Constitution and By-Laws

of the

~~Mt. Airy~~ Goodtimers Athletic and Social Club

a non-profit corporation

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization shall be the ~~Mt. Airy~~ Goodtimers Athletic and Social Club. (Hereinafter name is shortened to “the club” in these by-laws).

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The purpose of the club will be the support of these by-laws, promotion of good will through community relations, the strengthening of our organization, and promotion of our athletic and social programs.

Anything about… Freedom? Unity?

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1: ~~Original~~ Membership: Membership in the club did consist of present players, coaches, and sponsors. Do we still need this?

Section 2: ~~Voting Membership:~~ Membership in the club will consist of voting and non-voting members. See ARTICLE XIV of By-Laws. Are we still operating under voting and non-voting?

Section 3: New Members: Applicants for membership in the club must be male and at least 18 years of age. Male?

Section 4: Application for Membership: Application and ~~application fee~~ must be submitted to the officers by the first Thursday of the month. Applications will be considered at the following months meeting.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section 1: The officers of the club shall be a President, Vice-President, ~~Recording~~ Secretary, Treasurer, ~~Corresponding Secretary~~, and Sergeant-at-Arms. Consolidate Secretaries?

Section 2: The term of office shall be one year from September 1 thru August 31.

Section 3: All officers shall be elected by written ballot and the any officer with the exception of the Vice-President may be a candidate so succeed himself in the same office.

Section 4: The Vice-President automatically assumes the duties and responsibilities of the President the following term. If for any reason the President can’t fulfill his obligation as President, the Vice-President will perform the President’s duties for the remainder of that term and will assume the presidency the following year.

Section 5: Vacancies of the less than a one (1) year duration shall be filled by nomination of two candidates at any regular meeting and the majority vote of the members present is sufficient for the election to such vacancy.

ARTICLE V

Directors

Section 1: The Board of Directors shall consist of five (5) members.juh

Section 2: The following are the offices held with the job requirements:

* ~~Chairman of the Board (in charge of the board)~~
* ~~Vice-Chairman (Director of operations)~~
* ~~Recording Chairman (Recording minutes of the meeting)~~
* ~~Financial Chairman (Director of Business Affairs)~~
* ~~President (Voice of the Club)~~

We aren’t doing any of this. At this time our Board Members don’t have any responsibilities but voting and attending the Board of Directors monthly meeting.

Section 3: Four directors shall run for a four (4) year term with replacement of one directorship per year for a new four (4) year term.

Section 4: The elected President of the club will automatically be a director of the board through his one (1) year term of office.

Section 5: Vacancies in office may be filled only until the next annual election meeting by the remaining members of the Board of Directors voting thereon by ballot. This does not include the unexpired term of the President whose vacancy would automatically be filled by the Vice-President.

ARTICLE VI

Meetings

Section 1: Meetings: The club shall meet on the first Thursday of every month at 8:00 PM. The day of the meeting is subject to change.

Section 2: Special Meetings: Meetings shall be called by the President upon request of any 20 members in good standing. Notice of special meeting will be given in writing at least five (5) days before meeting.

Section 3: Any member being ejected from a meeting by the Sgt-at-Arms will be subject to expulsion from the club by the Board of Directors.

Section 4: At the regular ~~March~~ July meeting of each year, the President shall appoint ~~six (6)~~ two (2) members to the nominating committee, ~~three (3)~~ one (1) to be designated gold ticket, ~~three (3)~~ one (1) to be brown ticket, who shall then prepare a list of candidates to be reported to the Club at the first regular meeting in ~~April~~  August, plus have one (1) candidate for the position as the new member of the Board of Directors. In addition to candidates nominated by the Committee, the President will call for nominations from the floor allowing one candidate for each office. The polls shall be opened and all officers shall be elected by a secret ballot at the first regular meeting in May. The polls shall close exactly one hour after the meeting starts.

Section 5: All duly elected officers shall be installed at the first regular meeting in September.

ARTICLE VII

Order of Business

Section 1: The order of Business at regular and special meetings shall be:

1. ~~Sign-in sheet~~
2. Call to order
3. Reading of the ~~minutes of the previous meeting~~ newsletter.
4. Treasurer’s report.
5. Report of committees.
6. Unfinished business.
7. Communications
8. New Business
9. Adjournment

Section 2: At the September meeting of each year, the chairmen of each standing committee will turn in a written annual report to the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII

Quorum

Section 1: Twenty (20) members shall constitute a quorum at all regular and annual meetings of the club.

Section 2: Three (3) directors shall constitute a quorum of a meeting of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX

Amendments

Section 1: Any member who wishes to change the by-laws must submit to the Recording Secretary the amendment or addition in writing.

Section 2: Any amendment or addition to the by-laws must be read to the membership on two (2) consecutive regular meetings and appear in those two (2) consecutive newsletters.

Section 3: At the third (3rd) consecutive regular meeting, the amendment or addition will be read and voted on.

Section 4: Only voting members will be eligible to vote.

Section 5: Majority of the voting members will decide the acceptance or rejection of the proposed amendment.

ARTICLE X

Duties of the Officers

Section 1: The regular term of office shall commence September 1 of each year, for a period of one (1) year.

Section 2: The President shall:

1. Preside at all meetings.
2. Act as ex-officio member of all committees, except the nominating committees.
3. Appoint chairmen of all standing and special committee.
4. Appoint chairman of the nominating committees with the approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 3: The Vice-President shall:

1. Preside over meetings in the absence of the President.
2. Become President for the unexpired term in case of resignation, disability, or death of the President.
3. Serve as parliamentarian at all meetings.
4. Maintain individual membership records.
5. Deliver all records to his successor, who shall file them as directed by the Board of Directors.

Section 4: The Treasurer shall:

1. Have charge of all funds of this club.
2. Pay all bills authorized by the Board of Directors.
3. Keep a record of all monies received and disbursed, and prepare a report of the same at the regular monthly meeting.
4. Pay all bills by check.
5. Notify all members that dues are due no later than the April meeting.
6. Deliver all records to his successor, who shall file them as directed by the Board of Directors.

Section 5: The ~~Recording~~ Secretary shall:

1. Make and keep accurate records of all the proceedings of all meetings of the club.
2. Conduct the general correspondence of the club.
3. Notify all applicants for membership of their election or rejection.
4. Notify officers of their election and the committees of their appointment and state their duties.
5. Receive and present all applications for membership to the Vice-President of the club.
6. Deliver all records to his successor, who shall file them as directed by the Board of Directors.

~~Section 6: The Corresponding Secretary shall:~~

1. ~~Conduct the general correspondence of the club.~~
2. ~~Notify all applicants for membership of their election or rejection.~~
3. ~~Notify officers of their election and the committees of their appointment and state their duties.~~
4. ~~Deliver all records to his successor, who shall file them as directed by the Board of Directors.~~

Section 7: The Sergeant-at-Arms shall:

1. Conduct the regular meeting in an orderly manner.
2. ~~Keep all attendance records of all mandatory functions and meetings.~~
3. Deliver all records to his successor, who shall file them as directed by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XI

Duties of the Board of Directors

Section 1: The Board of Directors shall:

1. Have the power to govern the club.
2. Meet at least once a month at the call of the chairman and fulfill the duties of its office.
3. Examine and audit all bills and all charges made against the club and through its officers, certify the same to be correct before they are paid by the Treasurer.
4. Audit annually the books and accounts of the Treasurer, ~~Recording~~ Secretary, and employees, when applicable.
5. Acquire and dispose of the property of this club as may or ordered by its members.
6. Designate the bank or banks in which funds of the club are to be deposited and to notify said bank or banks of all signatures required for the withdrawal of funds and of any change of officers.
7. Make contracts and purchases in the transaction of routine business.
8. Provide suitable headquarters and conditions to conduct all meetings and transactions of business of the club.
9. Approve the nominating committee selected by the President.

Section 2: Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at the call of the Chairman of the Board preceding each regular meeting. Special meetings may be called at the written request of any three (3) members of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XII

Committees

Section 1: The standing committees shall be:

1. Food
2. ~~Advertising~~
3. ~~Land~~
4. ~~Rental~~
5. Scholarship
6. Foundation
7. Support Our Troops

Section 2: The following shall establish the powers, purpose, and make-up of the above named committees:

1. FOOD – Shall order all the food for meetings, special, and regular events, and select delegates to assist through out the year.
2. SCHOLARSHIP – Shall perform all duties related to events, distributions, and coordination of scholarships.
3. FOUNDATION – Shall perform all duties related to events, distribution, and coordination of the Foundation.
4. SUPPORT OUR TROOPS – Shall perform all duties related to events, distributions, and coordination of the Support Our Troops fund.
5. ~~ADVERTISING COMMITTEE – Shall perform all duties related to events that public acknowledgement is required.~~
6. ~~LAND COMMITTEE – Shall fulfill the list of improvements designated by the Board of Directors or membership.~~
7. ~~RENTAL COMMITTEE – Shall review the rental agreement each year and correspond with members and outside organizations for rental of the grove.~~

ARTICLE XIII

Elections

Section 1: The nominating Committees with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint the tellers for the election. ~~One of the members appointed shall be designated as chairman.~~

Section 2: The ~~Recording~~ Secretary shall, prior to the opening of the polls, provide a list of members entitled to vote to the chairman of the tellers.

Section 3: Two tellers shall serve at each box. The teller in charge of the register shall check the name of the Voting member. The teller in charge of the ballot box shall put his official mark on the back of the ballot before the voter deposits it in the ballot box.

Section 4: The polls shall be open at such time and place as designated by the Board of Directors. Notice of the same being sent to all members.

Section 5: In counting the ballots, the intention of the voters governs. All questions as to the counting of the ballots shall be determined by the majority of votes of the nominating committee and tellers.

Section 6: In the event of any grievance, the ballots shall be retained in a sealed envelope by the Recording Secretary until the following meeting of the club.

Section 7: Absentee ballot must be returned to the Recording Secretary prior to the May meeting. To request an absentee ballot, you must contact the Recording Secretary before April 15.

ARTICLE XIV:

Voting Body

Section 1: Upon adoption of this constitution, each paid member will receive one (1) voting share ~~for each year of membership.~~

~~Section 2: One share will be issued per member each January for successful participation in club functions as stipulated by the Board of Directors for that year.~~

~~Section 3: As long as it remains necessary, functions to be specified by the Board of Directors, such as Corn Festival and Turkey Shoot, will be mandatory and failure to fulfill this obligation will result in expulsion.~~

Section 4: Any member dropped form the club for any reason must follow new membership requirements to rejoin the club.

~~Section 5: A non-voting member is any member with less than one (1) year membership.~~

I think we should include something here about how proposals are brought to the Board of Directors. Once approved by the Board of Directors, they must also receive a 51% majority vote from the Voting members.

ARTICLE XV

Dues

Section 1: Annual membership dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors at the January meeting.

Section 2: Dues will be payable to the Treasurer in January or February of each year. There will be a 30-day grace period. Anyone who does not pay their dues on or before the April monthly meeting will be immediately dropped from the club.

Section 3: New Member applicants must pay one (1) years dues and initiation fee with their applicatioin. ~~New members will be on probation for one (1) year from the date of acceptance into the club. If after one (1) year, the new member does not actively participate in club functions, he will be dropped from the club within a majority vote from the membership. There will be no refund or monies paid by a dropped member. The expelled member has the right to appeal to the Board of Directors within 30 days.~~

Section 4: Membership in the club will be limited to 100 members. When the membership reaches 100 members, a waiting list will be kept and new members will be taken when a vacancy occurs in the membership.

Section 5: If it becomes necessary to declare an emergency assessment, the assessment will be divided equally among all active members. An emergency assessment may accessed for mortgage payment, real estate taxes, insurance, and necessary utility bills. The membership will have 30 days to pay the assessment to the treasury. Non-payment of the assessment will result in loss of membership.

ARTICLE XVI

Fiscal Year

Section 1: The fiscal year shall be from January 1 to December 31.

ARTICLE XVII

Parliamentary Authority

Section 1: The By-laws of this organization are the parliamentary authority for all meetings of the club and the Board of Directors.

Section 2: The rules of parliamentary procedure comprised in “Robert’s Rules of Order, Revised Edition” shall govern all questions of order not found in the club’s by-laws.

Revised: MB - 1980

Amendment Proposals: (TCS – 2016)

1. NAME - Change Name: Mt. Airy Goodtimers Athletic and Social -> Goodtimers Athletic and Social
2. ARTICLE III - All members are Voting members: Remove non-voting member statuates.
3. ARTICLE III - No Application Fee: Remove Application Fee
4. ARTICLE IV - Consolidate Secretaries: No longer have a recording and corresponding secretary and just have a secretary
5. ARTICLE V - Board of Directors: Adjust offices held on the board.
6. ARTICLE VI - Elections: Adjust months to be more in sync with our modern calendar.
7. ARTICLE VII - Order of Business: Remove Sign Up sheet and change reading of minutes to reading of newsletter.
8. ARTICLE XII – Change the committee structure to make it more current.
9. ARTICLE XIV – We need to remove voting shares, mandatory requirements for voting, and need to include information on how a proposal travels from BOD to General Vote.
10. ARTICLE XV – Remove probationary period.