



RED SOX NATION – VILLAGES
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ARTICLE 1: NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1: Name: Red Sox Nation –Villages (RSNV)

Section 2: Purpose:

- A. Provide and foster Social and Community Interaction among Boston Red Sox supporters residing in The Villages.
- B. Provide support to local charitable organizations including youth athletic programs.
- C. The intent of RSNV is to be recognized as a non-profit social club under Section 501(c) (7) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- D. Encourage membership in the National Red Sox Nation (RSN).

ARTICLE 2: QUALIFICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Qualifications:

- A. Membership is open only to residents of The Villages.
- B. Visiting guests of a member will be exempt from membership for one month.
- C. Village residents may not attend a meeting as a guest of a member.

Section 2: Categories of Membership:

- A. Full Membership – Entitles members to all the privileges associated with RSNV.
- B. Associate Membership:
 1. May attend meetings only after full members have been seated/admitted.
 2. At the discretion of the Board, Associate members may be upgraded to full membership in October of each year.

Section 3: Annual Membership Dues:

- A. Annual membership dues will be assessed and collected by January 10 of the calendar year Payment of dues qualifies residents as members.
- B. Dues for new members who join at other times during the year will be assessed at the same annual dues.
- C. Nonpayment of dues prohibits attendance at all functions.

ARTICLE 3: OFFICERS, RESPONSIBILITIES, ELECTIONS AND VACANCIES

Section 1: The elected Officers will be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Director-at-Large. Each of these Officers will serve a two year term and will serve as the Executive Board. Each Officer must be a full-time resident of The Villages and be a full member of the RSNV.

A. President:

1. Preside over the Executive Board and general membership meetings.
2. Act as a central point of contact for the Red Sox Nation.

B. Vice President:

1. Assist the President in his/her duties.
2. In the absence of the President, preside at club meetings and direct official business.
3. Assume the duties of the President for the remainder of the term if there is a vacancy in the Presidency.
4. Supervise Committee Chairpersons.
5. Serve in other capacities designated by the President.

C. Secretary:

1. Maintain accurate minutes of all regular and special meetings as called by the President.
2. Hold the official copy of the By-Laws.
3. File in binders, in a safe place, all the Executive Board and general meeting minutes and correspondence including documents other than those in the custody of the Treasurer.
4. Receive and file Committee Chairpersons yearly reports.

D. Treasurer:

1. Account for the collection and disbursement of funds.
2. Maintain accurate financial records in accordance with proper accounting principles.
3. File any official Federal or State documents, as needed.
4. Present a current Treasurer's report at each general meeting.
5. Present a Finance Report at the end of the Treasurer's term.
6. The Treasurer's records will be approved by a person(s) appointed by the President to review the records at the end of the Treasurer's term.

E. Director at Large: Perform the duties as appointed by the President.

Section 2: Elections:

A. The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee in September for the Officers' positions.

B. At the October general meeting, nominations will be presented to the general membership. At that time, nominations may be accepted from the floor.

C. The election of Officers will be held at the general meeting in November. All nominees presented at that general meeting will be elected by a simple majority vote of the members present. Election shall be by written ballot, except when there is only one candidate for office. In this case, the Nominating Committee Chairperson shall call for the election of the candidate (or slate of candidates) by acclamation.

D. If, for any reason, the November General Membership Meeting is not held, the ballot will be sent to each member by email with specific instructions on how to complete and return the ballot. If there is only one nominee for each office, members will be instructed to vote only if they disagree. If there are two or more candidates for an office, members will vote by return email. All votes must be returned by November 30 of that year.

E. The newly elected Officers will begin their two year term at the January general meeting.

Section 3: Vacancies:

In the event of an Office becoming vacant, nominations shall be asked for and a general election will be held to fill the remainder of the term for the individual vacating the office.

Section 4: The Executive Board is empowered to make decisions in matters not covered by the By-Laws that are in the best interest of the RSNV club.

ARTICLE 4: COMMITTEES

Standing Committees:

1. Committee Chairpersons will serve for one year or until new Committee Chairpersons are appointed by the Executive Board.
2. Committee Chairpersons will provide an annual report to the Secretary by 15 January each year.
3. Committees may be added or deleted by the Executive Board.
4. Committees will include but not be limited to the following:
 - A. Business Partners
 - B. Community Relations
 - C. Golf Events
 - D. Historian
 - E. Photography
 - F. Publicity
 - G. Raffles
 - H. Refreshments
 - I. Social Events
 - J. Sport Events
 - K. Sunshine
 - L. Telephone
 - M. Trivia
 - N. Web – Internet
 - O. Welcome

ARTICLE 5: FINANCE

Section 1: The President, Vice President and Treasurer are authorized to write/endorse checks and use the RSNV credit card as necessary. However, none of these officers may write or endorse a check to him/herself.

Section 2: Whenever the President or Vice President writes/endorses a check or makes a bank deposit, the Treasurer must be notified by phone or email on the date of the transaction.

Section 3: Funds received by the RSNV shall be used by the Executive Board to pay for expenses incurred during regular operations. Excluding events, expenditures in excess of \$500 must be approved by the Executive Board.

Section 4: A yearly budget must be established for charitable donations. It will be the role of the Executive Board to determine how these funds will be disbursed.

ARTICLE 6: AMENDING THE BY- LAWS

The By-laws may be amended at any regular meeting by a 2/3 vote of the full members present, provided that email or written notice of the proposed amendment has been presented to the membership at least one meeting prior to the vote.

ARTICLE 7: INDEMNIFICATION OF LIABILITY

No individual member, officer or director shall be liable for debt, liability or obligation of the Red Sox Nation or Red Sox Nation-Villages

ARTICLE 8:

Section 1: Any plan for dissolution of the club will be approved by an affirmative vote of the Executive Board.

Section 2: Distribution of assets will be recommended by the Executive Board and approved by a majority vote of the remaining members.

By-Laws were ratified and approved by the majority of membership present at the August 2017 General Membership meeting.