

SUN CITY WEST LEATHER CARVERS' BYLAWS

Article I – General

- Section A – The name of this club shall be: **Sun City West Leather Carvers**
- Section B – In the American Southwest, even in the Great State of Arizona which was the last of the contiguous 48 states to be admitted to the Union, leather carving is a dying art. In the beginning, leather carving resulted in rudimentary tools. Eventually, better skills were developed which resulted in better tools. Finally, with the space, time, and aloneness typically provided cowboys in the American Southwest, leather carving achieved the level of art—practical, working art, but art nonetheless. The purpose of this club is to preserve the nearly lost art of, and promote a general interest in, the art and skill of leather carving. To carry out this purpose, we provide instructions, presentations, and demonstrations in the art and skill of leather carving. We teach school-age children and adults in both formal and informal settings. We make available the space, training, equipment and supplies needed for beginning, intermediate, and advanced leather carving projects.
- Section C - These ByLaws will fully comply with the Recreation Centers of Sun City West, Inc., Articles of Incorporation, Association ByLaws, and Rules, Regulations and Procedures (RR&P's) for Chartered Clubs. In the event of a conflict between these bylaws and the above stated governing documents of the Recreation Centers, the Recreation Centers' document shall prevail.
- Section D - This Chartered Club is organized as a 501(c)3 for federal income tax purposes because we educate school-age children and adults in the art and skills of leather carving. This Chartered Club is operated as a nonprofit organization in accordance with all applicable Arizona and federal tax exempt statutes, codes, and regulations in addition to the Association's By-Laws.
- Section E - This Chartered Club shall supplement, as needed, further guidelines using internal member approved guidance. Members shall vote with a quorum majority¹ to implement, change or delete guidance to facilitate the smooth operation of the club and provide a safe environment for all members. Results shall be documented in the quarterly meeting minutes.

Article II – Membership

- Section A - Membership shall be open to all members in good standing of the Recreation Centers.

¹ Quorum is the minimum attendance at a club membership meeting necessary to conduct elections to approve bylaws to approve budgets or to conduct other club business that requires a vote. A quorum shall be ten (10) percent of the club membership. However, a quorum requirement cannot be less than twenty (20) members or more than one hundred (100) members.

- Section B - There shall be no other precondition for membership, nor will members be required to join any national, state, or regionally affiliated organization.
- Section C - Guest Privileges are specified in Rules, Regulations and Procedures, Chapter 3, Article II and appendix IX. Non-Recreation Card Holders may not be given more privileges than a Recreation Card Holder.
- a. Recreational Card Holder Guest Privileges: Guests may observe the Club and it's members, but may not participate in it's activities except for four (4) social events and must be accompanied by a Club Member. To fully participate, a Recreational Card Holder must join the Club. Completing the beginners class is encouraged but interim personal instruction from Club Members is available until a new members class is conducted.
- b. Non-Recreational Card Holder Guest Privileges: Guests must be accompanied and overseen by a club member in good standing, for a maximum of four (4) social events.
- Section D - The amount of dues for each member will be determined annually on the recommendations of the Club Board and approved by a majority vote of the club members attending the meeting after a quorum has been established.
- Section E - Members who threaten the safety of themselves or others, are abusive, blatantly create turmoil or disruption, or cause dissension among the club members or the Association in general, may have their club membership temporarily suspended (up to two (2) weeks) by the club. Written notice regarding the reasons for a temporary suspension shall be provided to the Recreation Activities Manager within two (2) business days of the temporary suspension. Termination of the club membership can occur following a recommendation from the General Manager, for the approval of the Governing Board. Severe cases of adverse behavior, as described above, may be a cause for suspension of Association membership rights and privileges. The following are recommended for club disciplinary actions:
1. First Offense – a written warning from the club,
 2. Second Offense – a short term suspension by the club,
 3. Third Offense – a longer term suspension by the club not to exceed two (2) weeks,
 4. Fourth Offense – longer suspension or termination recommended by Recreation Centers' General Manager to the Governing Board.
- Any suspended or terminated club member has the right to appeal to the Governing Board. (RR&Ps Chapter 3, Article I, F, 4)

Article III – Officers

- Section A - The Club Board shall, at a minimum, consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer. This Club Board will also consist of an immediate Past-

President of the Club, if the Past-President remains a member of the Club and the Recreation Centers' Association. Each member of the Club Board shall have one vote on all issues.

- Section B - Newly Elected or appointed officers, within fourteen (14) business days of taking office, shall attest that they have read and understand the Association's Rules, Regulations and Procedures for Chartered Clubs by signing the form CR-5 (New Club Officers and Rules, Regulations and Procedures for Chartered Clubs Affirmation Report) and forwarding it to the office of the Recreation Activities Manager.
- Section C - The Club Board shall be elected by a majority vote of those present at the Club's annual membership election meeting after a quorum is established. The elected officers shall serve **without** compensation. An officer normally may not serve as an independent contractor. (RR&Ps, Chapter 4, Article VI, L)
- Section D - The Club Board designate, the Club Treasurer, is the responsible Officer to submit the CR15 membership form to the Recreation Activities Manager by February 1st of each year as recorded in the Club Board meeting minutes.
- Section E - Terms of office and responsibilities of officers: There shall be no requirement for "term limits". Likewise, there shall be no requirement for club officers to automatically continue from year to year or term to term. It is highly recommended to serve a minimum of two years to maintain continuity. Further descriptions of responsibilities are detailed in the club's internal guidelines. Responsibilities shall be reviewed yearly during the first Club Board meeting and documented in the Club Board meeting minutes.
- Section F - Procedure for filling vacancies:
1. A Nominating Committee or Chair Person shall be appointed by the Club's Board. That person(s) shall present nominee(s) from the club's membership who will then be voted on in December for the vacated offices effective 1 January.
 2. In the event that an office is required to be filled temporarily, the Club Board shall appoint a member in good standing to complete the unexpired term of the office or until the officer is able to return to their duties.
 3. In addition to the Nominating Committee or Chair Person process, officer nominations shall be accepted from "the floor" from members attending the December general meeting. The only requirement for nominations from "the floor" is that the nominated member be present at the December general meeting and state his/her willingness to serve.
- Section G - Impeachment: To impeach an officer or fill a vacancy, Roberts Rules of Order must be followed. If the impeachment is successful, the election of a new officer must follow immediately. (The procedure is available from the Recreation Activities Manager.)

Section H - It is the responsibility of each officer to pass the Rules, Regulations and Procedures book on to their successor.

Article IV – Meetings

Section A - Frequency of Meetings: There will be a general membership meetings conducted during each quarter of the calendar year (minimum of 4 per year). December is designated as the election meeting. Special meetings for specific purposes may be called by the President with a fourteen (14) day notice.

Section B - Provisions for Calling and Recording Meetings: Minutes will be taken by the Secretary and approved by the club President to document all business sessions. Minutes, as well as other pertinent administrative records, will be retained for a period of three (3) years. Minutes should be available to the membership before the next general meeting.

1. For a grievance or reasonable cause five (5) members are necessary to require the Club Board to call a special membership meeting. A fourteen day notice must be given to all members if a special meeting is called.

Section C - Voting and Quorum Requirements:

1. Club Board Meetings – A quorum is a simple majority of the board.
2. Membership Meetings – A quorum is the minimum attendance at a club membership meeting necessary to conduct elections, to approve ByLaws or to conduct other club business. The required majority must be made up of those present at a meeting specifically called for such purpose. A simple majority is required for all issues except ByLaws. To approve ByLaws requires a 2/3 majority. A quorum shall be as described in Article I, Section E of these ByLaws. A quorum shall be 10 percent of the club membership, however, a quorum requirement cannot be less than 20 members. A club could have in excess of 100 at a meeting, but the top required limit is 100. All voting shall be either voice or visual. If there is more than one person running for the same office the vote needs to be by ballot. Address contentious issues being by ballot vote.
3. Reference Robert Rules of Order for assistance in parliamentary procedures. Please note that stated bylaw provisions take precedence over Robert Rules, i.e. anything not stated in the bylaws shall be referred to Roberts Rules for parliamentary rule.

Article V – Financial

Section A - Financial records shall be retained for a period of seven (7) years (prior to the current year).

- Section B - The purchase of equipment shall be presented to the Club's Board for review and required recommendation to club members for a vote to purchase. All club member requests for facility improvements and equipment purchases exceeding \$500.00 shall be approved by a quorum majority of club members and recorded in the meeting minutes. Purchases of supplies required for the smooth operation of the club shall be verified through the Treasurer's guidelines issued to Buyer's and shall not exceed \$300.00 unless approved by a Club Officer. Only expenditures of \$25.00 or less can be paid by petty cash. (RR&Ps Chapter 4, Article V, B, 4).
- Section C - No club member shall receive any compensation or financial award from club funds for contributions or service to the club. The only exception is when a member has an independent contractor agreement previously approved by the Recreation Center Activity Manager.
- Section D - Financial records must be audited on a yearly basis by individuals other than those elected to the Club Board. The results of the Report of Audit will be presented to the general membership and duly recorded in the applicable minutes of such meeting. A copy will be provided to the office of the Recreation Activities Manager.
- Section E - Club Advertising: Any commercial advertising or flyers of club activities must be in compliance with Association policies.
- Section F - Contracts: Any contracts for instructors will be handled in compliance with Chapter 4, Article VI of RR&Ps. Each contract must be renewed on a yearly basis and a copy of each sent to the Recreation Activities Manager for approval.
- Section G - Treasurers responsibility: The Treasurer is required to submit Form CR-7 (Annual Financial Statement) to the office of the Recreation Activities Manager by February 1st for the preceding calendar year.
- Section H- A designated Club Board Officer (Club President) will submit a completed simplified inventory report to the Recreation Activities Manager annually for insurance purposes.

Article VI – Committees

- Section A - Committees and/or chairpersons may be elected by the general membership or appointed by the Club Board.
- Section B - Permanent (standing) committees, at a minimum, will include Safety and Audit.
- Section C - Duties of the Safety Chairman/Committee:
1. Provide Safety and training awareness for club members performing club activities at the club's Recreation Centers facility.
 2. Assure the Monitor and all members are aware of the Accident/Incident/Injury Report (Form RC20-5) location and the requirement to complete the form and notify a Club Officer the same day of any accident, incident or injury connected with this

club's activity. Form RC20-5 must be completed and submitted to the Kuentz Recreation Center Facility Lead/Supervisor within 24 hours of the incident.

3. Each member has a duty to protect themselves from accident/injury and should participate in training awareness meetings.

Section D - Duties of the Audit Chairman/Committee does not require additional information to that which is stated in Article V, Section D of these ByLaws.

Article VII – Amendments

To amend the ByLaws of this club requires a two-thirds vote of the membership present at a meeting specifically called for such a purpose, a quorum being present. Procedures for filing amendments(s) are as follows:

1. The Recreation Centers' Recreation Activities Manager shall review the proposed amendments prior to submittal to the club membership.
2. Proposed amendments shall be well publicized to the membership one (1) month prior to the vote. All amendments must be voted upon and approved by a quorum of the membership.
3. A complete revised set of club's ByLaws will be submitted to the Recreation Centers' Recreation Activities Manager for final review. The amended bylaws require the approval of the Recreation Centers' General Manager prior to implementation. The results and date of the membership vote should be duly noted on the submittal document.

Article VIII – Dissolution

Prior to club dissolution (after all debts are satisfied), all property and assets shall be turned over to the Recreation Centers.

Kyle Betz - President

Date

Approved:

Mike Whiting - General Manager

Date

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PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BY-LAWS

01/25/2018

ARTICLE I - GENERAL

Section B, Page 1: Replaced in it's entirety.

Section D, Page 1: Replaced in it's entirety.

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS

Section E, Page 3: Added "There shall be no requirement for "term limits". Likewise, there shall be no requirement for club officers to automatically continue from year to year or term to term. It is highly recommended to serve a minimum of two years to maintain continuity."

Section F, Page 3: Added paragraph 3.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS

Section B, page 4: "Typo correction of "a." to "1."

Section C, Page 4: "Typo correction, paragraph 2 to read "20" members.