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THE UNIT

The Unit functions within the Bylaws and Regulations of the American Contract Bridge League and its District.

OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANIZATION

- 1) To preserve and promote the best interests of and to stimulate interest in the art of playing competitive duplicate contract bridge and any modification thereof;
- 2) To cooperate with the League in the promotion and conduct of contract bridge tournaments;
- 3) To encourage the highest standards of conduct and ethics by its members, and to enforce such standards;
- 4) To promote the development and organization of affiliated games and clubs within the Unit;
- 5) To cooperate in the League's Charity Program, and to sponsor and conduct Charity events with the object of realizing funds to be devoted to worthy humanitarian causes;
- 6) To conduct such other activities as may be in keeping with its principal objectives.

ARTICLE I

UNIT JURISDICTION

The La Jolla and Beach Unit has jurisdiction over the La Jolla and Beach area plus any other areas that may be assigned to it by the Board of Directors of the ACBL

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

- 1) Any person of good moral character and normally playing with the jurisdiction of the Jolla-Beach Area Unit is eligible for membership and no person shall be denied because of race, creed or color.
- 2) An eligible person may become a member upon application and payment of the annual dues.
- 3) The acceptance of the application shall bind the applicant to full compliance with and adherence to these Bylaws, the La Jolla-Beach Unit's Charter, and Bylaws of ACBL.
- 4) Membership in the Unit carries with it membership in the American Contract Bridge League
- 5) A member remains in good standing unless:
 - a) Dues have not been paid in accordance with regulations of ACBL
 - b) Suspended or expelled from membership in accordance with regulations established by the ACBL and the Board of Directors of the Unit, provided that such regulations:
 - i) Conform to the rules of due process applicable to membership corporations.
 - ii) Are established by the Board of Directors of the Unit not be in conflict with the regulations of the ACBL.

ARTICLE III

DUES

Annual dues shall be in the amount fixed by the ACBL

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

- 1) There shall be an annual meeting of the members, which may be held in connection with a tournament or special event which Unit members attend.
- 2) The Unit Board of Directors shall fix the time and place of the annual meeting and shall give appropriate notice of such meeting by mail or Unit publications.
- 3) Special meetings of the members may be called at any time by the Unit Board of Directors or by the President, or by petition of 10 members in order to consider specific subject matters. Notice of the time and place of any special meeting shall be given by mail at least 10 days before such meeting. The notice of any special meeting shall contain an agenda of the matters to be taken up at such meeting. No other business shall be acted upon at such special meeting.
- 4) A quorum for the transaction of business at any annual or special meeting shall consist of 25 members.
- 5) No proxies shall be permitted.

ARTICLE V

UNIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 1) **Number of Directors.**
The affairs of the Unit shall be managed and conducted by the Unit Board of Directors which shall consist of 10 persons, all of whom must be members of the Unit.
- 2) **Term of Office**
Each director shall hold office for a period of two years which shall coincide with the fiscal years of the Unit and shall continue to hold office until a successor shall have been duly elected. Five Directors are to be elected each year. The fiscal year of the Unit is from 1 July to 30 June of the succeeding year.
- 3) **Nomination and Election of Directors**
Candidates for Director shall be nominated from and elected by the membership of the Unit.
- 4) **Vacancies**
Any vacancy on the Unit Board of Directors shall be filled by the Board of Directors and the persons so appointed shall hold office for the balance of the unexpired term.
- 5) **Meetings**
 - a) The Unit Board of Directors shall hold a minimum of 10 meetings a year, the first of which shall be the meeting following the election of the new Directors, and the last of which shall be the annual membership meeting.
 - b) Board meetings shall be open to all Unit members and invited guests. Only members of the Board shall participate in the transaction of business at meetings. Others may speak at the invitation of the President or a majority of the Board, but may not take part in debate except to answer questions put to them by the Directors.
 - c) The Directors may hold private sessions when the Board is considering matters relating to discipline, ethics, or other matters for which privacy is indicated.
 - d) No portion of the minutes shall be secret.
- 6) **Conduct**
All meetings of the Board shall be conducted in accordance with *Roberts Rules of Order*.
- 7) **Quorum**
A quorum of the Board of Directors for the transaction of business shall consist of not less than 5 Directors.
- 8) **Powers and Duties**
In addition to the powers herein granted by other provisions hereof, and by the laws of

the State of California, the Unit Board of Directors shall have powers and duties involving, but not limited to:

- a) the conduct, management, supervision, and control of the business of the Unit;
- b) the conduct of Unit tournaments;
- c) the employment and discharge of employees, and the supervision of their conduct and fixing of their compensation.
- d) the audit of all receipts and disbursements of the Unit
- e) the censure, suspension, expulsion, or other discipline of any member. No member shall be censured, suspended, expelled or otherwise disciplined until furnished with written charges to which he/she has had time to reply or until after a hearing on which he/she has received reasonable notice. He/she may be represented by counsel. Disciplinary action by the Unit may be appealed to the National Board of Directors. The right of a member to play in tournaments during the pendency of action upon charges against him shall not be affected unless otherwise directed by the Board.

ARTICLE VI

UNIT OFFICERS

- 1) **Number**
The officers of the Unit shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. Offices may be combined, if necessary.
- 2) **Election**
The Board of Directors shall elect all officers from its members at its first meeting following the annual election of Directors and the persons elected shall hold office for one year or until their successors have been duly elected.
- 3) **Vacancies**
Vacancies due to death, resignation, or other causes shall be filled by the Board of Directors
- 4) **Duties**
The duties of the officers shall be those outlined in the Unit Bylaws and Unit Policies/Procedures and shall be consistent with ACBL regulations.

ARTICLE VII

IMPEACHMENT

Any officer or Director may be removed for cause at any meeting of the Unit Board of Directors provided two-thirds of those present constituting a quorum shall so vote. Any Officer or Director against whom impeachment charges shall be brought shall be:

- 1) Notified in writing, by registered mail, of the charges against him, at least 10 days prior to the meeting.
- 2) Given an opportunity to be heard before the Unit Board of Directors and be represented by counsel of own choosing.

Any action taken by the Board of Directors shall be conclusive and final. Absence from 3 consecutive meetings may be cause for removal of a Director.

ARTICLE VIII

COMMITTEES

The President shall appoint such committees as may be necessary to perform the functions of the organization and shall define their duties. All the chairpersons of standing committees shall be members of the Board, but any Unit Member may serve on a committee or be chairperson of a

special committee. Such committee members may sit with the Board only in a reporting capacity and not vote with the Board.

ARTICLE IX

TOURNAMENTS

The Unit shall have complete authority over all tournaments conducted by it, subject to the regulations of the ACBL.

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

Amendments to the Bylaws may be made by the members of the Unit upon:

- 1) Petition signed by at least 10 members and submitted to the Secretary at least 10 days in advance of:
 - a) The annual meeting
 - b) Any special meeting called for the purpose,
- 2) Upon petition signed by at least 5 members of the Unit Board of Directors.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to incorporate the text of the proposed amendment in the notice of the meeting. The concurrence of two-thirds of all members present and voting shall be required to pass any amendment.