

**HOPEDALE  
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CLUB**

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**BY-LAWS  
THE HOPEDALE COUNTRY CLUB  
OF  
HOPEDALE, MASSACHUSETTS**

**ARTICLE I  
MANAGEMENT**

**SECTION 1 MANAGEMENT** – The management of the business and affairs of the Club shall be in the hands of a Board of Directors, who shall be chosen by a majority vote of all full members at the annual meeting of the Club.

**SECTION 2 HOW ELECTED** – The Board of Directors consists of Ten (10) members filling staggered Two-Year terms. Each year, at the annual meeting, the Club shall elect by secret ballot Five (5) Directors for a Two (2) Year-term. All Directors shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified. These Ten (10) elected Directors, together the officers enumerated in Article 1, Section 5 shall constitute the Board of Directors. Any vacancies arising in the second year term of a board member will be filled by nominees based on descending order of votes at the election.

**SECTION 2A HOW ELECTED** – Any Primary member in good standing and wishing to be elected as an Officer or Director shall obtain the signatures of ten (10) primary members in good standing and submit a brief statement of their qualifications to the Secretary by October 1 for inclusion on the ballot to be voted upon at said annual meeting. There will be no nominations from the floor. There shall be nothing to prohibit any member from soliciting votes as write-in votes.

**SECTION 3 VACANCIES** – The President shall have the power to fill any vacancy on said Board for any cause other than the expiration of their term with the approval of the Board provided that such person(s) nominated to fill such vacancies are/is a consenting person(s) nominated for Director and having the next highest number of votes at the prior meeting. If there is no list, the President may nominate any qualified member with the approval of the Board. Persons appointed to such vacancies shall only serve until the next annual meeting.

**SECTION 4 ABSENCE** - Should any member of the Board of Directors be absent from three consecutive monthly meeting of the Board of Directors, without valid

cause in the opinion of the Board the Director's position may be declared vacant on the vote of the majority of all members of the Board of Directors.

**SECTION 5 OFFICERS** – At the first annual meeting following the adoption of this section, election will be held for the officers for the ensuing year. The officers of the Club shall be elected as follows: President – two (2) year term, Vice President – one (1) year term, Financial Secretary – two (2) year term, Treasurer – one (1) year term and Recording Secretary – two (2) year term, who shall serve until their successors are elected and have qualified. Each election thereafter, all officers shall be elected for two (2) year terms. Each outgoing officer is obligated to actively support the transition of their successor from the beginning of their successor's term of service until January 1<sup>st</sup>. The President, Vice President, Financial Secretary, Treasurer and Recording Secretary upon election shall automatically become members of the Board of Directors.

**SECTION 6 PRESIDENT** – The President, and in his absence, the Vice President shall preside at all meeting of the Club, and all meetings of the Board of Directors. The President shall have the power to appoint such committees as may be necessary, with the approval of the Board of Directors.

**SECTION 6A VICE PRESIDENT** – In the absence or the inability to act as the President, the duties shall be performed by the Vice President. The Vice President shall assist in the executive functions of the President as requested by the President and shall have such other duties as may be designated by these By-Laws or by the Board of Directors.

**SECTION 7 RECORDING SECRETARY** – The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Club, and the Board of Directors, and with the aid of the Financial Secretary shall collect all funds and pay over to the Treasurer, and perform such duties as are usually performed by secretaries of such clubs.

**SECTION 8 TREASURER** – The treasurer shall keep safely all the funds of the Club and pay them out as provided by the By-Laws of the Club. At each annual meeting he shall render a full and complete statement of the finances of the Club the preceding year, and such other statements from time to time as shall be required of him by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer, with approval from the Board of Directors, shall appoint a paid licensed CPA to maintain the financial records of the Club. The Treasurer shall not hold the position of Accountant.

**SECTION 8A FINANCIAL SECRETARY** – The Secretary shall keep a list of all classes of the membership the Club and the waiting list of prospective members. The Secretary shall be responsible for the collection of yearly dues and assessments

and shall nominate eligible members for Honorary Membership status at the annual meeting.

**SECTION 9 REMOVAL** – The officers of the Club may be removed from office for cause by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors.

**SECTION 10 MEMBERS' MEETING** – The annual meeting for the election of the Board of Directors and Officers and for the transaction of other business shall be held in November at the date, time and place as set by the Board of Directors or any adjourned meeting of the Club. Special meetings of the Club may be called for at any time by the President, or by signed, written request of sixty (60) voting members of the Club, delivered in either case to the Secretary. All such requests shall state the nature of business to be taken up at the special meeting, and only the business set forth in the request sent out by the Secretary shall be acted upon at any special meeting, and any other action shall be null and void. The Secretary shall notify each member in writing or by electronic mail (email) of the date, time and place and the business to be acted upon of any meeting, regular or special at least fourteen (14) days before the date for said meeting, except that of an adjourned meeting may be held at the date, time and place designated without further written notice. Hard Copies of said meeting notices will also be made available at the Club.

**SECTION 11 VOTE** – Each full member in good standing shall be entitled to one (1) vote as such meetings.

**SECTION 12 QUORUM** – A quorum shall consist of twenty-five (25) full members in good standing for any annual meeting and any special meeting. Any number less than a quorum may adjourn to a later date.

**SECTION 13 MEETING OF DIRECTORS** – Regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held in each month at such time, date and place as shall be designated by the President, and due notice of such meetings shall be given to each Director prior to the date of the meeting. Special meetings may be held at the call of the President, or at the request of a majority of the Directors, submitted to the Secretary. A majority of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

**SECTION 14 COMPENSATION** – No Officer, Director or Committee member shall receive any compensation from the Club, including waiver of dues, for the performance of their official duties. This restriction shall not apply to the Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and the Handicap Chairman who may receive such compensation as the Board of Directors may determine from year to year. The Recording Secretary, the Handicap Chairman, the House Comm.

Chairman, Tournament Comm. Chairman and Greens Chair will receive no more than \$400/year compensation.

**SECTION 15 VOTING RESTRICTION** – The Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and the Handicap Chairman shall not vote on any motion fixing their compensation, if any, under Section 14.

**SECTION 16 EMPLOYEES-CONCESSIONAIRES** – Employees of the Club and the concessionaires shall not be eligible for election to any office in the Club or appointment to any standing committee.

**SECTION 17 – PROXY VOTE** – The Board of Directors shall create a proxy to be used only for the updating of the Articles of Organization. A ballot shall be mailed to each voting member at least twenty (20) days prior to a special meeting to be called for this purpose and returned to the Club by the day of the meeting or presented in person at this special meeting. This By-Law becomes null and void at the conclusion of said meeting.

**SECTION 17 A - ABSENTEE BALLOT** – The Board of Directors shall create an absentee ballot for the election of Officers and the Board of Directors at the annual meeting. Any primary member in good standing may request a ballot fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting. The ballot must be returned by mail or in person at said meeting. All other issues will be decided by those in attendance at said meeting.

**SECTION 18 – OFFICERS INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OTHERS** – The Club shall Indemnify each person or hereafter elected or appointed Director, Officer, employee or agent of the Club, including each person who serves at its request as a Director, Officer, employee or agent of any organization in which the Club has any interest as a stockholder, creditor, or otherwise, or who serves at its request in any capacity with respect to any employee benefit plan against all expenses incurred or paid by him in connection with the defense or disposition on any actual or threatened claim, action or suit, or proceeding (civil, criminal, or other including appeals) in which he may be involved as a party or otherwise by reason of his having served in any capacity, or by reason of any action or omission or alleged action or omission (including the adoption of these By-Laws) by him with respect to (I) any matter as to which he shall have been adjudicated in any proceeding not to have acted in the responsible belief that his action was in the best interest of the Club, or (II) to any matter as to which he shall agree or be ordered by any court or competent jurisdiction to make payment to the Club. Or (III) which the Club shall be prohibited by law or by order of any court or competent jurisdiction from indemnifying him, Such indemnification shall include payment by the Club of expenses incurred in defending a civil or criminal action or proceeding in advance of the final disposition of

such action or proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by the person indemnified to repay such payment if he shall eventually be adjudicated to be not entitled to indemnification under these By-Laws.

No matter disposed of by settlement, compromise, or entry of a consent decree, nor a judgment of conviction or the entry of any plea in a criminal proceeding, shall be of itself be deemed an adjudication of not having acted in a responsible belief that the action taken or omitted was in the best interests of the Club. The term expense shall include, without limitation, settlements, attorney's fees, costs, judgments, fines, penalties, and other liabilities. The right of indemnification herein provided for shall be severable, shall in addition to any other right which such person may have or obtain, shall continue as to any such person who has ceased to be such Director, Officer, employee or agent and shall insure to the benefits of the heirs and personal representatives of any such person.

## **ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP**

**SECTION 1 CLASSES** – The membership of the Club shall be made up of the following classes:

Individual, Under Age 35 Individual, Under Age 25 Individual, Family, Couple, Senior, Senior Couple, Corporate, WeekDay Plus Individual, Junior, Deferred, Honorary, Lifetime and Prepaid. All except Junior and Deferred shall have a vote in the management of the Club. Junior, Corporate, WeekDay Plus Individual, Honorary and Deferred shall not be eligible to serve as Officers, Directors or Committee Chairpersons.

**SECTION 2A FULL INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP** – Any individual is eligible for single membership granting privileges of the Club to himself or herself.

**SECTION 2B UNDER AGE 35 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP** – Any individual who has not reached the age of thirty five (35) before April 1 of the calendar year is eligible for single membership granting privileges of the Club to himself or herself. Under Age 35 Individual Members shall have a vote in the management of the club and can serve as Officers, Directors or Committee Chairmen.

**SECTION 2C UNDER AGE 25 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP** – Any individual who has not reached the age of twenty-five (25) before April 1 of the calendar year is eligible for single membership granting privileges of the Club to himself or herself. Under Age 25 Individual Members shall have a vote in the management of the club and can serve as Officers, Directors or Committee Chairmen.

**SECTION 3A FULL FAMILY MEMBERSHIP** – Any person may apply for Family Membership and shall be granted privileges of the Club for the member, spouse or domestic partner, and any members of his or her immediate family under the age of twenty-two (22) who are not self-supporting. Only the primary member is entitled to vote, serve as an Officer, Director or Committee Chairperson.

**SECTION 3B COUPLES MEMBERSHIP** – This membership grants the privileges of the Club to the member's spouse or domestic partner. Only the primary member is entitled to vote, serve as an Officer, Director or Committee Chairperson

**SECTION 4 SENIOR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP** – A Senior Membership in the Club may be applied for by any person who, in the judgment of the Board of Directors, has reached the age of sixty-five (65) prior to April 1 of the calendar year in which he or she makes application.

An application for Senior Membership accompanied by a check for the dues, plus proof of age must be forwarded to the Board of Directors through the Financial Secretary for action thereon. Senior members need not reside in the Town of Hopedale to maintain membership.

**SECTION 5 SENIOR COUPLES MEMBERSHIP** – This membership grants the privileges of the Club to the member's spouse or domestic partner. Only the primary member is entitled to vote, serve as an Officer, Director or Committee Chairperson

**SECTION 6 JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP** – Unmarried males or females who are not self-supporting who have reached the age of twelve (12) on or before April 1 of the calendar year he or she makes application and under the age of twenty (20), or a full-time student age twenty-two (22) or under shall be eligible for Junior Membership which shall entitle the member the privileges of the Club, Grandchildren of voting members who have reached the age of eight (8) on or before April 1 of the calendar year he or she makes application will be eligible for Junior membership, but must be accompanied by an adult on all club grounds until they reach the age of twelve (12).

**SECTION 7 DEFERRED MEMBERSHIP** – Any member in good standing who is not an active member because of health, transfer, or compelling personal reasons, may with the approval of the Board of Directors and payment of dues shall have privileges of the Club and play no more than five rounds of golf and pay greens fees.

**SECTION 7A HONORARY MEMBERSHIP** – An Honorary Membership is given to an individual in recognition of achievement and public esteem for his or her dedication to Hopedale Country Club. An Honorary Membership must be recommended by the Board of Directors and approved by the membership. This



membership is not transferable.

**SECTION 7B HONORARY MEMBERSHIP – RECOGNITION OF LONGEVITY** – An Honorary Membership is given to an individual who has reached the age of seventy-five (75) and has been a member of Hopedale Country Club for twenty-five (25) years. Membership must be recommended by the Board of Directors and approved by the membership.

**SECTION 7C LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP-** A Lifetime Member will be entitled to all the privileges of an individual member for his/her lifetime. For each year they are a member they will not be required to pay annual dues but will be responsible for assessments. This membership is non-transferable and non-refundable.

**SECTION 7D LIMIT TO LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS** – Lifetime Memberships will no longer be accepted. Those already having Lifetime Memberships will retain those memberships in accordance with **Section 7C**.

**SECTION 7E PREPAID MEMBERSHIP** – Prepaid Memberships will be entitled to 7 years of membership for 5 years of prepaid dues. Payment of assessments are required. Only the membership categories of Individual, Senior Individual, Family, Couples, and Senior Couples shall be eligible for this option. This membership is non-transferable and non-refundable.

**SECTION 7F LIMIT TO PREPAID MEMBERSHIPS** - Prepaid Memberships will no longer be accepted. Those already having Prepaid Memberships will retain those memberships in accordance with **Section 7E**.

**SECTION 7G CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP** – This membership grants the privileges of the Club to a corporation consisting of a minimum of 4 members and a maximum of 8. The membership shall be priced at a minimum of 5% less than the current full individual membership dues rate multiplied by the number of members (minimum 4 and maximum of 8), with 2 carts per foursome included. This class shall be entitled to play Monday through Thursday, and must commence play before 1pm on Friday. This membership class is entitled to play on weekends and holidays after 3pm, but not in tournaments. A corporate membership is entitled to one vote in any club election, and cannot serve as an Officer, Director or Committee Chairperson.

**SECTION 7H WEEKDAY PLUS INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP** – This membership grants the privileges of the Club to a single individual priced at a minimum of 20% less than the current full individual membership dues rate. This class shall be entitled to play Monday through Thursday, and must commence play before 1pm on Friday. This membership class is entitled to play on weekends and holidays after

3pm, but not in tournaments. WeekDay Plus members are entitled to vote, but cannot serve as an Officer, Director or Committee Chairperson.

**SECTION 8 LIMIT TO MEMBERSHIP** – The number of members of the Club shall be limited to a maximum of three hundred forty five (345) voting members in addition to the current number of voting Honorary Members and other varying classes of membership.

(a) In the event that full membership is attained and a waiting list is established of persons eligible for full voting membership, persons shall be eligible for membership based on the Board of Directors approval and in keeping with the provisions as outlined in Article II according to the following priority list:

1. Deferred members
2. Former members who resigned in good standing and were not suspended from membership for failure to pay dues or assessments.
3. Family members.
4. Residents of Hopedale
5. All others, including non-residents

(b) All applicants shall be dated and time stamped when received and in the event of multiple applicants by persons holding the same priority, the earliest application shall have priority.

(c) Any Under Age 30 Individual, Under Age 25 Individual or Junior member who is no longer eligible because of age for membership even though the maximum membership has been attained, will automatically be accepted as a full individual or family member as he or she desires upon payment of the admission fee in Article III, Section 5.

**RESIDENT OF HOPEDALE** – A person who has resided in the Town of Hopedale for a period of one (1) year immediately prior to filing an application for membership Hopedale Country Club, or a person who buys a home in Hopedale and takes permanent residence here shall be eligible for membership and shall submit proof of residency satisfactory to the Board of Directors along with the application.

**SECTION 9 CHANGE OF CLASS** – Any Junior member may have the privilege of full membership by complying with the requirements established for such membership, upon payment of the admission fee stated in Article III, Section 5. Any other change of class, as well as the naming of the primary member in the Family, Couples and Senior Couples Membership classes, will need to be requested and approved by a vote of the Board of Directors prior to or coinciding with the due date of the first membership payment of the year.

**ARTICLE III  
DUES AND FEES**

**SECTION 1 TRANSFER** – In case of transfer by any member from one class to another, the applicant shall receive as credit on the new membership any sum he may have heretofore paid as dues. Such transfer can only be made as provided by the By-Laws of the Club.

**SECTION 2 DUES**

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| <b><u>Full Individual</u></b><br>\$1900 | <b><u>Full Family</u></b><br>\$2,700 | <b><u>Senior Individual</u></b><br>\$1,710 | <b><u>Weekday Plus</u></b><br>\$1,520 |
| <b><u>Under Age 25</u></b><br>\$975     | <b><u>Couples</u></b><br>\$2,400     | <b><u>Senior Couples</u></b><br>\$2160     | <b><u>Corporate</u></b><br>\$7220     |
| <b><u>Under Age 35</u></b><br>\$1,275   | <b><u>Junior</u></b><br>\$500        | <b><u>Honorary</u></b><br>\$800            | <b><u>Deferred</u></b><br>\$535       |

The method of payment of dues shall be set each year by the Board of Directors. Failure to pay by the date determined will result in a \$50.00 fine. Upon payment of dues, the members will receive such evidence of membership as the Board of Directors shall determine from time to time.

The Senior dues structure shall be a minimum of 10% less than the full individual membership as shown in Article III, Section 2 beginning January 1, 1982, and the Senior Couples dues structure shall be a minimum of 10% less than the full Couples membership as shown in Article III, Section 2 beginning January 1, 2017. Under Age 35 dues structure shall be a minimum of 20% less than Full Individual Membership and Under Age 25 dues structure shall be a minimum of 40% less than Full Individual Membership beginning May 1, 2012. The WeekDay Plus Individual dues structure shall be a minimum of 20% less than the Full Individual Membership beginning November 8, 2017. The Corporate Membership shall be a minimum of 5% less than the Full Individual Membership multiplied by the number of members (minimum of 4 and maximum of 8) with 2 carts per foursome included, and shall be paid in full on the due date of the first membership payment of the year.

**FOUNDING MEMBER** – shall be defined as one who has joined prior to 1953 and has completed all required obligations.

**SECTION 3 - GUESTS** - Members of the Club in good standing may invite guests who are not members to the Clubhouse and golf course and such guests may use the facilities of the Club. If the golf course is used, guest's fees as set by the Board of Directors shall be paid.

**SECTION 4 ADMISSION FEE** – The Admissions fee and method of payment shall be set each year by the Board of Directors. No admission fee shall be required for membership by a surviving spouse who was covered by a Family membership the year preceding their application for full membership.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **RESIGNATIONS, INDEBTEDNESS, SUSPENSIONS, and REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP**

**SECTION 1 RESIGNATIONS** - Any member may resign from the club for good cause. However, resignation must be made in writing dated with effective date of resignation and filed with the Secretary. All member rights, interest and privileges in the club or its property shall cease and terminate as of the effective date of resignation. All resignations shall be considered at the next regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors following receipt of the written resignation letter. Approval of resignations will be granted only when all dues, assessments, pro shop charges, restaurant/ bar bills and any and all such indebtedness is paid current and verified ensuring resigning member is not in arrears for any such charges to the club. Resigning member will be notified of their resignation in good standing or indebtedness requirements in writing by the Treasurer of Hopedale Country Club or duly designated authority.

**SECTION 2 INDEBTEDNESS** – When the dues or indebtedness of any member remain unpaid and overdue, the membership, after ten (10) days' notice in writing, may be suspended or terminated, and any dues paid up to that point, declared forfeited by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

**SECTION 3 SUSPENSION** - Any person suspended from membership in the Club for any reason, including failure to pay dues or assessments shall not be entitled to any of the privileges of Club grounds, and shall not under any circumstances enjoy the use of the golf course or Clubhouse in any capacity. A person suspended from

membership because of a failure to pay dues or assessments may have their guest privileges restored by a vote of the Board of Directors after payment in full of all arrears to the Club.

**SECTION 4 REINSTATEMENT** - Any member that has resigned with indebtedness or as a member that has been suspended as a result of indebtedness and so considered not in good standing will only be reinstated to membership once all past indebtedness is paid in full. The Board of Directors, in its sole discretion, has the power to impose a penalty assessment not to exceed \$100 for any reinstatement under this article.

## **ARTICLE V COMMITTEES**

**SECTION 1 APPOINTMENTS** – At the first meeting of the Board of Directors held after the annual meeting, the President shall appoint the following standing committees for the ensuing year. The chairperson of all standing committees shall be members of the Board of Directors.

### ***FINANCE/HANDICAP/RULES/GOLF CARTS/HOUSE/TOURNAMENT/GREENS***

Each committee shall consist of at least three (3) members.

**SECTION 2 EX-OFFICIO** – The President shall be an ex-officio member of each committee

**SECTION 3 OTHER COMMITTEES** – The Board of Directors shall have the power from time to time to appoint such committees as it may deem expedient, and to delegate to such committees duties and powers as may be found necessary for the proper conduct of the affairs of the Club, and the Board of Directors may appoint any member of the Club to such committees. Budget Committee to be comprised of the Officers and the chairs of House and Greens.

**SECTION 4 REMOVAL** – The President shall have the power to remove any member of any committee.

**ARTICLE VI  
POWERS AND DUTIES OF COMMITTEES**

**SECTION 1 FINANCE COMMITTEE** – The Finance Committee shall audit the books, accounts and reports of the Secretary and the Treasurer and shall, with the Board of Directors prepare a financial budget each year to be presented to the membership of the Club at the annual meeting. It shall, in general, supervise, direct and control matters pertaining to the Club’s finances, and shall attends to placing of insurance and the payment of taxes upon the property of the Club.

**SECTION 2 HOUSE COMMITTEE** – The House Committee shall be charged with the enforcement of the House of the Club and shall supervise and control all matters pertaining to the service and comfort of all members within the Clubhouse. It shall have charge of the Clubhouse and appendages and outbuildings directly connected with its operation and control of the purchases or supplies for the various departments of the Club, excepting Greens. It shall supervise and manage the catering department in all its branches, and shall cause separate accounts to be kept of all supplies purchased and all receipts and expenditures in said department.

**SECTION 3 GROUNDS AND GREENS COMMITTEE** – The Grounds and Greens Committee shall have the full charge and control of the grounds, walks, greens and other structures and buildings which are not appendages to or directly connected with the operation of the Clubhouse shall have charge of all employees. It shall enforce the ground rules of the Club, purchase tools, implements and supplies pertaining to its activities, and cause accurate accounts to be kept of all expenditures incurred under its direction.

**SECTION 4 TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE** - The Tournament Committee shall fix and control all golf handicaps and arrange all golf tournaments.

**SECTION 5 GOLF CARTS COMMITTEE** - The Golf Cart Committee shall be responsible for the leasing, maintaining and storage of all golf carts leased and/or owned by the Club. This committee shall also make recommendations to the Club Officers and the Board of Directors for their action on all facets of golf cart activity.

**SECTION 6 OTHER COMMITTEES** - All other special committees shall perform such duties as shall be designated by the Board of Directors or by any standing committee.

**SECTION 7 EXPENSES** – All expenses incurred in the departments of the various committees shall be audited, checked and approved for payment by the Chairman of the Finance Committee before being paid by the Treasurer.

## **ARTICLE VII FINANCES**

**SECTION 1 LIMIT OF INDEBTEDNESS** – The Board of Directors shall be allowed to incur debt not to exceed the amount of Thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) to cover the shortfalls which may be experienced from time to time. This debt must be amortized by the end of the following year.

**SECTION 2 ANNUAL REPORT** – The Board of Directors shall at the annual meeting present to the Club a report of the condition of the Club and its property, a condensed account of the financial transactions of the past year, a financial budget for the ensuing year, and other suggestions for the welfare and improvements of the Club. Said reports shall be kept on file in the archives of the Club and subject to the inspection of any member.

**SECTION 3 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS** – The Board of Directors may authorize the Treasurer to incur debt on behalf of the Club for the purchase of equipment to be used in maintaining the golf course subject to the following restrictions:

- (a) Each item of debt outstanding under this section in any one year shall not exceed an amount which requires payments in excess of Three thousand (\$3000.00) dollars per calendar year the principal and interest.
- (b) Each item of debt incurred under this section must be capable of being amortized in thirty-six (36) months or less.
- (c) Any purchase of equipment under this By-Law shall require a recorded vote of Board of Directors, both for the purchase of the particular item involved and the amount and terms of debt to be incurred together with a recorded certification of the Treasurer that the particular debt voted together with any debt previously authorized does not exceed in the aggregate an amount requiring a payment in excess of Three thousand dollars (\$3000.00) per calendar year for the payment of principal and interest..
- (d) Any note of the Club signed by the Treasurer under this section of shall have attached thereto a copy of the Directors vote authorization certified by the Secretary, and no note of the Club shall be delivered by the Treasurer unless said vote is attached thereto.

**SECTION 4 GOLF CART LICENSES** - Member golf cart licenses are limited to twenty-five (25) per license year (January 1 – December) Persons holding a valid license as of December 31 shall be entitled to renewal of the same for the following

year upon payment of the fee and filing of insurance forms as required by the Board of Directors. Any license not paid as required for any cause, shall be considered a terminated license and the number of allowed licenses (25) shall in succeeding years be diminished by the number of terminated licenses. Licenses are not transferable except as between husband and wife or to a surviving spouse. The formula for determining the number of allowed member carts at any given time shall be as follows:

- (a) 25 minus the number of terminated licenses equal the number of allowed cart licenses.
- (b) The Secretary shall keep a record of any license holders and all terminated licenses and make this information available to the Board at their first meeting of a calendar year or such other time that they request.
- (c) The Board, by a 4/5 vote of those present and voting at a duly called regular meeting, may grant licenses in excess of the allowed number for medical reasons only upon reasons satisfactory to the Board and upon such terms and conditions, including length of term and renewal, as the Board sees fit. Such limited licenses shall not be counted in the allowed licenses when it ceases.

**SECTION 5 TRAIL FEES** – Each license holder shall pay a trail fee of \$400. Said fees shall be paid before any license holder is permitted to operate a golf cart on the premises. Any trail fees remaining unpaid after June 1 of the then current year shall be deemed surrendered by the holder and the license shall be cancelled by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE VIII MISCELLANEOUS**

**SECTION 1 VOTE** – Direct ownership of the property of the Club as received by the membership shall be evidenced by certification of membership, according to the call of membership, provided, however, that the only voting membership shall be Full Membership, which shall entitle such member to one (1) vote.

**SECTION 2 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS** – The Board of Directors may by two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present, for any cause deemed sufficient by them and after notice given to them, fine, suspend or expel any member. Any member so fined, suspended or expelled shall have the right at any time within two (2) weeks after receiving official notice of his or her fine, suspension or expulsion to require the



Secretary to call a special meeting of the Club to consider the matter, provided such member shall pay the actual cost incurred in calling such a meeting. Due notice shall be given to each full member. At such meeting, a majority vote shall decide whether the action of the Board of Directors shall remain or be set aside.

**SECTION 3 COMPLAINTS** – All complaints or suggestions as to the management of the Club shall be presented to the Board of Directors in writing provided however, that matter specifically within their respective powers and duties may be presented to the various committees.

## **ARTICLE IX ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The order of business for regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be:

1. Roll Call
2. Reading of minutes of Members and Directors meetings
3. Report of Officers
4. Report of Committees
5. Unfinished Business
6. New Business
7. Elections and Appointments of Committees
8. Good of the Club
9. Adjournment

The same order of business, so far as applicable, shall pertain to Membership meetings, except that election of new members shall come under the heading of Election & Appointment of Committees.

## **ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS**

These By-Laws may be modified, altered or amended by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at the annual meeting of the Club, or any adjourned session, or a special meeting called for that purpose, provided that due notice of any proposed modification, alteration or amendment shall be given all full members, giving the substance of such modification, alteration or amendment.

## **ARTICLE XI**

The Club adopts as its seal, the following:

HOPEDALE COUNTRY CLUB SEAL

End of By-Laws

At the time of the original By-Laws there was a tax on Country Club membership. This has since been repealed.

The conduct of the members and guests and the use of the Club grounds and the Clubhouse are also regulated by Rules and Regulations adopted from time to time by the Board of Directors and/or by the various standing committees acting under the authority contained in these By-Laws. These will be included each year in the member's packets and posted in the Clubhouse if there are changes during the year and members are asked to check the bulletin boards from time to time.

## LIST OF AMENDMENTS

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>ARTICLE</u> | <u>SECTION</u> | <u>ACTION</u>   |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|---|
| 11/27/06    | III            | 2              | Revised   |
| 11/27/07    | I              | 3              | Revised   |
| 11/27/07    | II             | 8              | Deleted   |
| 11/27/07    | III            | 2              | Revised   |
| 11/27/07    | III            | 5              | Revised   |
| 11/27/07    | V              | 1              | Revised   |
| 11/27/07    | VI             | 6              | Deleted   |
| 11/27/07    | VII            | 5              | Revised   |
| 11/27/07    | X              |                | Deleted Second Paragraph  |
| 11/29/11    | I              | 8,10,14        | Revised   |
| 11/29/11    | II             | 1,9            | Revised   |
| 11/29/11    | III            | 2              | Revised   |
| 4/10/12     | II             | 1              | Revised   |
| 4/10/12     | II             | 2              | Revised   |
| 4/10/12     | II             | 6              | Revised   |
| 4/10/12     | II             | 9              | Revised   |
| 4/10/12     | III            | 2              | Revised   |
| 11/27/12    | III            | 3,4,6,7        | Revised and moved<br>to Article IV  |
| 11/27/12    | IV             | 2              | Moved to Article III  |
| 11/27/12    | III            | 2              | Revised   |
| 11/30/13    | I              | 2,5            | Not Revised, pending<br>approval by Town of<br>Hopedale   |
| 11/30/13    | II             | 4, 8           | Revised   |
| 11/30/13    | IV             | 2              | Revised   |
| 3/11/15     | II             | 1              | Revised   |
| 3/11/15     | IV             | 7C, 7D, 7E, 7F | Added   |
| 3/11/15     | III            | 2A             | Added   |
| 11/10/15    | III            | 2 & 2A         | Revised   |
| 12/6/16     | III            | 2 & 2A         | Revised   |
| 12/19/16    | I              | 2, 3 & 5       | Revised – Removing Hopedale<br>Residency requirement to serve as<br>Officer or Director in Management<br>of the Club. |
| 11/08/17    | I              | 5              | Revised   |
| 11/08/17    | II             | 1, 3A, 3B,     | Revised   |
| 11/08/17    | II             | 5, 6, 7E       | Revised   |
| 11/08/17    | II             | 7G, 7H         | Added   |
| 11/08/17    | II             | 9              | Revised   |

**LIST OF AMENDMENTS (Continued)**

|          |     |                |                 |
|----------|-----|----------------|-----------------|
| 11/01/18 | I   | 2              | Revised         |
| 11/01/18 | II  | 2B, 2C, 7D, 7F | Revised         |
| 11/01/18 | III | 2, 2A          | Revised/Deleted |