at a meeting provided that the amendment has been read at the previous meeting.

ARTICLE VIII - DISSOLUTION

The Association shall not be dissolved except by two-thirds vote and the equal division of its properties and assets to all members in good standing.

BYLAWS

SECTION 1 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Elections shall be held at the annual business meeting. Elected officers shall take office at the following meeting, and will serve for one year. Candidates for office may be nominated by any member in good standing from the floor, provided that the nominee has consented to accept the nomination.

Any member in good standing may vote in The ALE club elections or on any question before the membership at any meeting. Candidates for President must have been members in good standing for a minimum of one full year.

SECTION 2 - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

The President shall supervise the general affairs of the ALE club and shall preside at all meetings. The President may call special meetings and shall appoint committees and their chairs as may be needed.

The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in the absence of the President.

The Secretary shall take minutes of all meetings and keep records of the same. The secretary shall conduct Association correspondence as required by the President or Vice President.

The Treasurer shall handle all Association funds, maintain financial records and make reports to the membership at the annual meeting.

One officer, the Secretary, may perform the functions of Secretary and Treasurer, in the event there is a shortage of candidates willing to run for one of the positions.

The Brewmaster shall inform the club members of future homebrew competitions and encourage the members to enter, and shall organize club brews at members homes and club tastings.

The Members-at-Large shall serve on the activities committee and help to perform any duties assigned to that committee.

SECTION 3 - COMMITTEES

Committees shall be established by the President or by vote of the membership.

SECTION 4 - DUES AND/OR INITIATION FEES

Annual membership dues shall be determined by the members in good standing at the annual business meeting. Payment of dues grants membership in the Association for twelve calendar months.

SECTION 5 - MEETING PROCEDURE

Meetings shall be governed by Robert's Revised Rules of Order where applicable and not inconsistent with the Association's Constitution and Bylaws.

SECTION 6 - QUORUMS

Forty percent of members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for transaction of any business at any meeting.