
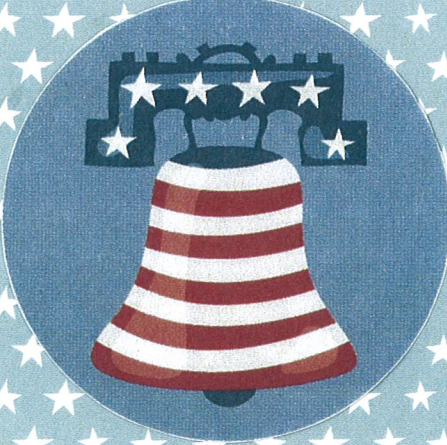


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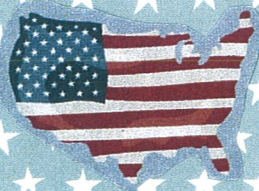


**LIBERTY IS THE OPPORTUNITY  
TO FULFILL OUR GREATEST CAPACITY**



As descendants of great pioneers, who had the courage not only to explore and settle new land but to plant here a great new idea, we have a tremendous responsibility. At a moment in history, when self-government and freedom are challenged, we can demonstrate again the power and truth of the American Way. We stand at the threshold of a new era. As modern pioneers pushing ahead on a thousand frontiers, we can achieve an ever expanding horizon for the life and liberty of our people.

*-Nokomis Program 1942-43*



## **RULES OF GOVERNANCE**

The formation of an organization is the manifestation of the liberty of the people to assemble peaceably as guaranteed in Article I of the *Bill of Rights* to the *Constitution of the United States*. This ability to legitimately organize exposes organizations to the practices expected in a representative democracy, and is representational of the idea that laws are to be understood and obeyed. Obedience to law within a group creates the ability to have procedural order and use parliamentary procedure to address organizational business in order to fulfill the organizational mission in a coherent manner.

At the very first meeting of the Nokomis Club on June 3, 1909, the charter members set out a set of rules for the club members. These written rules stated and regulated the behavioral expectations of the charter members according to the prevailing standards for organizations. As those standards have shifted and evolved, the club constitution reflects the revised standards applicable to members.

Subscription to a set of financial standards administered by the State of Washington began in 1933 when the Redmond Public Library incorporated with nonprofit status. This status was transferred to the Nokomis Club of Redmond, Washington in 1954, and continues to the present time.

1909

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~~Art 3~~ Membership

Any woman of legal age and of good moral character, who is in sympathy with our aims is eligible to membership.

Art 4 Officers

Sec. 1 The officers of this club shall be a president, vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer who shall serve for one year ~~and~~ or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Sec. 2 There shall also be a library board consisting of four members who shall be elected one for 1 year, one for 2 years, one for three years and one for four years and thereafter one member elected each year to serve for a four year term.

~~Art 5~~ Executive committee

The executive Board shall be composed of the elected officers including the Chairman of the Library Board.

Art. 6 Annual meeting.

The April meeting shall be for the election of officers and reading of the annual reports, and the May meeting shall be for the installation of officers.

Art. 7 Amendment

This constitution may be amended by a 3/4 vote of those present, at any regular meeting, provided notice of such amendment shall have been given in writing at the previous regular meeting.

Form of By-Laws

Article 1

Duties of Officers

- Sec. 1 The President shall preside at all the meetings of the Club and of the Executive Board, and shall appoint all committees.
- Sec. 2 A. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of that office.
- Sec. 2 B In the absence of both the President and Vice President the Secretary shall perform the duties of the presiding office and appoint a secretary.
- Sec. 3 The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Club and of the Executive Board, and shall perform such other duties as the Club may direct. She shall also read the By-Laws three times during the year.
- Sec. 4 The Treasurer shall take care of the funds of the Club, which shall be deposited in the bank, and she shall keep an itemized account of all receipts and expenditures by order of the Club.

Article 2

Membership

- Sec. 1 A The name of an applicant for membership shall be presented in writing to the Club and endorsed by two members, and accompanied by 50¢ initiation fee.
- Sec. 2 Candidates shall be voted upon by ballot. Two negatives reject.
- Sec. 3 Candidates shall be notified in writing by the Secretary- if accepted or rejected.
- Sec. 4 Any member wishing to withdraw her membership shall state the same in writing to the Club.
- Sec. 5 No member shall be dropped from the Club except upon her request because of moving from the community.

Article 3

Dues

- Sec. 1 The dues shall be 3.00 per year, payable in June.
- Sec. 2 A Any member who is in arrears 3 months shall be notified in writing by the Secretary.
- Sec. 2 B If dues are not paid in 6 months <sup>her</sup> ~~their~~ name will be ~~dropped~~ automatically dropped.



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Meetings

- Sec. 1 The regular meetings of the Club shall be held the last Friday of each month at 12-30 P. M.
- Sec. 2 Special meeting of the Club may be called by the Executive Board by notifying each member.
- Sec. 3

Article 5  
Election of Officers

- Sec. 1 Election of officers shall be by ballot at the annual meeting.
- Sec. No person shall be eligible to the office of President for more than 2 consecutive terms.

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Committees

- Sec. 1 A committee of three shall be appointed by the President at the annual meeting to prepare a program for the ensuing year with the Vice-President as Chairman.
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# STATE of WASHINGTON



## SECRETARY of STATE

I, *RALPH MUNRO*, Secretary of State of the State of Washington and custodian of its seal, hereby issue this

### *CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION*

to

NOKOMIS CLUB

a Washington Non Profit corporation. Articles of Incorporation were filed for record in this office on the date indicated below.

UBI Number: 601 703 473

Date: April 08, 1996



*Given under my hand and the Seal of the State of Washington at Olympia, the State Capital*

*RALPH MUNRO*

*Ralph Munro, Secretary of State*

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