

Perky Promenaders By-Laws

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Preamble

This organization is incorporated as a Domestic Nonprofit Corporation in the state of Pennsylvania under 15 Pa.C.S, and thus is subject to Pennsylvania Nonprofit Corporate Law as specified therein.

The Articles of Incorporation take precedence over this document. At the time of incorporation, only information pertaining to Name and Purpose were specified in the Articles of Incorporation. That information is reproduced herein as a convenience:

1. The name of the organization, as specified in the original Articles of Incorporation, is “Perky Promenaders.”
2. The purpose of the organization, as specified in the original Articles of Incorporation, is “to teach, promote, and practice square dancing.”

Article I: Name

The name of the organization is “Perky Promenaders.” The name may be abbreviated as Perkys.

Article II: Purpose

To teach, promote and practice square dancing

Article III: Membership

Section 1 – There shall be three classes of membership: regular, associate and honorary.

Section 2 – Regular membership shall consist of those adults 18 years of age or older who have completed a required series of lessons for square or round dancing or have demonstrated level ability.

Section 3 – Associate membership is open to children under the age of 18 years who have completed a required series of lessons for square or round dancing or have demonstrated level ability. Associate members may attend organization dances if accompanied by an adult. An associate member may not hold office, chair a committee or vote.

Section 4 – Honorary membership is approved by 2/3 members present at any Board meeting. Honorary members have all the privileges of regular members and are excused from paying dues and regular dance fees.

Section 5 – All members are expected to support the purpose of the organization as defined in Article II.

Section 6 – All members are encouraged to wear square dance attire at special dances or if participating in a banner steal at another organization.

Section 7 – Membership shall be terminated at the request of the member or by decision of the Board.

Section 8 – All members, except associate members, may vote if present at meetings.

Article IV: Dues and Fees

Section 1 – Dues and dance fees shall be established by the Officers on the basis of projected expenses versus the number of members.

Section 2 – The fiscal year shall be from January 1st to December 31st.

Section 3 – Dues shall be paid annually in the 4th quarter for the following calendar year.

Section 4 – New members, shall be charged a proportionate amount of annual Perky dues depending on date joined.

Section 5 – Lesson fees will be determined by the Square- and Round-Dance Class Committee chairs.

Article V: Officers

Section 1 – The officers of the Perky Promenaders shall consist of the President(s), Vice-President(s), Secretary(s), Treasurer(s), and immediate past President(s).

Section 2 – The President(s) shall preside at all meetings of the Perky Promenaders, be Chairperson of the Officers, Chairperson of the Board, be Ex-Officio member of all committees, appoint and/or remove committees and/or committee chairs, preserve order, act in case of emergencies, act as organization spokesperson, and appoint the delegate(s) to the Federation of Delaware Valley Square and Round Dancers.

Section 3 – The Vice-President(s) shall be responsible for obtaining the callers and cuers for the organization dances; be responsible for the Holiday dance. In the absence of the President(s), the Vice-President(s) shall preside and perform all the duties of the office of the President. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice-President(s) shall automatically succeed to the office of the President for the unexpired term.

Section 4 – The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all organization, Officer, and Board meetings; shall maintain a record of all organization correspondence.

Section 5 – The Treasurer(s) shall have charge of the funds of the organization; shall keep a record of all receipts and disbursements; shall render a written report at all organization meetings and when requested by the President(s); shall prepare a written report at the end of each year to be filed for audit. The Treasurer(s) shall prepare any forms and reports required for annual financial reporting.

Article VI: Election of Officers

Section 1 – Officers, with the exception of the immediate past President(s), shall be elected by a majority vote of members present at the Election Dance in November for the next calendar year.

Section 2 – Officers shall be nominated and elected in November. Nominations may be accepted from the floor.

Section 3 – Officers shall be installed at the Holiday Dance in December and shall conduct the business meeting later in December or in January.

Article VII: Officers Responsibilities

Section 1 – The Officers shall be responsible for the business of operating the organization.

Section 2 – The Officers shall review the caller and cuer fees annually.

Section 3 – The Officers shall take action on imminent and urgent matters of the organization.

Section 4 – Officer meetings shall be called by, and at the direction, of the President(s).

Article VIII: Board

Section 1 – The Board shall consist of the Officers, the Perky delegates to the Federation of Delaware Valley Square and Round Dancers, and committee chairpersons.

Section 2 – Each member of the Board shall be responsible for reporting the activities of their area/committee to the board.

Section 3 – The Board shall take action on items as needed.

Section 4 – Actions items can be voted on in person or by electronic means. Action items are approved when 50% of those voting at a regularly scheduled or duly called meeting agree to the item. A duly called meeting shall have been announced at least 10 days in advance.

Section 5 – Board meetings shall be held quarterly, called by, and at the direction, of the President(s). Ad hoc meetings of the Board can be called by the President(s) or by request of three or more members of the Board addressed to the Secretary requesting a Special Meeting to address a specific topic.

Section 6 – A transition meeting of a newly appointed Board member and the corresponding retiring Board member shall be held before the end of January to transition duties of the retiring Board member.

Article IX: Committees

Section 1 – The President(s) shall appoint all standing committee chairpersons to serve for the term of their office.

Section 2 – The President(s) has the ability to create new standing committees and ad-hoc committees at their discretion and appoint chairperson(s).

Section 3 – The Membership committee has the responsibility for handling the smooth introduction of all new members. The committee shall maintain a current membership list, be responsible for a yearly directory and its distribution to all members. They shall collect membership dues (both Perky and Federation) and insurance premiums from each member. They shall provide the treasurer with all funds collected and an accounting of such funds. They shall act as liaison to the Federation Membership chair.

Section 4 – The Publicity Committee shall see to the distribution of publicity on organization sponsored dances, classes, and other events.

Section 5 – The Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate of officers for the ensuing year and present the slate at the Election dance in November. The committee shall conduct the election before the end of the same dance.

Section 6 – The Square- and Round-Dance Class Committees are responsible for ensuring the continued offering of classes to the general public.

Article X: Badges

Perky Promenader's badges are to be presented, at the organization's expense, to everyone who becomes a member of the organization. Replacement badges are at the individual's expense.

Article XI: Dissolution

Section 1 – Perky Promenaders can only be dissolved upon majority vote of the Board.

Section 2 – Upon dissolution of Perky Promenaders, the Officers shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Perky Promenaders, dispose of all of the assets of the Perky Promenaders exclusively for the benefit of the Perky Promenaders to any exempt corporation or entity organized for purposes similar to those set forth under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue law) as the Officers shall determine.

Section 3 – The intention would be, after all outstanding invoices are paid, all non-allocated funds and materials will be given to an organization that promotes and teaches square dancing.

Article XII: By-Laws

Section 1 – These By-Laws may be amended at any time by a 2/3-majority consent where at least 50% of the current paid membership is voting.

Section 2 – Voting on By-Law changes/amendments can take place at a specially called meeting or by electronic means. The proposed changes/amendments to the By-Laws must be presented in writing to all members no later than one month before the voting is to take place.

Section 3 – All By-Laws, amendments and resolutions enacted prior to this version shall be declared null and void.