

Constitution and By-Laws

Article I - Name

The name of this organization shall be "Sevierville Garden Club".

Article II - Object

The object of this club shall be to stimulate the knowledge of gardening and to aid in the public interest in gardening and to aid in the protection of native plants and birds, and to encourage community beautification.

Article III - Membership

The club shall be composed of active, associate (inactive) and honorary members. Persons eligible for membership are those who show an interest in growing and showing flowers and have a desire to cooperate in the realization of the club's objective. Any member making a monetary contribution of \$150.00 or more to the club will be given a life membership.

Article IV - Meetings

Section 1. The regular meetings shall be held the second Wednesday of each month at 12:00 noon.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the President, or upon written request of five (5) members of the club, such requests specifying the purpose for which the meeting is being called.

Section 2. To conduct a legal business meeting a quorum shall consist of the majority of members present and voting. A majority of members present shall constitute a quorum for all transactions of business.

Article V - Election of Officers

Section 1. The officers of the club shall be the President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Recording Secretary and a Treasurer.

Section 2. Officers shall be elected in February.

Section 3. Officers shall be installed in March and assume office in April

Section 4. A term of office shall consist of one year. No officer shall hold the same office more than three (3) consecutive terms with one or more officers being held over each year.

Section 5. A Nominating Committee, consisting of three (3) members, shall be named in January. The Chairman will be appointed by the President; one member elected by the Executive Board; and one member elected by the club at large.

Article VI - Duties of Officers

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meeting, appoint all committee chairmen, and have general supervision over all the club activities. Upon leaving office she would become member-at-large.

Section 2. The First Vice shall assist the President and assume duties of the President in her absence or upon her resignation. She/He shall also serve as Chairman of the Program Committee.

Section 3. The Second Vice President shall assist the First Vice President in her absence or upon resignation and shall also serve as Chairman for the Publicity Committee.

Section 4. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the club and Board meetings and conduct the correspondence of the club, have charge of membership lists and notify applicants of their election to the club membership.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall collect dues, send notices to delinquent members, keep accurate accounts of all receipts, expenditures and disbursements as directed.

Article VII – Executive Board

Section 1. The Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers, appointed officers and chairman of all standing committees.

Section 2. All vacancies of the Executive Board shall be filled by presidential appointment except that of the President.

Section 3. The majority of board members present and voting shall constitute a quorum for all transactions of business.

Article VII – Dues

Membership dues of this club shall be \$13.00 payable by April 1st. If not paid by that time, dues shall be considered delinquent and a card sent by the Treasurer stating that dues are payable.

Article IX – Service

Section 1. A memorial contribution shall be made by the club in case of a death of a member, or a member of the immediate family. Notice must be given before the end of each year and contributions shall be made for the year in which death occurs.

Section 2. Expenses shall be paid by the Treasurer for the President or her selected delegate attending any required district or state meetings.

Article X – Past Presidents

The name of each past President of the club shall, at the expiration of her term of office, be placed upon an honor roll of past Presidents. This list is to be printed in the Yearbook.

Article XI – Amendments

Constitution and by-laws may be amended by two-thirds vote at any meeting, provided the proposed amendment has been read at a previous meeting.

In view of an urgent matter, a written letter shall be sent to members prior to voting, stating the intent of business to be conducted as per Article IV, Section 2.

Article XII – Rules

Roberts Rules of Order shall govern all deliberations of this club, except as otherwise specified herein.