

BYLAWS COUNTY LINE SQUARES

ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to any person without regard to race, color, creed, sex, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin, or political affiliation who has completed a basic course in square dancing or clearly demonstrates their ability in an established organization.

Members shall be current members of Square Dance Minnesota, Inc. Individual membership year shall be January 1 to December 31.

The organization shall maintain a membership list of names, addresses, and phone numbers. Organization dues, if any, shall be established by the membership.

New dancers need to obtain insurance through a square dance organization after graduation.

ARTICLE II – DANCES

The majority of the organization dances will be the 2nd and 5th Fridays of each month.

The Board of Directors (Board), at its discretion, can add or delete dances.

The Board, at its discretion, can contract callers and/or cuers.

The organization caller shall be given first choice of at least three dances during the year.

The organization will charge an entrance fee to be determined by the membership at a bi-annual meeting.

ARTICLE III – MEETINGS

The Board will determine the location of the bi-annual meetings which will be held in March and October of each year. Two (2) weeks notification shall be given to each member.

Special meetings may be called by the president or by any three (3) officers upon five (5) days notification of the membership.

Special meetings may be called by the general membership by signed petition of twenty (20) percent of the general membership with a two (2) week notification of the membership.

A quorum will consist of the membership present to conduct business.

Robert's Rules of Order shall apply at the meetings. The use of *Robert's* may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

County Line Squares shall be governed by a Board of Directors (Board), which shall have five voting members. The Board shall be responsible for the general welfare of the organization, initiating such actions and policies as may be needed from time to time to comply with the stated purposes.

The Board shall receive no compensation.

Elected Board positions are the president, first vice president, second vice president, secretary, and treasurer. Board members assume their offices in June. Board members may be elected as couples or as individuals.

The second vice president, secretary, and treasurer are elected by the membership during the March bi-annual meeting. The president and first vice president positions are automatically filled by the first vice president and second vice president, respectively.

If the presidency is vacated, the first vice president automatically becomes president and will remain president for the balance of the current term and the succeeding year. The second vice president would consequently assume the first vice president's duties for the current term and succeeding year. Other vacancies shall be filled by appointment of the president and approval of the Board.

All Board members shall attend at least one Square Dance Minnesota, Inc. meeting throughout the year of elected office.

All Board members shall have at least one year of square dancing experience.

Each Board position has one vote in Board meetings whether filled by an individual or couple.

The organization caller shall serve as a non-voting advisor to the Board.

The past president shall serve as a non-voting advisor to the Board for one year.

The Board shall meet sufficiently often to conduct necessary business.

A quorum of a simple majority must be present to conduct business.

For urgent matters, an electronic vote of the Board is permitted without a meeting.

ARTICLE V – COMMITTEES AND APPOINTED POSITIONS

The Board shall appoint committees or individuals in positions necessary to assist in conducting County Line Squares activities. All committee members or appointed individuals must be a member of County Line Squares.

ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended at any membership meeting by a majority vote of the members present with at least two (2) weeks prior notification to the membership.

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