



BY-LAWS OF THE BREWNION COLONY HOMEBREWERS

ARTICLE I

NAME:

The name of this organization shall be the BREWNION COLONY HOMEBREWERS.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE:

This club shall be a non-profit, informational organization to promote the brewing of beer in the home for personal consumption, and to educate its members in the art and science of brewing techniques, tasting and judging beer by sharing knowledge from experienced homebrewers.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP:

One is considered a member in good standing upon payment of their annual dues. The membership year shall be the calendar year. A charter member is defined as an original member of the club when the club was founded, and who had remained a member in good standing to date. All members in good standing are eligible to be officers by general election.

Members must be of legal age to consume alcoholic beverages in the state. Membership is open to all and shall not be denied on the basis of race, creed or sex.

Participation in the club and its activities is voluntary and may include the consumption of alcoholic beverages. Each person is responsible for his/her conduct, behavior and actions. The club will not accept responsibility for its individual member's actions while under the influence of alcohol.

ARTICLE IV

DUES:

Dues shall be payable on or before January 1st of each year to the Treasurer of the club. Members who have not paid their dues by March shall be dropped from membership and the mailing list and shall be ineligible to participate in the activities of the club. They may be reinstated upon payment of their annual dues.

New members joining between January 1st and March 31st of any year shall pay the full yearly dues for the current year's membership. New members joining between April 1st and June 30th of any year shall pay three-quarters (3/4) of the full yearly dues for the current year's membership. New members joining between July 1st and September 30th of any year shall pay one-half (1/2) of the full yearly dues for the current year's membership. New members joining between October 1st and December 31st of any year shall pay one-quarter (1/4) of the full yearly dues for the current year's membership.

The club sponsor, currently Larry Oyler of Union Colony Brewery, is not required to pay dues.

Dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors and subject to approval by the membership. Additional members of the same household may join for half the amount of the annual fee.

ASSESSMENTS:

Special assessments can be made in furtherance of the organizational goals by a majority vote of the membership. Advance notification of this vote must be given in the meeting notice.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS:

The officers of this organization shall be the president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and inventory clerk and shall be elected for a term of one year.

Nominations for officers will be open to the floor at the November meeting. Elections will be held at the December meeting. Officers shall be elected by a simple majority vote of current members in attendance.

Any officer of the club may be removed by vote of a majority of members. A club officer must recommend this vote. Notification that a vote of removal will be conducted must be made to the general membership and included in the regular meeting notice.

If one of the club's officers resigns, the remaining officers shall select a person to replace and resume the responsibilities of the person who left. This new officer shall serve out the remainder of the resigned officer's term.

ARTICLE VI

DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

President – Shall preside at all general meetings and act as chairman of the Board of Directors. In general, he/she shall supervise the operation of this organization by planning the meeting, and arranging for an interesting demonstration or discussion.

Vice-President – Shall assist the president, and, in the event of absence of the president or vacancy of this office, shall resume the duties of the president. He/she shall also preside as chairman of any committees dealing with social functions, competitions, or other events under the president's directions. He/she shall become the president for the following year.

Secretary – Shall keep minutes of all general meetings and any meetings of the Board of Directors. He/she shall also be responsible for general correspondence, and meeting reminder e-mails to the general membership. He/she will also be responsible for maintaining the file of current and charter members. This membership list will be made available on request.

Treasurer – Shall have custody of all funds of this organization and shall be responsible for all disbursements of these funds at the direction of the general membership or the Board of Directors. He/she shall collect dues and deposit them in the club's account and keep the financial records. He/she shall not serve as a member of any committee, but will attend committee meetings in order to provide information on funds available for projects.

Inventory Clerk – Shall maintain accurate records of the club's inventory, assist club members in the purchase of inventory and record the transactions. All proceeds from the sale of inventory must be presented to the Treasurer ASAP.

ARTICLE VII

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Shall be made up of all elected officers, the former past president, and all charter members in continuous good standing. Meetings shall occur at the call for the president as necessary.

The Board shall have full power to manage this organization, the responsibility for carrying out its purpose, and the establishment of rules for its operation.

A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VIII

MEETINGS:

The meetings of this organization shall be held monthly at suitable times and places at the call of the president.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS:

The Board of Directors shall be empowered to amend these by-laws. A proposal to amend the by-laws shall be made to the Board of Directors at least thirty (30) days prior to the next Board of Directors meeting. It shall be discussed at the next general meeting and, if approved by a majority vote of members attending, it shall be presented to the general membership for a ballot by e-mail. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of those voting shall be required for adoption of the amendment.

Amendments to the by-laws shall be provided to all members.

ARTICLE X

COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENTS:

The president shall make committees and appointments as the need arises.

ARTICLE XI

A current copy of the by-laws shall be presented to new members joining the club.