

Del Rio Host Lions Club

Del Rio, Texas

District 2-A2

Organized 1928

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Name, Slogan, Motto and Mission

Section 1. **NAME:** The name of this organization shall be the DEL RIO HOST LIONS CLUB, hereinafter referred to as the "Club," chartered by, and under the jurisdiction of, The International Association of Lions Clubs, hereinafter referred to as "Association."

Section 2. **SLOGAN:** Its slogan shall be: LIBERTY, INTELLIGENCE, and OUR NATION'S SAFETY.

Section 3. **MOTTO:** Its motto shall be: **WE SERVE.**

Section 4. **MISSION:** To create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation.

ARTICLE II

Purposes

The Propose of this Club shall be:

- (a) To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
- (b) To promote the principles of good government and good citizenship.
- (c) To take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social, and moral welfare of the community.
- (d) To unite the Members in the bonds of friendship. Good fellowship and mutual understanding.
- (e) To provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that Club Members shall not debate partisan politics and sectarian religion.
- (f) To encourage service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1. **ELIGIBILITY FOR CLUB MEMBERSHIP:** Subject to the provisions of Article I, Section 2 as defined in the By-Laws, hereinafter, any person of legal majority and good moral character and good reputation in his community, may be granted membership in this Club. (Note: Wherever the male gender or pronoun presently appears in this Constitution and By-Laws, it shall be interpreted to mean both male and female persons.)

Section 2. **MEMBERSHIP BY INVITATION:** Membership in this Club shall be acquired by invitation only. Nominations shall be made on forms provided by the International Office, which shall be signed by a Member in good standing who shall conduct an initial investigation, act as their sponsor, and submit the application to the Membership Chairman or Club Secretary, who, after further investigation by the Membership Committee, shall submit the same to the Board of Directors.

If approved by a majority of said Board, the prospect may then be invited to become a Member. A properly filled out membership form and membership fee must be in the hands of the Secretary before the member may be officially inducted into the Club or be reported to the Association as a Lion Member.

Section 3. **DUAL MEMBERSHIP:** No person shall simultaneously hold membership other than Honorary or Associate in more than one Lions Club.

ARTICLE IV Forfeiture of Membership

Any Member may be expelled from the Club for cause by a two-thirds vote of the entire Board.

ARTICLE V

A Lions club shall have the minimum of 10 members in good standing.

ARTICLE VI Club Branch Program

Branch Clubs if formed will comply with Lions International Constitution and By-Laws as presently written.

ARTICLE VII Officers

Section 1. **OFFICERS:** The officers of this Club shall be a President, Immediate Past President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Lion Tamer, Tail Twister, Membership Chairman, and all Directors elected or appointed.

Section 2. **REMOVAL:** any officer of this club may be removed from office for good cause by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire membership.

ARTICLE VIII Board of Directors

Section 1. **Members:** The Members of the Board of Directors shall be the President, Immediate Past President, the Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Lion Tamer, Tail Twister, Membership Chairman and all elected and President appointed Directors.

Section 2. **Quorum:** The presence in person of a majority of its Members shall constitute a quorum of any meeting of the Board. Except, as otherwise specifically provided, the act of a majority of the Directors present at any meeting of the Board shall be the act and decision of the entire Board.

Section 3. **Duties and Powers:** In addition to those duties and powers, express and implied, set forth elsewhere in this Constitution and By-Laws, the Board of Directors shall, through election, represent the general membership and have the following duties and powers:

(a) It shall constitute the Executive Board of this Club and be responsible for the execution, through the Club Officers, of the policies approved by the Club. All new business and policy of this Club shall be considered and acted upon by the Board of Directors.

(b) It shall authorize all expenditures and shall not create any indebtedness beyond the current income of the Club, nor authorize disbursement of Club funds for purposes inconsistent with the business and policy authorized by the membership. It shall authorize and set the level of discretionary spending available to the President or Acting (Vice) President, at the first

meeting following installation. Such expenditures to be consistent with the business and policies authorized by the membership.

(c) It shall have power to modify, override or rescind the action of any Officer of this Club.

(d) It may appoint an Executive Secretary (paid) to carry out certain specified administrative duties of the elected Secretary and set such compensation for those duties, as it may deem appropriate.

(e) It shall have the books, accounts and operations of this Club audited annually or, in its discretion, more frequently, and may require an accounting or have an audit made of the handling of any Club funds by any Officer, Committee or Member of this Club. Any Member in good standing may inspect any such audit or accounting upon request at a reasonable time and place.

(f) It shall appoint, on recommendation of the Finance Committee, a bank or banks for the deposit of the funds of this Club.

(g) It shall appoint the surety for the bonding of any Officer of this Club.

(h) It shall not authorize, nor permit, the expenditure, for any administrative purpose, of the net income of projects or activities of this Club by which funds are raised from the public. It may submit all matters of new business and policy to the respective standing or special Club Committee for study and recommendation to the Board.

(i) It shall name and appoint, the delegates and alternates of this Club to district and international conventions and set the level/guidelines for the reimbursement/compensation of necessary expenses at its first meeting following installation.

(Modifications may be made by a majority vote of said Board Members.)

ARTICLE IX

Delegates to International and District Conventions

Section 1. **DELEGATE ENTITLEMENT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION:** Inasmuch as The International Association of Lions Clubs is governed by Lions Clubs in convention assembled, and in order that this Club may have its voice in Association matters, it shall have the power to pay the necessary expenses of its delegates to each annual convention of the Association. This Club shall be entitled in any convention of this Association, to one (1) voting delegate and one (1) alternate for every twenty-five (25), of its Members, or major fraction thereof, as shown by the records of the International office on the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the convention is held, provided, however, that this Club shall be entitled to at least one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate. The major fraction referred to in this section shall be thirteen (13) or more members. The selection of each such delegate and alternate shall be evidenced by a certificate signed by the President or Secretary or any other duly authorized officer of this Club, or, in the event no such Club officer is in attendance at the convention, by the District Governor or District Governor-Elect of the district (single or sub-) of which this Club is a Member.

Section 2. **DELEGATE ENTITLEMENT DISTRICT/MULTIPLE DISTRICT CONVENTION:** Inasmuch as all District matters are presented and adopted at the District conventions, this Club shall be entitled to send its full quota of delegates to all such conventions and have the power to pay the necessary expenses of such delegates attending such conventions. This Club shall be entitled in each annual convention of its District to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) Members, who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in this club, or major fraction thereof, of this Club as shown by the records of the International office on the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the convention is held, provided, however, that this Club shall be entitled to at least one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate. Each certified delegate present in person shall be entitled to cast on (1) vote of his choice for each office to be filled by, and one (1) vote of his choice on each question submitted to, the respective convention. The major fraction referred to in this section shall be five (5) or more Members.

ARTICLE X

Dispute resolutions

All disputes arising between any member or members, or a former member or members and the Club, or any officer on the Board of the Club, relative to membership, or the interpretation, breach of, or application of the Club's constitution and By-laws, or the expulsion of any member from the Club, or any other matter whatsoever which cannot be satisfactorily resolved through any other means, shall be settled by dispute resolution following the guidelines as published, at the time of the dispute, in the International Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE XI

Amendments

Section A. **AMENDING PROCEDURE:** This Constitution may be amended at any regular or special meeting of this Club, at which a quorum is present, by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Members present in person and voting provided the Board has previously considered the merits of the amendments.

Section B. **NOTICE:** No amendments shall be put to vote, unless written notice thereof, stating the proposed amendment shall have been posted in the Newsletter and/or billing statement, e-mailed, faxed, mailed and/or delivered personally to each Member at least 10 days prior to the meeting at which the vote on the proposed amendment is to be taken.