



SOUTH YEASTERS
HOME BREWERS CLUB
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CONSTITUTION

of the

SOUTH YEASTERS HOMEBREW CLUB

July 4, 2012

Article I - Name of Club

Sec. 1: The name of the club shall be **SOUTH YEASTERS HOMEBREW CLUB**, herein after referred to as The Club.

Article II - Mission Statement

Sec. 1: The mission of The Club is to promote public awareness and appreciation of the quality and variety of homebrewed beer through education, research, and the collection and dissemination of information; to serve as a forum for the technological and cross-cultural aspects of the art of brewing; and to encourage personal responsibility when using beer or other alcohol-containing beverage.

Sec. 2: The Club shall function as a non-profit organization.

Article III - Membership

Sec. 1: The only qualifications of membership in The Club are to have an interest in homebrewing and/or beer; regularly attend club meetings; and participate in club activities.

Article IV - Club Officers

Sec. 1: Officers of The Club shall be the President, Treasurer, Events Officer, Online Affairs Officer and Competition Officer. These officers, with the Past President, together constitute the Board of Directors (hereinafter referred to as The Board) with the President acting as Chairman.

Sec. 2: Duties of the respective Board members shall be:

- President: oversee running of The Club, chair Committee meetings
- Treasurer: maintain funds of The Club
- Events Officer: run and coordinate Summer Festival and other events, plan brewery tours for members, and organize monthly meetings
- Online Affairs Officer: maintain website, Facebook page, Twitter account, mailing lists, and email addresses

- Competitions Officer: Run monthly competitions, and organize BJCP education meetings

Sec. 3: Any member in good standing shall be eligible to hold office.

- The term of office shall be one year commencing with the May meeting.
- A member may only fill one elected office at one time, though more than one member may one position at one time.
- A member shall not succeed themselves in the same office for a period of more than two years, unless there is a 2/3 vote of the Board in favour.

Article V - Election of Officers

Sec. 1: Nominations for Officers will be taken during the month of February via the mailing list and Facebook. Those who are nominated by other members must first confirm their acceptance of the nomination.

Sec. 2: The election of The Club President will be done via the Board, based off of the nominations. Preference will go to members who are serving, or have served previously, on the Board.

Sec. 3: The appointed President will then convene a meeting with the nominees to decide on allotment of positions by April.

Sec. 4: The new Officers will be responsible for assisting the current Board with the Summer Festival, with a complete turnover by May.

Article VI - Vacancies

Sec. 1: If any officer is unable to complete his or her term of office, a replacement will be elected/appointed at the earliest opportunity.

- Any vacancies on the Board, with the exception of President, shall be filled by appointment of the President and confirmed by a simple majority vote of the remaining members of the Board.
- If the President is unable to complete his or her term of office, another officer will assume the duties of President until the next regularly scheduled club meeting. At this meeting nominations shall be taken from the floor and a new President elected to finish the term of the former president.

Article VII - Committees

Sec. 1: Standing committees of The Club shall be the Events Committee, Online Affairs Committee and the Competition Committee.

- Committee members will be volunteers from The Club, with committee numbers at the discretion of the Committee Chair.
- The Board may establish special committees as deemed necessary. Each committee shall be chaired by a member in good standing appointed by The Board.
- Committee Chairs will be the Board members of the respective areas.

Article VIII - Meetings

Sec. 1: The Club shall meet on every second month on a Wednesday for a technical meeting and every alternate month on a Wednesday for a general meeting. The venues are to be determined by the Events Officer.

Sec. 2: Special meetings may be called by the President with concurrence from the Board.

Sec. 3: A monthly meeting of Board members may be called at the discretion of the President. A quorum of Board members is necessary before The Board may implement or change any Club policy.

Article IX - Amendments

Sec. 1: Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed and debated at any regular club meeting. An amendment may be ratified by a two-thirds majority vote of attending members at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Article X - Dissolution

Sec. 1: The Club may be dissolved only by a vote of active members in good standing. A four-fifths majority of active members shall be required to dissolve the club.

Sec. 2: Following an affirmative vote to dissolve The Club, any monies remaining in the treasury shall be disposed of as determined by a simple majority vote of the active members.