

FARGO CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE BYLAWS

ARTICLE I NAME AND OBJECTS

SECTION 1. The name of this organization shall be the Fargo Contract Bridge League.

SECTION 2. It shall be the object of this organization to: promote and foster duplicate bridge within the Fargo-Moorhead metropolitan area; aid and coordinate activities within the club consistent with the above purpose; cooperate in all ways with the policies of the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL), ACBL District 14 and the Fargo Contract Bridge League of North Dakota, and ACBL Unit 104; aid the supervision and promotion of tournaments within the Fargo-Moorhead area; and cooperate with the ACBL's charity programs.

ARTICAL II MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. The Fargo Contract Bridge League welcomes all levels of players. Any person who plays in the Fargo Contract Bridge League, and is a resident of the Fargo-Moorhead metropolitan area (Cass and Clay counties) and a current ACBL member in good standing, shall be considered a **voting member**. Voting membership request forms will be available for any active ACBL players in the club who live outside the Fargo-Moorhead area. No person shall be denied from membership because of race, color, creed or sexual orientation.

SECTION 2. Such person shall remain a member, unless such person is currently suspended or expelled from membership by the ACBL, the local district to which they belong, the local unit to which they belong, or the Fargo Contract Bridge League.

ARTICLE III OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

SECTION 1. Officers: The Officers of this organization shall be a President, and a Vice President, who shall be elected by the Directors from their own number at the Annual Meeting of the Directors, to be held after the annual meeting of the members of this organization.

SECTION 2. Terms of Office: The Officers shall take their office immediately after their election and shall hold office for the term of one (1) year or until their successors are duly elected.

SECTION 3. President The President shall:

- (a) Preside over all meetings of the members and of the Directors
- (b) Execute those documents directed to be executed by authority of the Board of Directors
- (c) Exercise all authority ordinarily exercised by the President of a corporation

SECTION 4. Vice President The Vice President shall:

- (a) Perform the Duties of the President in the absence or disability of the President
- (b) Shall assume the office of President if the President vacates the office

SECTION 5. Club Manager

- (a) The Club Manager shall be appointed by the Board of Directors
- (b) The Club Manager may be a compensated position, with compensation determined by the Board of Directors
- (c) Recognized by ACBL as the sanction owner of the club, the Club Manager shall perform all duties required as identified by ACBL guidelines and as directed by the Board of Directors. Submit in a timely manner, all IRS, State and ACBL requirements.
- (d) The Club Manager may delegate the duties of the Secretary and Treasurer

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

SECTION 1. The annual meeting of the members of this organization shall be held on a date to be determined by the Board of Directors at the end of the fiscal year. Said meeting shall be held at such a place, within the state of North Dakota, as may be designated by the Board of Directors in the notice of the meeting. Written notice of the annual meeting of members shall be given to each member by **US mail or electronic**

conveyance not less than 15 days prior to the meeting, and **posting** such notice in a place of prominence within the playing area of the club at least 14 days prior to the meeting.

SECTION 2. Special meetings of the members may be called by the President, by a majority vote of the Directors of the organization, or upon written petition of at least 10 of the active club members, in which case it shall be the duty of the President of the organization to cause due notice of the meeting to be given. Notice of a special meeting of members shall state the date, time, place and purpose of the special meeting and shall be issued within 10 days after presentation of such a petition. Mailed or electronic notice and posted notice of the special meeting shall be given in the same manner as prescribed for notice of a regular meeting.

SECTION 3. A quorum for the transaction of business at any annual or special meeting shall consist of those members in attendance, phone or electronically at a duly called meeting.

ARTICAL V BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. Membership: The affairs of the club shall be managed and conducted by the Board of Directors which shall consist of seven (7) directors who qualify as voting members under Article II, Section 1. Each member of the Board of Directors shall have one (1) vote.

SECTION 2. Terms of Office: Each director shall hold office for a term of 2 years each. The election of the directors shall be staggered in two 2 year cycles with three (3) directors elected in cycle one and four (4) in cycle two.

SECTION 3. Vacancies: Any vacancy on the Board of Directors shall be filled by the board. Any person so appointed shall hold office for the remainder of the unexpired term.

SECTION 4. Meetings: The Board of Directors shall hold a minimum of six (6) meetings per year. Regular meetings shall be pursuant to the regulations established by the Board of Directors.

(See Article IV Section 1 and 2

SECTION 5. Quorum: The quorum of the Board of Directors for the transaction of business shall consist of not less than a majority of the entire board membership in person, by electronic conveyance or by phone.

SECTION 6. Powers and Duties: The Board of Directors shall have the powers and duties, including, but not limited to:

- (a) The conduct, management, supervision and control of the business of the club
- (b) Conduct of club events
- (c) Employment and discharging of employees, supervision of their conduct and fixing the compensation for said employees

SECTION 7. Committees: The Board of Directors may appoint standing committees to expedite the ad hoc affairs of the club. The Board shall designate the number of committee members and the President shall appoint the chair person of each ad hoc committee formed.

- (a) The Board of Directors shall appoint an Audit Committee with said audit to be completed and a report to the Board made no less than at least 30 days prior to the annual membership meeting
- (b) The Board of Directors shall appoint a Nominating Committee. Nominations shall be presented 30 days prior to the annual membership meeting

(see Article VI, Sections 1 & 2)

ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES

SECTION 1: The Audit Committee shall consist of at least two (2) people, one a member and one qualified in finance. They are required to review bank statements, balance sheets and statements of revenues and expenditures, and see that the club is in compliance with any IRS, State and ACBL requirements.

SECTION 2: The Nominating Committee shall be comprised of at least two (2) Board members who have been appointed by vote of the Board of Directors and one (1) member at large.

ARTICLE VII

IMPEACHMENT

SECTION 1: Any member of the Board of Directors may be removed from office for cause at any meeting of the Board of Directors, provided two-thirds (2/3) of those present constituting a quorum shall so vote. Any board member against whom impeachment charges shall be brought shall be notified in writing, by certified mail, of the charges against him/her at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting, and shall be given an opportunity to be heard before the Board of Directors. Absence of three (3) consecutive meetings, without due cause, may be grounds for removal.

ARTICAL VIII AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. Amendments to the Bylaws may be proposed by a majority of the Board of Directors, or proposed change(s) in writing by members of the Club, with a Petition signed by at least ten (10) active club members and submitted to the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. Proposed amendments to the Bylaws, when submitted on petition by the members shall be submitted to the Board of Directors and/or when submitted by the majority of the Board of Directors shall be submitted for adoption at a meeting of the members. Notice of the meeting of members stating the purpose and the amendment proposed in detail shall be given to each member entitled to vote. Such amendment shall be adopted by a majority vote of the members of the meeting called for that purpose and shall be effective immediately upon the completion of the vote, unless a different effective date is stated in the amendment.

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Bylaws shall be reviewed a minimum of every 3 years

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