

# Bylaws of the Raleigh Bridge Club, Inc.

## Membership

1. Members of the Raleigh Bridge Club, Inc., ("RBC") will consist of bridge players who have paid membership dues for the current calendar year.
2. Prior to each January 1<sup>st</sup>, the board of directors, by majority vote, will establish and announce the amount of membership dues for the upcoming calendar year.
3. Persons who pay dues for the current calendar year prior to April 15<sup>th</sup> will be considered members of the RBC for the period beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> and ending December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current calendar year.
4. New members to duplicate bridge or to Raleigh may join after April 15<sup>th</sup> at the dues collector's discretion.
5. All members who have paid their current year membership dues prior to the annual meeting are entitled to vote at the annual membership meeting.

## Board of Directors

1. The board of directors will be composed of nine directors.
2. Directors will be elected at the annual meeting of the RBC.
3. Directors will be elected to a term of three years.
4. Directors' terms will be staggered. Three directors will be elected each year to replace the three directors who have completed their three-year term.
5. The board of directors will nominate three directors prior to each annual membership meeting to replace directors who are completing their three-year term.
6. Members, by simple majority, will vote for or against the entire slate of directors as proposed by the board of directors at the annual membership meeting.
7. If the members approve the slate of directors, those directors will begin their term immediately.
8. If the members do not approve the slate of directors, the board of directors will accept nominations from the members for the three open directors' positions.
9. In the event of a director's resignation, death, removal, or disqualification, the board of directors, by majority vote, will appoint a successor to serve out the remainder of the original director's term.
10. The board of directors will meet on a regular basis, with at least one week's notice prior to a meeting.
11. At least five directors must be in attendance at a board meeting to constitute a quorum.
12. Directors who miss four or more meetings of the board of directors may be removed from the board by a majority vote of the board of directors.
13. Directors may not serve more than two consecutive terms on the board of directors.

14. The board of directors will authorize all expenditures exceeding \$250, with the exception of monthly ACBL fees and unit fees.

### **Officers**

1. The board of directors will elect officers at its first regularly scheduled meeting of the calendar year. Officers to be elected include: president, secretary, and treasurer. This process is defined in the Election Guidelines.
2. Officers will serve from the date of election until the next annual meeting.
3. The president must be a member of the board of directors.
4. The secretary and treasurer are not required to be members of the board of directors. At the discretion of the board, the offices of secretary and treasurer may be held concurrently by a single individual.

### **Other**

1. The annual meeting of the corporation will be held, under normal circumstances, at the holiday party in either December or January.
2. With prior discussion, the board can designate resolutions to be approved between regularly scheduled meetings by email or telephone vote.
3. These bylaws may be amended or repealed by a 2/3 vote of the board of directors, provided that the directors have received at least one month's notice of all proposed changes.