

BY LAWS OF OHIO BOTTLE CLUB

ARTICLE I

That the objectives for which this club, the Ohio Bottle Club, is formed are purely educational and not for financial gain, and no financial gain shall be derived by any member of this Club nor any person or institution in the conduct of same, but any receipts of this Club shall be applied to promote, foster and encourage all objectives and activities of the Club toward the betterment of bottle collecting, to better facilitate the exchanging of information pertaining to bottles and the bottle hobby and to better facilitate the exhibiting, displaying, trading, promoting and researching of bottles and related historical artifacts.

Replace with “ bottles, glass, related vessels and go-withs.”

To accomplish the above objectives, the Ohio Bottle Club shall:

- A. Promote and provide a facility and forum for a monthly meeting (open to the general public) through which educational programs and seminars are provided pertaining to historical bottles and bottle collecting; bottle collections may be seen; bottles may be traded; better methods of collecting, cleaning, displaying and preserving bottle collections may be developed; and research pertaining to related artifacts is disseminated.
- B. Promote and provide a monthly newsletter through which information and research pertaining to historical bottles and the bottle collecting hobby may be exchanged.
- C. Promote and provide a Website along with other social media (Facebook, etc.) through which information pertaining to historical bottles and bottle collecting may be exchanged; bottle collections may be seen; bottles may be traded; better methods of collecting, cleaning, displaying and preserving bottle collections may be developed; and research pertaining to related artifacts is disseminated.
- D. Promote and provide speakers to libraries, historical societies, schools and community groups through which educational programs and seminars will inform the general public about historical bottles, bottle collecting and research pertaining to glass and related vessels.
- E. Promote and provide at least one annual club-sponsored bottle show venue to educate and promote the objectives of the Club to the general public.
- F. Promote and provide to the general public books, videos and research on historical Ohio bottles, as well as other antique bottles and related artifacts.
- G. Promote and conduct individual and group trips and activities in accordance and in-line with the objectives of the Club.
- H. Promote and provide any activity pertinent to and in connection with the foregoing general purposes.

All activities of this club shall be *limited* to only those that are non-profit and educational in nature with the aim of promoting, developing and facilitating bottle collecting, including the exhibiting, displaying, trading, researching and preserving the historical significance of antique bottles and the hobby of collecting such.

ARTICLE II

The officers of the Club shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

- A. That the President of the Club shall select a nominating committee of not less than three (3) members at the regular October meeting, who will prepare a list of candidates for election to the several elective offices. The nominating committee will elect one (1) member to act as chairman.

1. The nominating committee chairman will present to the members of the Club, at the November meeting, a list of their selections. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at this meeting. The members at this time may elect to vote on the selection of new officers or may elect to wait until the December meeting but shall not exceed beyond the December meeting, voting for the new incoming officers.
 2. The officers shall be elected annually for a term of one (1) year by the members at the regular meeting by simple ballot. All officers shall be installed in office to be effective on the first day of each year.
- B. The President shall preside over all meetings. He shall, in general, supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the Club.
- C. The Vice-President shall act as President in the event of the absence of the President or his inability to so act. In the absence of the President and the Vice President, a presiding officer shall be chosen without ballot by and from the members present.
- D. The Secretary shall keep a full and complete record of the proceedings at the meetings of the Club; see that all notices are given as prescribed in the BY-LAWS; be custodian of the Club records; and, in general, perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President of the Club.
- E. The Treasurer shall have custody of and be responsible for all of the funds, dues and securities of the Club. Such funds will be deposited in the bank or banks as designated by the officers of the Club and its members at the January meeting of each year. The Treasurer shall draw all vouchers and have them approved before payment by the Club President. He shall submit any accounting of receipts and expenditures at each regular monthly meeting of the Club.
- F. Any officer absent for three (3) consecutive meetings of the Club, other than illness, or conditions beyond his control, will have his office declared vacant, and to be filled by vote members of the Club.
- G. No officer of the Club shall receive any compensation for their services as such.
- H. As used in these BY-LAWS, the masculine form of a word includes the feminine.

ARTICLE III

Membership

- A. Application for membership shall be open to all persons or organizations interested in old or antique bottles and bottle collections. Applications for membership shall be submitted to the Club officers for approval. **Eliminate the underlined.** Said applications for membership shall be accompanied by the specified dues and may be made by letter, by application form, or, by oral request.
- B. Each member shall be entitled to vote and has the privilege of holding of the Club.
- C. Membership dues shall be the sum of five dollars (\$5) per annum, per family and family and shall be due on January 1 of each year. **Replace with "Membership dues shall be set by vote of the membership, shall be per family and shall be due on January 1 of each year."**

- D. The Board of Directors **Replace with “The Officers of the club”** shall have summary power by a vote of a majority of its active members to suspend, expel or terminate the membership of any member for conduct which in their opinion disturbs the order, dignity, business or harmony or impairs the good name, popularity or purposes of the organization, or which is likely to endanger the interests and welfare of the organization.
- E. Any member not paying his dues within 60 days from January 1 of each year will automatically be dropped from the membership rolls and the mailing list and will no longer receive the monthly newsletter. Members can be reinstated by paying dues.

ARTICLE IV

Committees and Special Officers

- A. The President shall appoint with the approval of a majority of the Club officers, such committees as are deemed necessary to carry out and effectuate the purpose of the Club.
- B. The President shall appoint with the approval of a majority of the Club officers, such special officers as are deemed necessary to carry out and effectuate the purpose of the Club. This could be an assistant to the Secretary, etc.
- C. All Club members are eligible to serve on such committees and as such special officers.

ARTICLE V

Meetings

- A. The regular monthly meeting of all Club members shall be held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at a location agreed upon by the Club members at the previous meeting. Monthly meetings may be waived, by vote of members, only if other Club activities, such as the Club’s own bottle shows coincide and another regular meeting date can be agreed upon. **Replaced with “the last Thursday of the month at 7 P.M. at a location agreed upon by the Club members at the previous meeting. A monthly meeting and/or time of meeting may be changed by a vote of the membership due to conflicts or special circumstances.**
- B. Notice of regular meetings shall be mailed to all Club members, in good standing, at least three (3) days prior to each regular meeting. This can be done in the monthly newsletter or by other mailed notices.
- C. Special meetings may be called by the Club officers or at the written request of ten (10) active members. Notice of such special meetings shall be mailed to each active member at least three (3) days prior to such meetings.

ARTICLE VI

Amendments

- A. These BY-LAWS may be amended at any time by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the regular members present at any regular meeting.

- B. Written notice shall be given to all members at least ten (10) days before the meeting at which any proposed alteration or amendment is to be voted upon, stating the contemplated amendments or alterations, the date, the time and place at which they will be submitted, discussed or acted upon.

- C. Any revision of these BY-LAWS may be suspended for a specific act upon unanimous consent of all members present at an authorized meeting, provided the members present constitute a quorum. A quorum consists of fifty percent (50%) of the active Club members. **Eliminate the underlined**

ARTICLE VII

Books, Records and Property

- A. No member shall acquire any right, title or interest in the property of monies of the Club.
- B. All property, and monies, whether acquired by purchase, donation, contribution or otherwise, can never be divided among the members, whether during existence of the Club or upon dissolution and termination thereof.
- C. All property and monies of the Club must be and devoted irrevocably to the charitable, educational and eleemosynary purpose for which this Club was informed.
- D. All books, records and property of the Club shall remain under the care of the officers of the Club whose duties are concerned therewith, all under the supervision of the President.
- E. In the event of dissolution or termination of the Club, all property and funds of the Club, shall be transferred to another organization of a charitable, educational, eleemosynary and non-profit organization, the purpose of which include and are irrevocably devoted to the charitable, educational and eleemosynary purpose also.

ARTICLE VIII

Ownership and Liability

- A. No debts shall be incurred for which funds are not available in the treasury without a vote of the Club membership.
- B. The President, or in his absence, the Vice-President, may take action with regard to matters of extraordinary importance arising between meetings and requiring immediate attention and shall have the power to expend a sum of money not to exceed \$37.50. Any such expenditure shall be approved by the Club at the next regular meeting.

ARTICLE IX

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the procedure at meetings of the Club, as far as they may consistent with the Club's BY-LAWS

Add date when amended

Approved at a general meeting May 26, 2022