

THE SCOTTISH CLANS OF NORTH TEXAS

By-Laws

ARTICLE I: Name

The name of this organization is The Scottish Clans of North Texas.

ARTICLE II: Object

The purpose of this organization shall be educational in nature and to perpetuate Scottish Heritage through presentation of history, literature, music, dance, crafts and sports.

ARTICLE III: Policies

Section 1: This organization is not organized to operate at a profit.

Section 2: No member or officer shall in any way benefit financially from this organization or it's activities.

Section 3: This organization is a non political entity that does not support any candidate, legislation, political organization or campaign.

Section 4: Scottish Clans of North Texas may be dissolved by a majority vote of the membership at a regular meeting, or at a special meeting called for that purpose, following sixty (60) days written notice to the members.

Upon dissolution, any funds remaining shall be donated to a nonprofit organization(s) that qualifies as an exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as determined by Scottish Clans of North Texas.

ARTICLE IV: Membership

Section 1: The membership shall be open to all persons interested in Scottish heritage.

Section 2: The membership shall be of two kinds: individual and family (up to two (2) adults and all children under the age of eighteen (18)).

Section 3: Dues are payable in January. Members failing to pay annual dues by March 1 shall be dropped from membership.

Section 4: Eligibility for membership is without regard to race, sex, color, creed, religion or national origin.

ARTICLE V: Officers

Section 1: The officers shall consist of a Chief, a Sub-Chief in charge of Membership, a Sub-Chief in charge of Newsletter, a Sub-Chief in charge of Programs, a Scribe (Secretary), an Exchequer (Treasurer) and an Archivist (Historian).

Section 2: Nominations of officers shall be made by a nominating committee (minimum of three persons in attendance) composed of the past chiefs and announced at the regular December meeting. The slate shall have been published in the newsletter prior to the December meeting.

Section 3: The officers shall be elected at the regular December meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor with prior consent of the nominee. A simple majority vote of members present shall constitute election. Members may volunteer for vacancies.

Section 4: Officers shall be elected for a term of one year beginning at the regular February meeting.

Section 5: All officers shall be elected or appointed from and by the current dues paid adults.

Section 6: If any office becomes vacant, the current officers may nominate a replacement with a majority vote of the members present at the next regular meeting.

Section 7: Officers may as desired, enlist members to assist them.

Section 8: The Chief shall preside at all regular meetings, call special meetings and appoint special committee chairpersons as necessary.

Section 9: In the absence of the Chief, the Sub-Chief for Membership shall assume all duties of the Chief.

Section 10: The Sub-Chief for Membership shall maintain an accurate list of members. The Sub-Chief for Membership and Exchequer shall collect all dues.

Section 11: The Sub-Chief for Programs shall be responsible for providing monthly programs. The Sub-Chief for Programs shall be responsible for notifying the Sub-Chief for Newsletter of program details in time for inclusion in the newsletter.

Section 12: The Scribe shall keep a record of all meetings, reports, records and papers for the term of office. Such material shall then be filed with the Archivist.

Section 13: The Exchequer shall handle all monies. The Exchequer shall pay all authorized bills. He/she shall also render a monthly report to the membership.

Section 14: The Archivist shall keep all past secretarial records, publicity, photographs and other materials of interest for display.

Section 15: The Sub-Chief of Newsletter shall publish a monthly newsletter and mail one copy to each paid and current member.

ARTICLE VI: Meetings

Section 1: The regular meetings shall be held on the first Sunday of the month.

Section 2: Regular meetings may be re-scheduled at the discretion of the officers.

Section 3: Permanent changes shall be made as per procedure for changing the by-laws (noted elsewhere).

Section 4: Any elected officer may call a special board meeting as he/she deems necessary or is warranted.

ARTICLE VII: Parliamentary Authority

Section 1: These by-laws shall constitute the governing document.

Section 2: Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern in all cases to which they are applicable.

ARTICLE VIII: Amendments

Proposed changes in the by-laws shall first be approved by the officers. The proposed amendments may then be adopted at any regular meeting of the general membership by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those members present, provided the proposed amendments have been published in the monthly newsletter prior to that meeting and read or presented by written notice to the members at the previous regular meeting.