

Constitution and By-Laws of the Dekers Blue Line Club

The Dekers Blue Line Club is a non-profit corporation organized under the Laws of the State of Michigan on December 5, 1984, when its Articles of Association were filed with the Secretary of State, as a non-profit, charitable corporation. The original organization, the Dekers Club, was first formed in July, 1962.

CONSTITUTION ARTICLE I

The name of this organization shall be the Dekers Blue Line Club, hereinafter referred to as the Club.

ARTICLE II

The principal office for the transaction of business of the Club shall be located in the City of Ann Arbor, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan.

ARTICLE III

This corporation shall have perpetual existence under the laws of the State of Michigan.

ARTICLE IV

The purposes and objectives of the Club, which is hereby declared to be a non-profit, fraternal and benevolent organization, are as follows:

1. To encourage, promote and support the University of Michigan men's varsity ice hockey program.
2. To provide an avenue for private financial support of the University of Michigan men's varsity ice hockey program.
3. To encourage camaraderie and Michigan fellowship among players, former players, administrators, faculty, staff, students, former students, graduates and all other college hockey fans.
4. To provide an instrument of communication among the hockey program, the Club, its membership and other interested parties and to inform the various hockey Republics of the problems and progress of the Michigan men's varsity ice hockey program.
5. In general, to carry on any business in connection with the above and incident thereto not forbidden by the laws of the State of Michigan and with all powers conferred upon corporations by the laws of the State of Michigan. Also, to follow the rules and regulations as set forth by the National Collegiate Athletic Association, the Big Ten Athletic Conference, the Central Collegiate Hockey Association and the University of Michigan.

ARTICLE V

The private property of the members of the Club shall not be subject to the payment of Club debts to any extent whatsoever, except as provided by law.

ARTICLE VI

The number and qualifications of the officers of the Club shall be as set forth in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VII

Subject to the laws of the State of Michigan, the membership of the Club is expressly authorized as follows:

1. To conduct all business of this Club, except as provided herein and by the By-Laws of the Club.
2. To amend this Constitution, or any provision thereof, by a three-quarters vote of the members present at any regular meeting: provided the proposed amendment shall have been presented in writing and read in full at the next previous meeting.
3. To determine, from time to time, whether and to what extent and at what times and places and under what conditions and regulations, the accounts and books of the Club shall be open to inspection by the members of non-members: and no member or non-member or other person shall have the right to inspect any account or book or document of the Club except as conferred by the By-Laws of the Club or by the laws of the State of Michigan, unless and until authorized so to do by resolution of the membership.
4. To raise or spend money for any purpose(s) of the Club.
5. To elect annually from within their membership, the officers of the Club as set forth in the By-Laws.
6. In addition to the powers and authorities hereinbefore and by statute conferred upon it, to exercise all such powers and do all such acts and things as may be exercised or done by the Club, subject nevertheless, to the express provisions of the laws of the State of Michigan, of the Articles of Association and its By-Laws.

ARTICLE VIII

The fiscal year of the Club shall be from July 1 through June 30 for all business operations.

ARTICLE IX

The rules of membership in the Club, and the rights, obligations and privileges of members shall be as set forth in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE X

Any and all matters and rules for the government of the Club, not specifically covered in these Articles, insofar as permitted by law, shall be as set forth in the By-Laws.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIPS

ALL MEMBERSHIPS SHALL BE PAID 'IN U.S. FUNDS'.

Members In Good Standing; Shall have paid dues for the current fiscal year, they shall not cause the Club a loss, financial nor physical- A member who is not 'in good standing' may be asked to explain what happened to cause them to fall out of good standing and then they may be subject to expulsion and or prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

The classes of membership shall be as follows:

1. General Members: General Members of the Club shall consist of all persons who subscribe to the purposes of the club and who have paid membership dues to the Club, for the current fiscal year, in such amount as may be prescribed by the membership. There is no tax deduction allowed for this level, as Dues are not an allowed deduction by the IRS. **Each General Member shall receive one vote.**

2. Student Members: Student Members of the Club shall consist of all persons who subscribe to the purposes of the Club, who are currently enrolled in the University of Michigan, or another institution of higher education, a public or private elementary, junior high, or high school, and who have paid membership dues for the current fiscal year. Dues will be at a discounted rate from the General Membership fee. **Each Student Member shall receive one vote.**

3. Red Line Members: Red Line Members of the Club shall consist of all persons who subscribe to the purposes of the Club and who shall have paid an amount equal to THREE times that of a General member level, in any current fiscal year. This level of membership entitles the Red Line Member to a tax deduction for any amount greater than the Dues paid-in, less any further goods or services received. **They shall receive one vote per registered member, up to two members.**

4. Blue Line Members: Blue Line Members of the Club shall consist of all persons who subscribe to the purposes of the Club and who shall have paid an amount equal to FIVE times that of a General member level in any current fiscal year. This level of membership entitles the Blue Line Member to a tax deduction for any amount greater than the Dues paid-in, less any further goods or services received. **They shall receive one vote per registered member, up to two members.**

5. Life Members: Life Members of the Club shall consist of all persons who subscribe to the purposes of the Club and who have paid a one-time membership rate in the amount of FORTY times the current General membership rate. This may be paid over four years in equal payments. There is no tax deduction allowed for this level as the amount paid-in is considered Dues that are amortized over the span of the membership. **Life Members shall receive one vote per registered member, up to two members.**

6. Honorary Members: Honorary Members of the Club shall consist of all persons who have shown evidence of vital interest and long-standing commitment to the purposes of the Club. They will be accepted subsequent to a three-quarters majority vote of the members present at any General meeting. This membership is to be reviewed on a triennial basis. Any member, at any General meeting, must propose potential Honorary Members in writing. The vote may then be taken and recorded at the next General or special meeting. **Honorary members shall not be permitted a vote.**

7. Family Members: Family members of the Club shall consist of all persons who subscribe to the purposes of the Club and who shall have paid an amount equal to TWO times that of a General member level in any current fiscal year. Family members are defined as parent(s), guardian(s) and children up through high school, and shall enjoy all the benefits of a general membership. The Family membership shall include one membership card for each Family Membership, two membership gifts and will receive one copy of each mailing, including the newsletter. **Up to two**

family members registered when submitting the annual membership application will be considered voting members at all membership voting functions in that fiscal year.

ARTICLE II-MEETINGS

General meetings of the membership will take place three times each fiscal year, October, January, and March, and at such times and such places as designated by the President, and shall be open to all members in good standing. The President (or his/her designated substitute) and members present shall constitute a quorum.

Special meetings of the membership may be held upon call of the President or any two other officers. **Five** members in good standing shall constitute a quorum at any membership meeting.

All members in good standing (as set forth in Article I of these By-Laws) shall be entitled to one vote at any such meetings. All matters coming before such meetings shall be decided by majority vote of the members present, unless otherwise provided by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Club.

Meetings of Standing Committees and of special committees shall take place at such times and at such places as designated by the chairperson of those committees. Members of the committee present, in each instance, shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS

The Officers of the Club shall be members in good standing at the time of their election and throughout their service. They shall serve terms the length of which is in each position description. They may succeed themselves, if nominated by the Nominations Committee, and are so elected. Their duties shall be as follow;

The Officers of the Club shall exercise the powers conferred upon it by the membership and shall exercise such other powers as may be incidental to the operation of the Club, subject nevertheless to the express provisions of the Articles of Association and the laws of the State of Michigan.

1. President (two-year term): The President shall preside at the Annual Meeting and special meetings of the membership and act as ex officio, without vote thereon, as hereinafter provided and shall exercise the powers and perform the usual duties incidental to the office of President, and such other powers and duties as may, from time to time, be delegated by the membership. In the event of the president's death, resignation or inability to serve, the President-Elect shall be directed to fill out the unexpired term.

2. President-Elect (two-year term): Shall work with the President Past-President and committees as directed by the President. While serving in this capacity, the President-Elect shall be preparing to succeed the President at the completion of the President's term. In the absence or inability of the President to serve, the President-Elect will serve in his/her stead and exercise his/her powers,

3. Past-President (two-year term): Shall have just completed a two-year term as President. Shall serve as Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, and offer assistance to the President, President-Elect, Executive committee and committees as directed by the President.

4. Secretary (three-year term): The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the meetings of the Club and of the Executive Committee; and shall correspond with those persons as directed by the membership or Executive Committee and shall keep a record of that correspondence and replies thereto; and shall perform other such duties as may be incidental to the office of Secretary. The Secretary is also responsible for seeing that all copies of minutes and correspondence are sent to the Bentley Historical Library for inclusion in the Dekers' archival Collection.

5. Treasurer (three-year term): The Treasurer shall supervise the accounts of the Club and control its monies and funds held by it; and shall make such disbursements and such reports showing the financial condition of the Club as may be required; and shall perform other such duties incidental to the office of Treasurer. (Note: The names and signatures of all officers shall appear on all fiscal accounts. The signatures of any two officers shall be required on all checks. In no instance shall persons related by blood or marriage be the co-signers for any fiscal account. Also, the Treasurer shall not have access to the Clubs' post office box. Only the person in charge of membership, or their appointed representative, shall access the post office box for the Club.)

ARTICLE IV - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors will consist of no less than four (4) and no more than ten (10) members. The number of Board members may be expanded, as the Officers of the Club deem necessary. The Board of Directors of the Club shall be members in good standing at the time of their election and throughout their service to the Club. They shall serve terms, the length of which will be determined by the Officers of the Club, according to the position. They may succeed themselves, if so nominated and are so elected. Their duties shall be as follows, but not limited to: overseeing the committees and activities of the Club. They will be the liaison between the committees and the Officers of the Club, unless there is a request, by either a committee chairperson or the Officers of the Club, for the individual committee chairperson to report to an Officers' meeting. Vacancies that occur on the Board between elections shall be filled by appointment of the Officers of the Club.

The following four (4) Board members need to be recruited with advance knowledge as to which jobs they will be performing for the Club. These members may also need to work with one or more of the Working Committees in addition to the job they have agreed to perform.

1. Membership: Shall keep a record of all membership income, relaying those funds to the Treasurer; keep a record of all numbers in membership categories; acknowledge all memberships with appropriate responses; conduct, with the approval of the Executive Committee, all membership promotions, maintaining a database and mailing list of all memberships, making mailing labels as the Club's needs arise; and perform other such duties as may be incidental to the position which include but not limited to: posting a current membership list at Yost Ice Arena and staffing the Decker booth(s) at all home games. The person in charge of Memberships, or their appointed representative, shall be the sole person to retrieve mail from the Clubs' post office box and disperse the mail to the other officers as need be.

2. Newsletter: Shall work with the Newsletter Committee, may act as chairperson or may have another act as chairperson.

3. Advertising, Promotions/Sales, and Marketing: Shall oversee committees working on projects such as finding and securing items our members may be interested in purchasing, promoting events through the media, etc.

4. Volunteers & Events: This person shall oversee a committee that will recruit members in good standing to serve on all of the working committees and events. Shall maintain a database of members in good standing that are available to work on Club projects. (NOTE: Volunteers must follow State and Federal age limits for money handling.)

ARTICLE V – COMMITTEES

The committees set forth and described below are hereby constituted as Standing Committees of the Club. The Executive Committee shall appoint other committees, and chairpersons thereof, as they may, from time to time, deem advisable.

1. Executive Committee: The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the Officers of the Club, the Board of Directors and the Head Hockey Coach (or designated representative), who shall serve ex officio, without vote.

2. Working Committees: Will be formed as needed to perform jobs and work on Club projects at the direction of the Board of Directors. They may have a Chairperson or one of the Board members may serve as Chairperson. (NOTE: These committees themselves are NOT members of the Board of Directors.)

The Working Committees shall convene at such times and at such places, as may be deemed advisable by the chairperson. The Committees are authorized to plan and implement, but not limited to, the following events and activities: Picnic, Parent's Night, Bus trips, G.L.I. events, Blue Line luncheons, Blue and White Game, Dekers Night, Senior Night, Raffle, Newsletter, Promotions & Sales, Golf Outing, Skate with the Wolverines, Old-Timer's Games, The Deker Hall of Fame, Trophy Cases, Nominations and Awards Banquet.

The Committees are expected to call upon the officers of the Club, and members in good standing of the Club in the planning and implementation of events and activities; to form subcommittees for particular events, when deemed advisable, and perform other such duties and exercise other such powers incidental to the operation and charge of the Committee.

3. The Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee shall consist of the Past President, who shall act as chairperson, the Head Hockey Coach (or designated representative), who shall serve ex officio, without vote, and three members of the Club in good standing, appointed by the President

The Nominating Committee shall convene at such times and at such places as designated by the chairperson, but no later than January each fiscal year, to prepare a slate of the Executive Committee. The slate is to be presented and approved by the Officers and the Board of Directors at the General January meeting of the membership. The final slate shall be printed in the February issue of the Newsletter.

The Nominating Committee shall cause a ballot to be printed and presented for election at the March meeting of the membership. The ballot shall also be presented for on-line voting. **This on-line voting (or voting by mail or in person) shall be open for two weeks prior to the March meeting of the membership. Voting may be done either on-line, by mail, or in person, as determined by the Executive Board each fiscal year.** The President shall announce the Executive Committee for the upcoming year at the annual Awards Banquet.

The chairperson of the Nominating Committee shall have a ballot printed and presented at the General March meeting, containing a list of all Michigan hockey players eligible for The Dekers Club Award, commonly referred to as The Rookie of the Year Award. The ballots printed shall be in such quantity as to allow all members in good standing present at the meeting to take part in the election, **if they have not already done so on-line or by mail.** Announcement of this shall be in the February issue of the Newsletter.

Nominations for Deker of the Year Award will be accepted at the January general membership meeting. Nominations may also be submitted either by e-mail or other written communication for a 14-calendar day period immediately following the January General Membership meeting.

ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENTS

Any proposed amendments to these By-Laws may be presented in writing by any currently paid member to any Officer. Such proposed amendments shall be announced in the Newsletter a month prior to a membership meeting. A vote thereon shall be taken at the next membership meeting of the club, unless such amendment is subsequently withdrawn. A two-thirds affirmative vote of those present is required for amendment. A member in good standing may cast an absentee vote for a proposed amendment via the Club website. Voting via the website will take place for a pre-determined period of time (a minimum of two weeks) as announced in the Newsletter. Voting via the website must take place in conjunction with a call for votes at a , membership meeting.

ARTICLE VII - ROBERTS RULES OF ORDERS

Roberts' Rules of Order shall govern in all cases not provided by the foregoing By-Laws.

ARTICLE VIII - DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors or Trustees shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the corporation dispose of all assets of the corporation exclusively to the University of Michigan Athletic Department, earmarked for use by its men's varsity ice hockey program.

APPROVAL OF AMENDED DEKERS BLUE LINE CLUB CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS

The preceding By-Laws of the Dekers Blue Line Club will be mailed to all active members prior to the September membership meeting. In accordance with The Dekers Blue Line Club Constitution, Article VI, the proposed By-Laws changes were discussed and voted on by members present at the October 16, 2004, membership meeting and were passed as written.

The amended Constitution and By-Laws of the Dekers Blue Line Club will take effect November 01, 2004.

President:

Anita Liberman-Lampear

Date 4/21/2005

President-Elect:

Jon Morehouse

Date 5/8/2005

Past President:

Jim Kirk

Date 4/21/2005

Treasurer:

Denise Smith

Date 4/21/2005

Secretary:

Pauline McLaughlin

Date 4/21/2005

(signed copy is on file with the secretary)