# The DECLARATION of NECESSITY

for the Constitution of the Majors

When in the course of directing a tournament, a tournament director's right to autonomy is unalienable. This right cannot be revoked, rescinded, suspended, modified, amended, or subjected to vote or other manifestations of mob rule.

We hold these truths to be self evident, that all tournaments are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

# THE CONSTITUTION OF THE MAJORS

We the people of the Majors, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, ensure Majors tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the Majors.

# **Article I - The Autonomy of the Majors**

## Section I

The Majors are constituted of four autonomous annual tournaments, each led by a permanent Tournament Director: The Unfrozen Caveman, The Mondo at Royal Madison, The Dick's Hatband, The Hoo Hoo Shoot.

In addition exists the bi-annual Astronaut Jones Cup\* for which there shall be no permanent Tournament Director. Instead, the sitting President of the Majors will be in charge of executing the event. The President (as defined in Article II, Section III) does NOT have the authority to change the rules of the Astronaut Jones Cup. Any rule changes to the AJ Cup must be passed via a supermajority (3/4) in the United Body of Majors Participants (as defined in Article II, Section I).

## Section II

The Tournament Director has sole authority over the rules and execution of his event. No law or resolution shall be made to infringe upon the right of the TD to execute his event as he sees fit. There shall be no mechanism for overriding the decisions of a TD as they pertain to his event.

## **Article II - The Structure of the Legislature**

## Section I

The Majors shall be henceforth governed by a United Body of Majors Participants ("UBMP") to be made up of any and all individuals who have played in any of the previous ten (10) Majors sanctioned events\*.

Each member of the UBMP shall be granted a number of votes equal to the number of tournaments in which he has participated, out of the last ten.

The UBMP shall be responsible for all Majors related decision making, but shall pass no resolution which undermines the soveriegnty of any Majors event.

\* As of the writing of this event, membership in the UBMP will be decided on the participation in the following events: Unfrozen Caveman, Mondo at Royal Madison, Dick's Hatband, Hoo Hoo Shoot. The Astronaut Jones Cup will be treated as though it does not exist in this case.

#### Section II

The UBMP will be led by the Majors Executive Council ("MEC"), made up of the Tournament Directors of each of the four annual Majors events.

The MEC shall preside over the annual meeting of the UBMP, the Winter Summit, to be held each year between the 26th and the 31st of December.

Each member of the Majors Executive Council will also serve as a full ten-vote member of the UBMP. Executive Council members shall also possess the ability to veto any resolution passed by the UBMP.

A 100-word explanation must accompany any move to veto handed down by a member of the Executive Council.

The UBMP may override the veto of an executive by virtue of a 3/4 majority. In the case of a vote to override a veto, the Vetoing Executive shall not have a vote.

Any resolution that is vetoed by two or more members of the Executive Council shall be immediately struck down and never brought up again.

#### Section III

One member of the MEC shall serve as the President of The Majors.

The President will be responsible for the execution of the Winter Summit and the Astronaut Jones Cup and will be responsible for the general welfare of things as a whole. He will also serve as the Majors figurehead.

The Office of the President of The Majors shall float among the members of the MEC, beginning with the director of the Dick's Hatband, followed by the Hoo Hoo Shoot, etc.

A new President will take office on January 1 of each even-numbered year. Presidents will, therefore, serve two-year terms.

If a President fails to satisfactorily fulfill his duties, the UBMP may force a vote of No Confidence to unseat him. If a 3/4 supermajority votes to unseat, then the office of the President will be filled by the next incoming TD who will finish out the term.

The President may not vote if the UBMP moves to conduct a vote of No Confidence.

# **Article III - The Legislative Process**

## Section I

The UBMP, and any member of said body shall propose no resolution that is in any way threatening to the autonomy of any of the Majors events. If any member of the UBMP is found to be in authorship of an official resolution threatening an event's sovereignty, the MEC may choose to reduce said individual's number of UBMP votes as they see fit.

#### Section II

Only the current UBMP/MEC members may propose a resolution. A proposed resolution must be submitted electronically to the President of the Majors, who will then confer with the other members of the MEC to decide if the resolution will be put to a vote. The MEC may, at their discretion, declare a proposed resolution to be one of three things:

- a. Null and Void- It was a stupid idea and does not merit a vote.
- b. Standard Priority- The resolution shall be brought to a vote, and will require a simple majority among the UBMP to pass.
- c. High Priority- The resolution is of high level importance, and will require a 3/4 q supermajority in the UBMP. Such resolutions include but are not limited to a vote of No Confidence in the President, the proposal of an amendment to the Constitution, or the adoption of a new Majors event.

The MEC must classify all relatively serious proposals and notify the author of their decision in a timely fashion.

If, for any reason, the MEC cannot reach a unanimous decision on how to deal with a proposed resolution, the matter will be left to the discretion of the President.

## Section III

When a Standard Priority resolution is to be voted upon, and email is to be sent out asking for an up or down vote from each member of the UBMP. Voting on Standard Priority resolutions shall remain open for 24 hours. Only the votes cast during the voting window will be counted. If a simple majority (50+%) has voted in favor of the resolution, it has passed and is immediately effective.

In the case of a tie, the President will decide the matter.

When a High Priority resolution is to be voted upon, an email is to be sent out asking for an up or down vote from each member of the UBMP. Voting on High Priority resolutions shall remain open for 72 hours, unless it is an issue that requires expedience. Only the votes cast during the voting window will be counted. If a supermajority (75+%) has voted in favor of the resolution, it has passed, is immediately effective, and, if applicable to the language herein, added as an amendment to this document.

The Ratification of three quarters of the Participants of the Majors at Winter Summit 2011 shall be sufficient for the Establishment of this Constitution among the Tournament Directors of the Majors.

Done in Convention by the Unanimous Consent of the Participants of Winter Summit 2011 present the Thirtieth Day of December in the Year of our Lord two thousand and eleven, in witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our Names,

# The signatures of Todd S. Tilly, Philip V. Tilly, Bradley P. Tilly and Brett W. Tilly witnessed and recorded on 12/30/2011

This document is to be displayed prominently in the residence of the sitting President of the Majors.

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