

CONSTITUTION OF THE PRINCETON COUNTRY DANCERS (amended April 11, 2018)

ARTICLE 1. This constitution shall govern the dancers, callers and musicians known collectively as the Princeton Country Dancers.

ARTICLE 2. The objectives of the Princeton Country Dancers are: (1) to promote the knowledge and encourage the practice of our heritage of traditional and historic folk dances, songs and music, with special emphasis on Anglo-American and English traditions; (2) to study and to preserve this heritage; (3) to organize, foster and support classes, concerts, demonstrations, festivals, community dance evenings and other events that will encourage the participation in, and enjoyment of, this heritage; (4) to train teachers, callers, musicians in these traditions.

ARTICLE 3. A member of Princeton Country Dancers shall be any person with an interest in and commitment to the best interests and objectives of the Princeton Country Dancers.

ARTICLE 4. SECTION 1. There shall be an executive committee which will oversee the activities of the Princeton Country Dancers. Major decisions will not be made without consulting the Princeton Country Dancers as a whole.

ARTICLE 4. SECTION 2. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for organizing the weekly dances, planning special events, making policy decisions, organizing the music, handling finances, purchasing equipment and supplies.

ARTICLE 4. SECTION 3. The Princeton Country Dancers shall vote to choose seven active members to sit on the Executive Committee. Each member shall be elected to a term of one year. Elections shall be held between March 1st and April 15th. Any member of the Executive Committee may be removed by referendum, as outlined in Article 7.

ARTICLE 5. SECTION 1. Each weekly dance will be led by a head caller designated by the Executive Committee. The head caller will have the responsibility for planning, coordinating and executing the evening's program.

ARTICLE 5. SECTION 2. Live music at the weekly dances will be provided by a pickup band and by any band who has made arrangements with the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 5. SECTION 3. In consultation with the callers and the musicians, the Executive Committee will work out a schedule of head callers and bands.

ARTICLE 6. SECTION 1. The income and property of the Princeton Country Dancers shall be used solely for promotion of the objectives set forth in Article 2 and not for the profit of any individual. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment of reasonable remuneration to any individual in return for services actually rendered to Princeton Country Dancers. The fiscal year of the Princeton Country Dancers ends on May 31 or other such date as the Executive Committee may determine.

ARTICLE 6. SECTION 2. In the event of complete liquidation of Princeton Country Dancers, all funds and other property shall be used in a manner consonant with the objectives set forth in Article 2 or transferred to a non-profit organization with similar or compatible objectives.

ARTICLE 6. SECTION 3. The Treasurer's records are open to inspection by any member of Princeton Country Dancers at any reasonable time.

ARTICLE 6. SECTION 4. Donations will be solicited from dancers attending the weekly dances.

ARTICLE 6. SECTION 5. Money collected from donations will be used to buy equipment, supplies and refreshments for dances and workshops. Musicians and callers for the weekly dances may be paid. Musicians and callers for special events may be paid. A special event shall be defined as: - Any dance held on any other night than the night of the regular weekly dance or - Any regular weekly dance where the admission charged is larger than the customary amount, due to the presence of an outside caller or an outside band.

ARTICLE 7. SECTION 1. Any Member may call a referendum upon presentation of six signatures from active Members supporting the motion. A referendum shall be used (1) to remove Executive Committee members; and (2) to amend this Constitution. A motion proposed through referendum shall pass when supported by a two-thirds majority of those Members present at the meeting called to discuss that motion.

ARTICLE 7. SECTION 2. Any election, referendum or major meeting shall be announced at least two weeks in advance and shall take place at a Princeton Country Dancers event or by electronic voting.

ARTICLE 8. SECTION 1. This Constitution shall take effect when ratified by a majority of those Members present at the organizational meeting to be held November 7th, 1984.

ARTICLE 8. SECTION 2. This constitution may be amended by' referendum, as outlined above.

ARTICLE 9. Princeton Country Dancers will not, as a substantial part of its activities, attempt to influence legislation or participate to any extent in a political campaign for or against any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE 10. Upon a vacancy on the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee shall appoint an active PCD member to fill that vacancy until the next annual election.