# Bylaws of the Rotary Club of Sterling Kansas

## **Article 1 Definitions**

1. Board: The board of directors of this club.

2. Director: A director on this club's board.

3. Member: A member, other than an honorary member, of this club.

4. Quorum: The minimum number of participants who must be present when a

vote is taken: one-third of the club's members for club decisions and a

majority of the directors for club board decisions.

5. RI: Rotary International.

6. Year: The 12-month period beginning 1 July.

## **Article 2 Board**

The governing body of this club is its board of directors, consisting of, at a minimum, the president, immediate past president, president-elect, secretary, and treasurer.

## **Article 3 Elections and Terms of Office**

Section 1 — One month before elections, members nominate candidates for president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and any open director positions. The nominations may be presented by a nominating committee, by members from the floor, or both.

Section 2 — The candidate who receives a majority of the votes for each office is declared elected to that office.

Section 3 — If any officer or board member vacates their position, the remaining members of the board will appoint a replacement.

Section 4 — If any officer-elect or director-elect vacates a position, the remaining members of the board-elect will appoint a replacement.

Section 5 — The terms of office for each role are:

President - one year Vice president - one year

### **Article 4** Duties of the Officers

Section 1 — The president presides at club and board meetings.

- Section 2 The immediate past president serves as a director on the club board.
- Section 3 The president-elect prepares for his or her year in office and serves as a director.
- Section 4 The vice president presides at club and board meetings when the president is absent.
- Section 5 The secretary keeps membership and attendance records.
- Section 6 The treasurer oversees all funds and provides an accounting of them.

## **Article 5** Meetings

- Section 1 An annual meeting of this club is held in December to elect the officers and directors who will serve for the next Rotary year.
- Section 2 This club meets as follows: Weekly on Mondays at noon at Sterling College. Reasonable notice of any change or cancellation of the regular meeting will be given to all club members.
- Section 3 Board meetings are held as needed with reasonable notice by the president.

### **Article 6 Dues**

Annual club dues are \$34 each quarter [or as amended by the membership] plus meal charges.

## **Article 7** Method of Voting

The business of this club is conducted by voice vote or a show of hands. The board may also provide a ballot for a vote on some resolutions. A quorum is one third of all members.

### **Article 8 Committees**

- Section 1 —This club's committees comprise those appointed by the president.
- Section 2 The president is an ex officio member of all committees.
- Section 3 Each committee's chair is responsible for the regular meetings and activities of the committee, supervises and coordinates its work, and reports to the president on all committee activities.

### **Article 9 Finances**

- Section 1 Before each fiscal year starts, the board prepares an annual budget of estimated income and expenditures.
- Section 2 The treasurer deposits club funds in a financial institution or institutions

designated by the board, divided into [at least] two accounts: one for club operations and one or more for service projects.

- Section 3 Bills are paid by the treasurer or another authorized officer.
- Section 4 A qualified person, as approved by the membership, conducts a thorough annual review of all financial transactions.
- Section 5 Club members will receive an annual financial statement of the club. A midyear financial report, with current and previous year income and expenses, is presented at the annual meeting.
- Section 6 The fiscal year is from 1 July to 30 June.

# **Article 10 Method of Electing Members**

- Section 1 A member proposes a candidate for membership.
- Section 2 The membership approves or rejects the candidate's membership within 30 days and notifies the proposing member of its decision.
- Section 3 If the membership approves the candidate's membership, the prospective member is invited to join the club.

### **Article 11 Amendments**

These bylaws may be amended at any regular club meeting. Changing the club bylaws requires sending written notice to each member 21 days before the meeting, having a quorum present for the vote, and having two-thirds of the votes support the change. Changes to these bylaws must be consistent with the Standard Rotary Club Constitution, the RI Constitution and Bylaws, and the Rotary Code of Policies.

# **Approval**

These Bylaws were adopted by unanimous vote of the members on February 3, 2020.

Any previous Bylaws is hereby revoked.