



Hobbs Seniors` Club

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I ORGANIZATION

1. The name of this organization is the Hobbs Seniors` Club and hereinafter shall be referred to as **the Club**.
2. The aim of the Club shall be: To relieve loneliness and isolation of older adults and seniors and to provide opportunities for physical, social and mental wellbeing through recreation, education, cultural activities and other programs.
3. As funds permit, annual donations may be made to charitable/non-profit organizations in Ottawa that help seniors and/or persons in need.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

1. A member is a resident of Canada who supports the aims and objectives of the Club, who is interested in participating in the activities sponsored by the Club, who has attained the age of fifty years, and who has paid the annual membership dues.
2. A spouse/partner of any member who has not reached the age of fifty is deemed to be an associate member and, provided that they are paid-up, shall be entitled to all privileges of the Club with the exception that they will have no voting rights.
3. The Board of Directors may, at their discretion, bestow Honorary Membership on any member of distinction demonstrating service to seniors or to the Club.

ARTICLE III PRIVILEGES OF THE MEMBERS

1. Members of the Club shall have the following privileges:
 - (a) Participation in the activities of the Club;
 - (b) The use of the Roy G. Hobbs Community Centre or any other building building or area designated for the Club`s activities or

- events;
- (c) The right to attend, participate in and vote at General Meetings.

ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

1. Board of Directors

- (a) The Club shall be managed by a Board of up to seven (7) Directors with a minimum of five (5) Directors, who shall be elected by the general membership.
- (b) The Directors shall serve as such without remuneration and no Director shall directly or indirectly receive any profit from his or her position; however, a Director may be paid reasonable expenses incurred by him/her in the performance of his/her duties.

2. Officers

- (a) The Officers of the Club shall be the President, Vice-President (Program), Vice-President (Administration), Membership Director, Secretary, and Treasurer. Board members shall be allowed to stand for re-election to the Board for as many terms as they wish or until they are voted out of office.
- (b) All officers must be elected members of the Board of Directors.
- (c) The immediate past president of the Club shall be an honorary member of the Board for the duration of the new President's first term. However, he/she will not count towards quorum at Board meetings and will vote only in the event of a tie vote.

ARTICLE V MEETINGS

1. An Annual General Meeting shall be held once a year, on a date as specified in the By-Laws.
2. The Board of Directors shall meet throughout the year, as specified in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VI AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

The Constitution may be amended on the initiation of either the Board of Directors or the members. Proposed amendments shall be deposited with the Secretary, who will arrange for distribution to the members. Amendments may be made at a regular or Special General Meeting of members where fifteen (15) days' notice of the proposed meeting and the proposed amendment has been given, together with the text of the proposed amendment. To become effective, the proposal must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of members present and voting at such General Meeting providing quorum has been met.

ARTICLE VII NON-PROFIT NATURE OF CLUB

The Club shall be planned and operated without personal, financial, or material gain for its members and any profits or other accretions to the Club shall be used in promoting its objectives.

ARTICLE VIII DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the Club and after payment of all debts and liabilities, its remaining funds and property shall be distributed or disposed of to non-profit organizations that help seniors in Ontario.

ARTICLE IX DEFINITIONS

Words indicating the singular shall include the plural (and vice versa) and words indicating the masculine shall include the feminine (and vice versa).

This Constitution was amended and approved at the Annual General Meeting of the Hobbs Seniors’ Club on June 9, 2023.

_____ President

_____ Vice-President (Program)

_____ Vice-President (Administration)

_____ Membership Director

_____ Secretary

_____ Treasurer