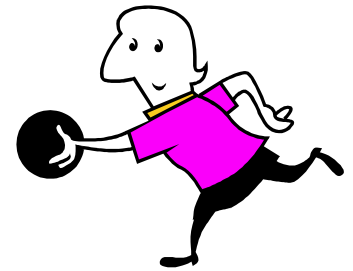


WISCONSIN WOMEN'S 500 BOWLING CLUB BYLAWS

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BY-LAWS OF THE WISCONSIN
WOMEN'S 500 BOWLING CLUB

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Wisconsin Women's 500 Bowling Club, a non-profit organization, hereinafter referred to as the Wisconsin 500 Club.

ARTICLE II OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES

The Wisconsin 500 Club is formed for the following objective and purposes:

- (A) To unite in a state honorary group all female bowlers who have qualified for membership by bowling a three game scratch series of at least 500 in leagues or tournaments certified by the United States Bowling Congress (USBC).
- (B) To conduct at least, but not limited to, one annual tournament for its members, certified by USBC.
- (C) To encourage members to promote social activities and devote themselves to the fun of American Tenpins and to play the game in a clean, sportsmanlike manner, bringing credit and honor to themselves and to the Wisconsin 500 Club and the National 500 Club.
- (D) To encourage city groups to organize clubs, conduct USBC certified tournaments, promote social activities, bowl for fun and in general carry out the objectives and purposes of the Wisconsin 500 Club at the local level.
- (E) The Wisconsin 500 Club shall have no jurisdiction over local clubs, but advice and counsel will be given upon request.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. ELIGIBILITY

- (A) To be eligible for membership in the Wisconsin 500 Club, a bowler must have bowled a three game scratch series of at least 500 in a USBC certified league or tournament. Only the first three (3) consecutive games of a series to count.
- (B) An applicant for membership must have her 500 series verified by the signature of a local 500 club officer. In the absence of a local 500 club in her association, a local association officer or a league officer may verify the score and the bowlers' membership in USBC. For verification purposes of the 500 series, newspaper clippings, individual average record card or other evidence is acceptable. An applicant may also qualify by showing her National 500 Membership card or her local 500 Club card or copies thereof.
- (C) A member who ceases to bowl in a certified league or has been suspended from USBC is ineligible to participate in Wisconsin 500 Club tournaments and activities until such time as she is again a member of a certified league or has been reinstated by USBC.

SECTION 2. LIFE MEMBER

A life member may be nominated and approved only by the Wisconsin Women's 500 Club Board of Directors, which nomination shall then be submitted to the membership for approval at a membership meeting. A nominee shall have been a Line Officer of the Wisconsin Women's 500 Club. She shall have performed her duties with dignity and respect to the Board of Directors and to the entire membership. A life member may attend meetings of the Board of Directors with the privilege of voice and vote.

SECTION 3. MEMBER EMERITA

A Member Emerita may be nominated and approved only by the Wisconsin Women's 500 Club Board of Directors, which nomination shall then be submitted to the membership for approval at a membership meeting.

- (A) No more than one (1) Member Emerita may be elected at the same meeting.
- (B) A nominee must have served at least two (2) terms as a member of the Board of Directors of the Wisconsin 500 Club and shall have rendered valuable service to the Wisconsin 500 Club. A Member Emerita may be invited to attend meetings of the Board of Directors in an advisory capacity with the privilege of voice only.

SECTION 4. HONORARY MEMBERS

An honorary membership may be presented only by the Wisconsin Women's 500 Club to a non-member whose interest and assistance to the Wisconsin Women's 500 Club and its Board of Directors has been of great benefit to the club. An honorary member may be invited to attend meetings of the Board of Directors with the privilege of voice only. If at a later date an honorary member becomes eligible for membership in the Wisconsin 500 Club and meets all required qualifications she shall then have all privileges of regular membership.

ARTICLE IV **DUES**

Membership fee in the Wisconsin 500 Club shall be a one time fee of \$10.00.

ARTICLE V **OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

The Officers of the Wisconsin 500 Club shall be President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms along with four (4) Directors.

The Officers, together with the four (4) Directors shall constitute the Board of Directors.

The term of office of each Officer and Director shall be three (3) years and shall commence on August 1st.

ARTICLE VI **CANDIDATES AND ELECTIONS**

SECTION 1. ELIGIBILITY AND QUALIFICATIONS

- (A) A candidate to be eligible for nomination as an officer or director shall be a bowling member of a USBC certified league, a bowling member of a Wisconsin WBA certified league and a member of the Wisconsin 500 Club during the current season.
- (B) A candidate to be eligible for director must be and have been an active member of a local association in the State of Wisconsin for two (2) years.
- (C) A candidate to be eligible for a line officer shall have served at least one (1) complete term on the Board of Directors.
- (D) Nominations may be made from the floor, but written qualifications shall be given to the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee before the Annual Meeting is called to order.
- (E) A member submitting fraudulent information on her qualifications shall be subject to removal from the office by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. ELECTION

All officers and directors shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting.

(A) OFFICERS

Officers shall be elected by a majority vote. When three (3) or more candidates are nominated and a majority vote is not reached on the first ballot, the candidate having the lowest vote total shall be dropped from the list of candidates. Balloting shall continue and the same procedure followed until a candidate receives the required majority. When only two (2) candidates remain on the ballot, balloting shall continue until a candidate receives a majority vote. When only one (1) candidate is nominated, a voice vote may be taken.

(B) DIRECTORS

Directors shall be elected by plurality vote. The election shall be by ballot, except that a voice vote may be taken when the number of candidates does not exceed the number of positions to be filled.

SECTION 3. VACANCIES:

Vacancies occurring in office, except that of the President, shall be filled by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors. The appointees shall hold that office for the remainder of the unexpired term.

ARTICLE VII **DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The management of the club shall be vested in the Board of Directors, who shall have full control and power to carry out the objectives of the Wisconsin 500 Club.

- (A) The Board of Directors shall direct and control the tournaments and activities of the club. Tournaments are to be under the supervision of the Wisconsin 500 Club Secretary.
- (B) The Board of Directors shall appoint a committee or an accountant to audit the club accounts each year or when requested by the Board of Directors. The auditing committee or accountant shall submit a written report to the Board of Directors first and submit a report in writing, at the first membership meeting thereafter.
- (C) All withdrawals in the name of the club shall carry the signature of at least two (2) authorized officers. The Board of Directors shall designate those who are authorized to sign for withdrawals.
- (D) The Board of Directors may authorize the treasurer to pay all routine bills without delay, but shall review other bills and if found correct approve payment.

- (E) The Board of Directors shall perform such other duties as are assigned by the President.
- (F) The Board of Directors shall see that the office of Secretary/Treasurer is bonded.

ARTICLE VIII

DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. PRESIDENT

- (A) The President shall be empowered to conduct and transact business of the club by mail and may request a mail vote from members of the Board of Directors when necessary.
- (B) She shall preside at all meetings and conduct them in accordance with the rules adopted.
- (C) She shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating and auditing committees.
- (D) She shall appoint the following committees whose duties shall be defined in the Policy and Procedures Manual.
 - Auditing
 - Finance and Budget
 - Nominating
 - Legislative

She may also appoint such other committees as are deemed necessary to aid and assist the Board of Directors in the management of the affairs of the Wisconsin 500 Club.

- (E) She shall see that all officers, directors and committees function within the framework of the bylaws and policy and procedures.
- (F) She shall arrange for appropriate accommodations for the Annual Wisconsin 500 Club Meeting.
- (G) She shall verify the bank balance monthly.

SECTION 2. VICE-PRESIDENTS

The 1st Vice-President, in the absence of the President shall perform the duties of that office and shall discharge such other duties as may be required of her. In succession, the 2nd Vice-President, in the absence of the President and the 1st Vice-President shall perform the duties of that office and shall discharge such other duties as may be required of her. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the Board of Directors shall elect a new President.

SECTION 3. SECRETARY/TREASURER

- (A) Keep a membership record and issue membership cards in a timely manner.
- (B) Send notices for meetings.
- (C) Keep a record of all the proceedings of the meetings of the club and Board of Directors in books provided for that purpose.
- (D) Make a report, in writing, with her recommendations (if any) at each meeting.
- (E) Report the acts of the Board of Directors at each membership meeting.
- (F) Have charge of and conduct the correspondence of the club.
- (G) Keep a true and accurate account of all receipts and disbursements which have been submitted to the treasurer.
- (H) She shall purchase all supplies necessary to perform her duties.
- (I) She shall perform the duties assigned to her in connection with any tournaments conducted by the Wisconsin 500 Club.
- (J) She shall be the ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating.
- (K) She shall receive a salary which is to be determined by the Board of Directors.
- (L) She may revise, modify, renumber or correct any provision in these bylaws to eliminate errors in spelling or grammar or to bring about clarification, proper order and sequence, but in doing so, she shall not change the meaning or purpose of any provision so changed, renumbered, or clarified.
- (M) Money received for dues or other funds paid or donated to the club shall be deposited in the name of Wisconsin Women's 500 Bowling Club in a bank which is a member of and whose deposits are insured by the FDIC or a Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation or a Credit Union which is federally insured. Funds to be deposited within seven (7) days.
- (N) Disburse monies according to supported receipts and itemized statements, signed by the Secretary and President.
- (O) All withdrawals in the name of the Club shall carry the signatures of at least two (2) authorized officers.

SECTION 4. SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

- (A) Shall maintain order during the meetings and perform such other duties as may be requested by the President.
- (B) She shall be the Chairman of the Teller's Committee during elections.
- (C) She shall see that all members attending the annual meeting are eligible.\

SECTION 5. DIRECTORS

- (A) Shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors.
- (B) Serve on committees and perform such other duties as may be assigned or requested of them by the President.

SECTION 6. RECORDS

- (A) Officers and Directors upon completing their term of office, upon resigning or upon being removed from office shall turn over all their records of such office to their successor or to the President. All monies shall be receipted for by the appropriate officers. This shall be done within 30 days.
- (B) All outgoing officers shall provide their successors with as much duty familiarization and as much pertinent information as possible.

ARTICLE IX **MEETINGS**

SECTION 1. ANNUAL MEETING

The annual membership meeting shall be held in conjunction with the WWUSBCBA Annual Meeting. It shall be open to all members of the Wisconsin 500 Club. Only members are eligible to take part in the deliberations and vote at the annual meeting and must produce a membership card to establish eligibility.

SECTION 2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

There shall be at least, but not restricted to, one (1) meeting of the Board of Directors held annually prior to the annual meeting of the Wisconsin 500 Club.

SECTION 3. QUORUM

The quorum for the Wisconsin 500 Club Annual Meeting shall be 20 members, 4 of whom must be members of the club's Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X **PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The rules of Parliamentary practice in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the proceedings of the Wisconsin 500 Club and of the Board of Directors, subject to any special rules which have been or may be adopted.

ARTICLE XI **AMENDMENTS**

SECTION 1. POWER TO AMEND

The Wisconsin 500 Club Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of those present and voting at an annual meeting, provided the procedure in Section 2 has been followed. A majority vote is required for an amendment to a proposed amendment.

SECTION 2. PROCEDURE

Any member or group of members of the Wisconsin 500 Club may submit proposed amendments to these bylaws.

- (A) The proposed amendments shall be submitted, in writing, to the club's President, Secretary or Legislative Committee Chairperson by October 1st, prior to the Annual Meeting of the club at which the proposed amendments are to be voted on.
- (B) The Legislative committee, when it meets, shall review all proposed amendments which have been submitted and may propose such additional proposed amendments as it may consider necessary.
- (C) All proposed amendments shall be presented to the members of the Wisconsin 500 Club Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall consider all amendments at a meeting prior to the annual membership meeting and should report its recommendations, if any, to the members in attendance at the annual meeting.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

All amendments shall become effective on August 1st following adoption unless otherwise specified at the time of adoption.

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