

Constitution and By-Laws

Of the

Minnesota Elks Bowling

Association Inc.

Pursuant to a resolution adopted at the 49th Annual Convention of the Minnesota Elks Association in Duluth, Minnesota on June 5, 1953 the following Articles of incorporation are executed.

Article I – Name and Purpose

Section 1. This Association is named and shall be known as the Minnesota Elks Bowling Association, and shall operate within the state of Minnesota.

Section 2. The purpose of this Association is twofold: First, in a general way, to promote bowling among Elks in the State of Minnesota, and second, to specifically control, manage and operate the annual Minnesota Elks State Bowling Tournament.

Article II – Membership

Section 1. Every person who is a member in good standing of any Elks Lodge in the State of Minnesota is automatically a member of this Association, and may participate in the Annual Tournament. There shall be no membership fee of any kind.

Article III – Government.

Section 1. The government and management of the affairs of this Association shall be vested in a Board of Directors, consisting of eight (8) members, two (2) from each of the districts of the State of Minnesota. Who shall be elected one every two (2) years at the Fall District Meetings of the Minnesota Elks Association, for alternating four (4) year terms.

Section 2. The Officers of this Association shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. Each shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at their annual meeting which is held at Men's Camp opening at the Minnesota Elks Youth Camp. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by one (1) person.

Section 3. If any member of the Board of Directors shall resign from the Board such vacancy for the remainder of the term shall be filled by the appropriate District of the Minnesota Elks Association.

Section 4. The Trustees of the Minnesota Elks Association shall have the authority to audit the accounts of the Minnesota Elks Bowling Association.

The President or other designated MEBA Director shall make a written report to be submitted at the Minnesota Elks Association at its Annual Convention.

Article IV – By-Laws

Section 1. The Board of Directors of this Association shall have the power to make such By-Laws for the government of this Association and the management of its affairs as said Board shall deem fit, but no such By-Laws shall be inconsistent with Elkdom. The By-Laws shall be adopted by a majority of the Board Directors. Amendments to the By-Laws shall be made in the same manner and by the same vote as the original.

Article V – Quorum

Section 1. Five (5) Directors shall constitute a quorum and may transact business.

Article VI – Meetings

Section 1. Meetings shall be held two (2) times a year. In the spring following the close of the annual State Bowling Tournament at Men's Camp opening at the Minnesota Elks Youth Camp or the Annual Convention, and in the fall at the Midyear Conference of the Minnesota Elks State Association.

Article VII – Amendment of By-Laws

Section 1. The By-laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Board of Directors by a majority vote.

Article VIII - Duties of Officers

Section 1. President. The duties of the President shall be to preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors; call such meetings as required and may be necessary; and perform other duties as required pertaining to such office.

Section 2. Vice President. The Vice President in the absence or disability of the President shall perform the duties of the President.

Section 3. In the event both the President and Vice President shall be absent or disabled for any meeting, the Board of Directors shall elect a President for that meeting, who shall perform the duties of the President.

Section 4. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep a correct record of all meetings and proceedings. They shall immediately turn over to the Treasurer all monies that come into the Secretary belonging to the Association. They shall keep a permanent record of the report and each and every Annual Tournament, both financial and otherwise. They shall likewise perform and discharge such other duties pertaining to the office of the Secretary.

Section 5. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall likewise keep a true and correct record and account of all monies received by them for the Association. They shall pay out such funds only upon the order of the Association. They shall make and submit a financial report of each meeting. They shall safely keep the funds of the Association in a bank.

Article IX – Annual Tournament shall be conducted as follows.

Section 1. Site. The place for holding the Annual Minnesota Elks Bowling Tournament shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Requirements for bidding on the Tournament are: The Lodge must have had at least one team participate in the previous Tournament. The Lodge must have a presentation for the Board of Directors at the Fall meeting of the Minnesota Elks Association held in October.

Section 2. Area Location, each District in the state will host the Tournament once every four (4) years. The Board of Directors will keep a record on which District will be hosting the Annual Tournament. If no Lodge in the bidding District wishes to host the Tournament then it will be offered to one of the other Districts.

Section 3. Fees, The entry fees to be paid by members who participate in the Annual Tournament shall be determined by the Board of Directors and reviewed annually to determine any changes due to costs involved in the Tournament.

Section 4. Prizes, all monies for prizes will be broken down into distribution as to categories of the Tournament are available to all participating Lodges. Awards for first place finishers will be determined by the Directors and paid for by the MEBA.

Section 5. Dates, the dates for the Annual Tournament shall be all four (4) weekends in the month of February unless previously approved by the Board of Directors when they award the Tournament to the winning Lodge.

Section 6. Host Lodge. The host Lodge will appoint a Chairman to oversee the Tournament and will be point of contact for the Board of Directors for all issues regarding the Tournament.

Section 7. Sanctioning. The Annual Tournament shall be a United States Bowling Congress certified tournament and the host Lodge is required to get the appropriate documentation proving such and that all participants are sanctioned by the USBC or pay any participation fee required to receive USBC awards.

Section 8. Elks Members, all entry forms must be signed by the Lodge Secretary verifying that all team members are members in the Lodge or have a "Spouse's Card" and are in good standing before submitting to the hosting Lodge.

Article X – Conduct of Meetings

Section 1. Conduct shall include roll call, reading of minutes and communications, unfinished business, new business, and good of the Association and adjournment.