

Spearfish Pickleball Club Bylaws

Club Officers

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Vice President – Greg Krier, gregkrier@yahoo.com

Secretary - Jim Walker, j217walker@gmail.com

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Fundraising Director – Bill Coburn, treechaser.bill@gmail.com

Communications Director – Rich Loose, rloose@hotmail.com

Event Planning Director – Abby Krum, abby@krum.org

SPEARFISH PICKLEBALL CLUB BYLAWS

ARTICLE 1 – NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Spearfish Pickleball Club (SPC), herein after referred to as ‘the Club’.

ARTICLE 2 – MISSION STATEMENT

The Spearfish Pickleball Club is a volunteer non-profit that exists to provide a fun, healthy, recreational activity for its membership and guests while promoting the exercise, development of skills and enjoyment of Pickleball.

Core objectives include:

- Fostering the growth of a unique inclusive community focused on fun and fitness
- Advocating for new and improved playing venues
- Providing opportunities for skill development and competition
- Maintaining a comprehensive information hub of Pickleball activities

Section 2: The Club will sponsor activities to enhance the Pickleball experience through social, educational and competitive events.

Section 3: The Club will provide an authoritative body to govern and conduct club competitions.

ARTICLE 3 – MEMBERSHIP

Section A. Membership shall be open to all members in good standing with the club.

Section B. There shall be no precondition for membership, nor will members be required to join any national, state, or regionally affiliated organizations other than the mandatory handicap requirements.

Section B. Guest Privileges: Potential members or newcomers may participate in Club activities three (3) times before being required to join the Club and shall wear a temporary name tag to identify them as a non-club member.

Section C. Dues: Annual dues in an amount recommended by the Club Executive Board and approved by membership vote are payable in advance. Timely payment of dues by each member shall be required for membership in good standing.

ARTICLE 4 – EXECUTIVE BOARD

SPC shall be administered by an Executive Board of Directors (BOD) elected from among the general membership. The BOD shall be made up of seven (7) members. Elected officers and members at large shall serve a three (3) year term and expiring terms terminate on June 30.

Members at Large shall be elected by the general membership at the Annual Meeting by a majority vote of the members in attendance. Incumbent officers and members at large may vote as general members. No person shall hold more than one office. Officers are elected by the BOD.

Any Officer or Member at Large may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the membership present at a membership meeting.

ARTICLE 5 – GENERAL DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

President:

- Shall assume leadership of the Club, preside at all meetings of the Club, appoint all regular and special committees, and call special meetings, if required.
- Have general supervision and provide direction of the affairs of the Club, subject to the control of the BOD
- Preside at all meetings of the members and the BOD
- Serve as primary conduit with the Spearfish Parks and Recreation, BOD, and other organizations as needed.
- Shall be responsible for issuing guidelines and rules for the Club's activities if the activities have special safety or other requirements not specifically covered by these by-laws.

Vice President

- Perform all the duties of the President in the absence or disability of the President.
- Shall coordinate the efforts of special or standing committees.

Secretary

- Prepare and keep minutes of all meetings of the BOD and members
- Enforce Robert's Rules of Order
- Minutes will be posted on the Club website for all general membership
- Maintain a set of the operative, updated Bylaws
- Update Bylaws if a revision is approved. (Article 13)

Treasurer

- Maintain accurate records of all financial affairs of the Club for a period of seven (7) years prior to the current year
- Render a summary financial report at the BOD and membership meetings and provide summary financial report to President upon request
- Issue a periodic report of account(s) balance(s) which includes changes from the last report
- Establish/manage a checking account and any other required bank accounts. Ensure Club has a minimum of two club officers' signatories on file with the bank and updates the signatories as officer's change
- File all applicable State and/or Federal financial documentation in a timely manner as required by law.

- Maintain membership rolls and provide for the collection of dues. Provide routing communication with the membership on items of interest.

Members at Large:

Communications Director – Responsible for the overall planning, organizing, and execution of all communication/IT functions of the club.

Event Planning Director – Organize periodic social activities and fundraising events.

Fundraising Director - Develops fundraising strategies, researches fundraising opportunities and writes grant applications, formulates solicitation procedures, and oversees all fundraising activities.

ARTICLE 6 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The members of the BOD shall be responsible for significant functions of the Club. These functions shall include but not be limited to:

- Maintain membership rolls and provide for the collection of dues
- Establish procedures for the conduct of the election of members of the BOD and Officers set forth in Article 4
- Consider the comments and viewpoints of members before voting on matters being considered by the BOD
- Maintain communication and partnership with the Spearfish Parks and Recreation department
- Provide publicity and outreach activities to attract new members
- Maintain rules of play as established by the USA Pickleball Association (USAPA)
- Organize periodic social activities for the membership
- Establish committees as needed for the operation of the Club (i.e. Tournament committee, Fund Raising, etc.)
- Fill vacancies on committees as appropriate
- Appoint members to serve in capacities that the BOD believes will be beneficial to the operations of the Club
- Provide routing communication with the membership on items of interest
- Develop and promulgate Rules of Conduct and other appropriate Regulations for members
- Take action as needed to enforce the Rules of Conduct and Regulations of the Club in accordance with due process and hearing.

Section 1: Non-Liability of Officers

- The Officers shall not be personally liable for the debts, liabilities, or other obligations of the corporation.

Section 2: Indemnification by Corporation of Officers and other agents

- To the extent that a person, who is, or was, an officer, or other agent of this corporation has been successful on the merits in defense of any civil, criminal, administrative or investigative proceeding brought to procure a judgment against such person by reason of the fact that he or she is, or was, an agent of the corporation, or has been successful in defense of any claim, issue or matter, therein such person shall be indemnified against expenses actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with such proceeding.

- If such person either settles any such claim or sustains a judgment against him or her, then indemnification against expenses, judgments, fines, settlements and other amounts reasonably incurred in connection with such proceedings shall be provided by this corporation but only to the extent allowed by South Dakota law.

ARTICLE 7 – MEETINGS

Section 1: Procedure - Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised will be the final authority as to parliamentary procedures at all meetings of the members, insofar as they do not conflict with any provisions of the Bylaws.

Section 2: The date of at least two general member meetings of the Club will be established by the officers at the beginning of each calendar year. Members in good standing are eligible to vote on issues brought before the membership.

Section 3: BOD meetings will be held at a minimum Quarterly. The exact date, time, and place for all meetings to be determined by the president. Membership will be informed of exact date, time, and place.

Section 4: The President may call meetings of the officers and/or general membership at any time. A majority of the officers will constitute a quorum.

Section 5: An annual meeting shall be held each year to elect officers, conduct a needs assessment, and perform general planning for the upcoming season's activities and events.

ARTICLE 8 – VOTING

A quorum shall be fifty (50) percent of the board members at any duly called BOD meeting. A quorum shall be required to either pass or to defeat any item called for a vote. A voted on item shall be passed or defeated by a simple majority of those voting.

ARTICLE 9 – DUES & ASSESSMENTS*

Annual dues for the upcoming year shall be determined by the BOD and approved by membership vote. Dues for incumbent members shall be collected beginning January 1 of each year for the entire year, and dues will be in arrears thirty (30) days after that date. Timely payment of dues by each member shall be required for membership in good standing.

Section 1: Annual dues shall be required to be eligible for full participation as a member of this Club

Section 2*: If someone wishes to join the club after mid-year, a reduced amount may be authorized by the BOD.

ARTICLE 10 – CLUB DISSOLUTION

If the club disbands, all club assets shall be donated to the Spearfish Parks and Recreation Department.

ARTICLE 11 – REVISIONS


The bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the members in attendance with an explanation and discussion of the proposed changes. The Secretary shall have the responsibility to update the Bylaws if a revision is approved. The President shall have the responsibility to submit the revised Bylaws to the SPC membership. Revisions to the Bylaws shall not be effective until the revisions are approved by the SPC membership.

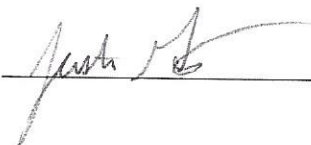
ADDENDUM

Initial term limits are as follows:

- Three years – Greg Krier and Justin Griffith
- Two years – Jim Walker and Christina Ingalls
- One year – Bill Coburn, Abby Krum, and Rich Loose

Adopted by the membership this date 7/23/18

Signature of SPC Secretary  Date 7/23/18
Jim Walker

Signature of SPC President  Date 7/22/18
Justin Griffith