# THE EAST BARNARD COMMUNITY CLUB, INC.

# **Bylaws**

# ARTICLE 1. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The name of the organization shall be The East Barnard Community Club, Inc.

#### ARTICLE 2. PROPERTY

The club owns the building and grounds of the Community Hall which was deeded to The East Barnard Community Club, Inc. in 1984 by the East Barnard Grange No. 380.

# **ARTICLE 3. PURPOSES**

- 1. To promote the social life of the community with regular meetings.
- 2. To provide for the care and maintenance of the Community Hall and the management of its use.

#### ARTICLE 4. NON-PROFIT

1. The Community Club shall operate as a non-profit organization.

# ARTICLE 5. MEMBERSHIP

- 1. **Membership.** Any resident of the East Barnard Community may be a member of the club by paying the annual membership fee.
- 2. **Dues.** The annual dues of the club shall be determined by the Executive Committee and presented to the membership for approval.
- 3. **Voting Rights**. Each member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the members.
- 4. **Termination of Membership**. Any member may voluntarily discontinue membership. Non-payment of membership dues for more than one year shall constitute discontinuance of membership.

### ARTICLE 6. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 1. **Board of Directors** There shall be six members of the Board of Directors
- 2. **Directors** shall be elected at the annual meeting by the members present. Officers may serve as Directors
- 3. **Terms of office** All terms of office shall be for 2 years
- 4. **Staggered terms** Three directors shall be elected annually.
- 5. **Officers of the Board of Directors**. A president and clerk shall be elected by the Board of Directors. Each office must be held by a different person.

# ARTICLE 7. OFFICERS

- 1. **Officers.** The officers of the club shall be:
- President
- Vice President
- Member at Large

- **Secretary** (shall be responsible for updating club and non profit information with state and federal regulatory agencies and may be designated to serve as clerk of the Board of Directors)
- Treasurer
- 2. **Election.** Officers shall be elected at the annual meeting by the members present. All officers shall serve on the Executive Committee. Office of president and clerk must be held by a different person
- Compensation. Officers shall not receive compensation for their services. An officer
  may receive compensation for services rendered in a capacity other than that of an
  officer.
- 4. **Terms of Office.** All terms of the officers shall be for two (2) years and shall be limited to two (2) consecutive terms. However, an officer having been out of office for one (1) term shall be eligible for re-election.
- 5. **Staggered Terms.** The terms of office for the President and the Secretary shall be concurrent but shall be staggered from the concurrent terms of the Vice President, Member at Large and Treasurer.
- 6. **Vacancies.** Any vacancy occurring may be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum of members present at any meeting at which this item of business was duly warned. An officer elected to fill a vacancy shall be elected for the unexpired term of his/her predecessor.

#### ARTICLE 8. OFFICE

The officers shall provide their own office space as necessary without compensation.

# ARTICLE 9. FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Community Club shall be January 1 to December 31.

#### ARTICLE 10. MEETINGS

- 1. **Periodic Meetings.** The club shall have periodic meetings (for example, monthly) as determined by the members.
- 2. **Annual Meeting.** An annual meeting shall take place, usually in November, for the purpose of electing officers for the next fiscal year and to enact other business as necessary.
- 3. **Special Meetings.** Special meetings to enact business may be called by the Executive Committee or as requested in a vote by five or more members in good standing.
- 4. **Warnings.** Any meeting at which business is to be enacted shall be warned electronically at least ten (10) days in advance with an agenda made available at that time.
- 5. **Quorum.** A quorum for enacting business shall consist of at least nine (9) members.
- 6. **Voting.** A simple majority shall decide a vote except as specifically noted in other articles.

#### ARTICLE 11. COMMITTEES

1. **Executive Committee.** The elected officers collectively shall constitute the Executive Committee.

- 2. **Property Committee.** A committee of not less than three (3) members to oversee the upkeep of the property shall be selected by the members at the annual business meeting, such committee to serve for one (1) year and be subject to reappointment.
- 3. **Audit Committee.** An ad-hoc committee of two (2) members shall be chosen at the annual meeting to examine the financial records in an informal audit with the treasurer, such meeting to take place before the beginning of the next fiscal year.
- 4. **Luna Moore Scholarship Fund Committee:** There shall be three Trustees elected by the Community Club and each serving three-year terms on a rotating basis. Terms begin on January 1. Trustees may serve no more than two consecutive full three-year terms. After not having been a Trustee for one term, an individual will again be eligible to serve as a Trustee.
- 5. **Nominating Committee:** Approximately one month prior to the annual meeting an adhoc nominating committee shall be chosen. It shall consist of at least two (2) members.
- 6. **Ad-hoc committees.** Ad-hoc committees may be appointed for undertaking specific tasks.

#### ARTICLE 12. EVENTS

Supper(s) and other events for the purpose of fund-raising for the Community Club shall be held on dates as determined by the members.

# ARTICLE 13. USE OF THE COMMUNITY HALL

Policies for the use of the Community Hall shall be determined by the Executive Committee and approved by the members.

#### ARTICLE 14. DISSOLUTION

A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership shall be required to mortgage the Community Hall or to dissolve the Community Club. If the East Barnard Community Club, Inc. ceases operating said Community Hall, it shall revert to the East Barnard Grange, No. 380 or its successors. No part of the net assets of the club shall inure to the benefit of or be paid or distributed to any officer or other member of the club.

# ARTICLE 15. AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of a quorum of members present at any meeting at which there has been warning for that purpose.

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These Bylaws, effective April 8, 2017 supersede the Bylaws that were adopted October 18, 2012.