

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

CODY LIONS CLUB

Date: April 17th, 2014

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Name, Slogan and Motto

Section A. The name of this organization shall be the Cody Lions Club chartered by, and under the jurisdiction of, The International Association of Lions Clubs (hereinafter referred to as "Association").

Section B. Its Slogan shall be: Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nation's Safety

Section C. Its Motto shall be: We Serve.

ARTICLE II

Purposes and Objects

The Objects of this club shall be:

- A. To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
- B. To promote the principle of good government and good citizenship.
- C. To take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.
- D. To unite the members in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.
- E. To provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.

- F. To encourage service-minded men to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.

### ARTICLE III

#### Membership

Section B. Membership in this Lions Club shall be as follows:

- (1) **ACTIVE:** A member entitled to all rights and privileges and subject to all obligations which membership in a Lions Club confers or implies. Without limiting such rights and obligations, such rights shall include eligibility to seek, if otherwise qualified, any office in this club, District or Association and the right to vote on all matters requiring a vote of the membership; and such obligations shall include regular attendance, prompt payment of dues, participation in club activities and conduct reflecting a favorable image of this Lions Club in the community.
- (2) **MEMBER-AT-LARGE:** A member of this club, who has moved from the community, or because of health or other legitimate reason, is unable regularly to attend club meetings and desires to retain membership in this club, and upon whom the Board of Directors of this club desires to confer this status. This status shall be reviewed each six months by the Board of Directors of this club. A Member-at-Large shall not be eligible to hold office or to vote in District of International meetings or conventions.
- (3) **HONORARY:** An individual, not a member of this Lions Club having performed outstanding service for the community or this Lions Club upon whom this club desires to confer special distinction. This club shall pay entrance fees and International and District dues on such a member, who may attend meetings, but shall not be entitled to any privileges of Active membership.
- (4) **PRIVILEGED:** A member of this club who has been a Lion fifteen (15) or more years, who, because of illness, infirmities, advanced age or other legitimate reason, as determined by the Board of Directors of this club, must relinquish his Active status. He shall have the right to vote and be entitled to all other

privileges of membership except the right to hold Club, District or International office.

(5) LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL: The information being submitted with the full understanding of the following requirements for Life Membership. Any member of a club who has maintained Active membership as a Lion for twenty (20) or more years and has rendered outstanding service to his club, his/her community, or this Association; or any member of a club who has maintained such Active membership for fifteen (15) or more years and is at least seventy (70) years of age; or any member of a club who is critically ill may be granted Life Membership in the local club upon (1) recommendation of his/her club, (2) payment to the Association of US \$650.00, or current and prevailing rate, by they're club in lieu of all future dues to the Association, and (3) approval by the International Board of Directors.

And/or:

CODY LIONS CLUB : The information being submitted with the full understanding of the following requirements for Life Membership. Any member of the Cody Lions Club who has maintained Active membership as a Cody Lion for twenty (20) or more years and has rendered outstanding service to the Club, or his community; or any member of the Club who has maintained such Active membership for fifteen (15) or more years and is at least seventy (70) years of age and has rendered outstanding service to the Club, or his community; or any member of the Club who is critically ill may be granted Life Membership.

Cody Lions Life Membership may be granted if:

(1) Held at least three (3) club offices in the Cody Lions Club (2)majority approval by the Cody Lions Nomination Committee, (3) majority approval by the acting Cody Lions Board of Directors, (4) majority approval by the Cody Lions present at a regular meeting, (5) payment to the Cody Lions Club, the current and prevailing rate.

Section C. Membership in this Lions Club shall be acquired by invitation only. Nominations shall be made on forms provided by the International Office, which shall be signed by a member in good standing who shall act as a sponsor and be submitted to the President who will turn the application over to the Membership Committee. The Membership Committee shall consist of three (3) members to be appointed by the Cody Lions Old Monarchs. The committee will then report their finding to the President, who, in turn, will report the same to the membership. After investigation, which shall take no more than seven (7) days, the applicant shall be voted on at a regular meeting. If approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present, the prospect may then be invited to become a member of this club. A properly filled out membership form and a membership fee must be in the hands of the secretary before the member may be officially inducted into the club or be reported to the Association as a club member.

Section D. Reinstatement of Membership: Any member dropped from the membership in this club may be reinstated, within six (6) months from the date of termination of his membership by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. In the event more than six (6) months have elapsed between such termination and his reinstatement application, it will be necessary for him to come into the club under the procedure set forth in Section C of this Article III.

Section E. Transfer Membership: This club may grant membership on a transfer basis to one who has terminated or is terminating his membership in another Lions Club provided that (1) the application for transfer of membership is received by the secretary of this club within six (6) months following the date of termination of membership in his former club; (2) such termination was in good standing; and (3) the applicant provides a statement from the secretary of his current or former club, as the case may be, showing his record in such former club and (4) such application and statement are approved by the Board of Directors. If more than six (6) months have elapsed between termination of membership in another club and application for transfer, an applicant may acquire membership in this club only under the provisions of Section C. of this Article III.

## ARTICLE IV

### Fees and Dues

Section A. Each new, reinstated and transfer member shall pay an entrance fee of \$ 70.00, or current and prevailing rate, which fee shall include the current Association entrance fee and be collected before such member is enrolled as a member of this club and before the secretary may report such member to Lions International, provided, however, that the Board of Directors may elect to waive all or any part of the club portion of said entrance fee as to any member granted membership by transfer or reinstatement within six (6) months of termination of his prior Lions Club membership.

Section B. Each member of this club, except Cody Life Members shall pay the following indicated regular annual dues. Cody Life Members shall pay International and District dues only. Active, Member-at-large, Honorary and Privileged dues shall include an amount to cover current International, District and Cody Lions dues (to defray the subscription price of The Lion Magazine, administrative and annual convention costs of the Association and similar District costs) and shall be paid in advance at such times as the Board Of Directors shall determine:

1. Active: \$70.00, or current and prevailing rate
2. New inductee only: \$100.00, or current and prevailing rate
3. Member-at-large: \$70.00, or current and prevailing rate
4. Honorary: \$70.00, or current and prevailing rate
5. Privileged: \$70.00, or current and prevailing rate
6. Life-INTERNATIONAL: \$650.00, or current and prevailing rate
7. Life-CODY LIONS: current and prevailing rate

The treasure of this club shall remit International and District (Single or Sub-International and District (Single or Multiple) Constitution and By-Laws.

No Dues, fees or assessments, in addition to those set forth herein, may be levied on, or required of, any member by this club, its Board of Directors or any officer or member of this club.

## ARTICLE V

### Resignations

Any member may resign from this club, and said resignation shall become effective upon acceptance thereof by the Board of Directors. The Board may withhold acceptance, however, until all indebtedness has been paid, all club funds and property have been returned, and all right to the use of the name "LIONS," the emblem and other insignia of this Association have been surrendered.

## ARTICLE VI

### Forfeiture of Membership

Section A. The secretary shall submit to the Board of Directors the name of any member who fails to pay any indebtedness due this club within sixty (60) days after receipt from the secretary of written notice thereof. The Board shall thereafter decide whether the member shall be dropped from or retained on the roster.

Section B. Any member may be expelled from the club for cause by two thirds (2/3) Vote of the entire Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE VII

### Officers

Section A. The officers of this club shall be a President, Immediate Past President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Third Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Lion Tamer, Tail Twister and all Directors.

Section B. No person shall be eligible to hold office in this club unless he is an Active member in good standing.

Section C. No officer shall receive any compensation for any service rendered to this Club in his official capacity with the exception of the secretary, whose compensation, if any, shall be fixed by the Board of Directors.

Section D. DUTIES:

(1)PRESIDENT: He shall be the Chief Executive Officer of this club; preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and this club;

(2)IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: He and the other Past Presidents shall officially greet members and their guests at club meetings and shall represent this club in welcoming all new service-minded men in the community served by this club.

(3)VICE PRESIDENTS: If the President is unable to perform the duties of his office for any reason, the Vice President next in rank shall occupy his position and perform his duties with the same authority as the President.

Each Vice President shall, under the direction of the President, oversee the functioning of such committees of this club as the President shall designate.

(4)SECRETARY: He shall be under the supervision and direction of the President and the Board of Directors and shall act as the liaison office between the club and the District (Single or Sub- and Multiple) in which this club is located and the Association. In fulfillment of this, he shall:

(a) Submit regular monthly and other reports to the International Office of the Association on blanks provided by it containing such information as may be called for therein and otherwise by the Board of Directors of the Association;

(b) Submit semi-annually to the International Office of the Association reports of the financial condition of this club:

(c) Submit to the District Governor's Cabinet such reports as it may require, including copies of regular membership and activities reports;

(d) Cooperate with and be an Active member of the District Governor's Advisory Committee of the Zone in which this club is located;

(e) Have custody and keep and maintain general records of this club, including records of minutes of club and Board meetings; attendance; committee appointments; elections' classifications (if any); addresses and telephone numbers of members; member' club accounts; and club receipts and disbursements.

(f) Issue quarterly or semi-annual statements to each member for dues and other financial obligations owed to this club, collect and turn the same over to the club treasurer and obtain a receipt therefor.

(g) Give bond for the faithful discharge of his office in such sum and with such surety as determined by the Board of Directors.

(5) TREASURER: He shall:

(a) Receive all monies, from the secretary and otherwise, and deposit the same in a bank or banks recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the Board of Directors;

(b) Pay out monies in payment of club obligations only on authority given by the Board of Directors. All checks and vouchers shall be signed by the Treasurer and counter signed by one other officer, determined by the Board of Directors.

(c) Prepare and submit monthly and semi-annual financial reports to the International Office of the Association and the Board of Directors of this club.

(d) Give bond for the faithful discharge of his office in such sum and with such surety as determined by the Board of Directors.

(6) LION TAMER: The Lion Tamer shall have charge of and be responsible for the property and paraphernalia of the club, including flags, banners, gong, gavel, song books and button board. He shall put each in its proper place before each meeting and return the same to the proper storage area after each meeting. He shall act as sergeant-at-arms at meetings, see that those present are properly seated, and distribute bulletins, favors and literature as required at club and Board meetings. He shall give special attention to assure that each new member sits with a different group at each meeting so that he can become better acquainted.

(7) TAIL TWISTER: We shall promote harmony, good fellowship, life and enthusiasm in the meetings through appropriate stunts and games and the judicious imposition of fines on club members. There shall be no ruling from his decision imposing a fine, provided; however, that no fine shall exceed twenty-five (25) cents and no member shall be fined except by unanimous vote of all members present. All monies collected by the Tail Twister shall be immediately turned over to the treasurer and a receipt be given therefor.



## ARTICLE VIII

### Board of Directors

Section A. The members of the Board of Directors shall be the President, Immediate Past President, the Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Lion Tamer, Tail Twister and at least four (4) elected Directors.

Section B. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held monthly at such time and place as the Board shall determine.

Section C. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held when called by the President, or when requested by five (5) or more members of the Board of Directors, at such time and place as the President shall determine.

Section D. The presence in person of a majority of its members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors. Except as otherwise specifically provided, the act of a majority of the Directors present at any meeting of the Board shall be the act and decision of the entire Board of Directors.

Section E. Duties and Powers: In addition to those duties and powers, express and implied, set forth elsewhere in this Constitution and By-Laws, the Board of Directors shall have the following duties and powers:

- (1) It shall constitute the Executive Board of this club and be responsible for the execution, through the club officers, of the policies approved by the club. All new business and policy of this club shall be considered and shaped, first by the Board of Directors for presentation to the approval by the club members at a regular or special club meeting.
- (2) It shall authorize all expenditures and shall not create any indebtedness beyond the current income of this club, nor authorize disbursement of club funds for purposes inconsistent with the business and policy authorized by the club membership.
- (3) It shall have power to modify, override or rescind the action of any officer of this club.
- (4) It shall have the books, accounts and operation of this club audited annually or, in its discretion, more frequently and may require an accounting, or have an audit made, of this handling of any club funds by any officer, committee or member of this club. Any member of this club in good standing may

inspect any such audit or accounting upon request at a reasonable time and place.

- (5) It shall appoint, on recommendation of the Finance Committee, a bank or banks for the deposit of the funds of this club.
- (6) It shall appoint the surety for the bonding of any officer of this club.
- (7) It shall not authorize, not permit, the expenditure for any administrative purpose, of the net income of projects or activities of this club by which funds are raised from the public.
- (8) It shall submit all matters of new business and policy to the respective Standing of Special club committee for study and recommendation to the Board.
- (9) It shall name and appoint, subject to approval of the club membership, the delegates and alternates of this club to District (Single or Sub-and Multiple) and International Conventions.

## ARTICLE IX

### Elections

The officers of this club, excluding the Immediate Past President, shall be elected as follows:

Section A. A nomination meeting shall be held in May of each year, with the date and place of such meeting to be determined by the Immediate Past President and notice thereof mailed to each Past President of this club at least ten (10) days prior to the time of the holding thereof.

Section B. A nominating committee which shall consist of the Past Presidents of the Cody Lions Club who are still Active members of the club. The Past Presidents of acting as such nominating committee shall submit the names of candidates for the various club offices to the Past President at the annual meeting held at the end of May of each Calendar year near Memorial Day. At this election meeting nominations for all offices to be filled in the succeeding year may also be made from the floor.

## ARTICLE X

### Vacancies

Sections A. If the office of President or of any Vice-President shall become vacant for any reason, The Vice-Presidents shall advance in office, according to their rank. In the event such provision for advancement shall fail to fill the office of President, or First or Second Vice President, the Board of Directors shall thereon call a special election, giving each member in good standing prior two (2) weeks' notice of the time and place thereof, which time and place shall be determined by said Board; and such office shall be filled at said election meeting.

In the event of vacancy in the office of Third Vice-President such office shall remain vacant and be filled at the next annual election of officers.

In the event of a vacancy in any other office, the Board of Directors shall appoint a member to fill the unexpired term.

Section B. In the event any officer-elect, before his term of office commences, is unable or refuses for any reason to serve therein, the President may call a special nomination and election meeting to elect a replacement for such officer-elect. Two (2) weeks prior notice of such meeting, setting forth the purpose, time and place thereof, shall be given to each member, by mail or personal delivery. The election shall be held immediately after nominations have been closed and a plurality vote shall be necessary for election.

## ARTICLE XI

### Meetings

Section A. Regular meeting of this club shall be held each Thursday evening as has been our custom and habit for many years past.

Section B. Special meetings of this club may be called by the President, in his discretion, and shall be called by the President when requested by the Board of Directors, at a time and place determined by the person or body requesting the same. Notice of special meetings setting forth the purpose, time and place thereof shall be given to each member of this club, by mail or personal delivery, at least ten (10) days prior to the date thereof.

Section C. A Charter Night anniversary meeting of this club may be held each year, at which time special attention shall be devoted to the objects and ethics of Lionism, and the history of this club.

## ARTICLE XII

### Emblem, Colors, Fiscal Year

Section A. The emblem and colors of this club shall be the same as the emblem and colors of The International Association of Lions Clubs.

Section B. The fiscal year of this club shall be July 1 through June 30.

## ARTICLE XIII

### Delegates to International and District (Single or Sub- and Multiple) Conventions

Section A. Inasmuch as The International Association of Lions Clubs is governed by Lions Clubs in convention assembled, and in order that this club may have its voice in Association matters, this club shall have power to pay the necessary expenses of its delegates to each annual convention of the Association. This club shall be entitled in any convention of this Association to one delegate and one alternate for each twenty-five (25), or major fraction thereof, members in good standing as shown by the records of Lions International on the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the convention is held. The major fraction referred to in this section shall be thirteen (13) or more members.

Section B. Inasmuch as all District matters are presented and adopted at the District (Single, Sub-and Multiple) conventions, this club shall send its full quota of delegates to all such conventions and have power to pay the necessary expenses of such delegates attending such conventions. This club is entitled in the District (Single or Sub-and Multiple) convention to one voting delegate and one alternate for each ten (10) or major fraction thereof, members in good standing as shown by the records of Lions International on the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the convention is held. The major fraction referred to in this section shall be five (5) or more members.

ARTICLE XIV

Amendments

Section A. This Constitution may be amended at any regular or special meeting of this club at which a quorum is present by the affirmation vote of two-thirds(2/3) of the members present in person and voting, provided the Board of Directors has previously considered the merits of the amendments and has recommended them to the club.

Sections B. No amendment shall be put to vote, unless written notice thereof, stating the proposed amendments, shall have been mailed or delivered personally to each member of this club at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting at which the vote on the proposed amendment is to be taken.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 17th day of April, 2014 by the Cody Lions Club in regular meeting assembled.

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Bruce Ransom          President

ATTEST:

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Travis Ball      Secretary

BY-LAWS  
OF  
CODY LIONS CLUB

No. 1

This club shall not endorse or recommend any candidate for public office, nor shall partisan politics or sectarian religion be debated by members in meetings of this club.

No. 2

Except to further his progress in Lionism, no officer or member of this club shall use his membership as a means of furthering any personal, political, or other aspiration, nor shall the club, as a whole, take part in any movement not in keeping with its purposes and objects.

No. 3

No funds shall be solicited from members of the club during meetings by any individual or individuals who are not members of the club. Any suggestions or proposition made at any meeting of this club calling for the expenditure of money for other than the regular obligations shall be referred to the Board of Directors.

Section A. The following Standing Committees may be appointed by the President.

(1) Administrative Committees

- (a) Attendance
- (b) Constitution and By-Laws
- (c) Convention
- (d) Membership
- (e) Program (s)

- (f) Public Relations
- (g) Website Administrator
- (2) Activities Committees
  - (a) Sight Program (s)
  - (b) Eyeglasses Distribution
  - (c) Mint Sales
  - (d) Children Services
  - (e) Old Yeller
  - (f) Social Services
  - (g) Recreational Services
  - (h) Public Services
  - (i) International Services
  - (j) Hearing Conservation and Work for the Deaf

Section B. Special Committees: From time to time, the President may appoint, with the approval of the Board of Directors, such special Committees as may be necessary in his judgment or the judgment of the Board of Directors.

Section C. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section D. All committees shall consist of a chairman and, subject to Section B. above, as many members as shall be considered necessary.

Section E. Each committee, through its chairman, shall report, either verbally or in writing, each month to the Board of Directors.

Section F. All problems pertaining to either administrative or activity matters shall be referred to the corresponding committee for study and recommendation to the Board of Directors.

No. 5

Section A. These By-Laws may be altered, amended or repealed at any regular or special meeting of this club at which a quorum is present, by the vote of a majority of the members present in person and voting.

Section B. No amendment shall be put to vote unless written notice thereof, stating the proposed amendment, shall have been mailed or delivered personally to each member at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting at which the vote on the amendment is to be taken.

No. 6

Any By-Law except By-Laws Number 1 and 2 may be suspended at any meeting of the club at which a quorum is present by the unanimous vote of all members present.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014 by the Cody Lions Club in regular meeting assembled.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 17th day of April, 2014 by the Cody Lions Club in regular meeting assembled.

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Bruce Ransom          President

ATTEST:

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Travis Ball          Secretary