

# **Saint Cloud Area Stamp Club – Constitution**

## **Article I – Name**

This organization shall be known as the Saint Cloud Area Stamp Club or the Saint Cloud Stamp Club.

## **Article II – Objective**

The objectives of the club shall be:

1. To promote the enjoyment of all facets of stamp collecting.
2. To build fellowship between collectors.
3. To aid the exchange, purchase and sale of stamps.
4. To oppose unfair practices in the hobby.

## **Article III – Membership**

Any person interested in stamp collecting is eligible for membership by payment of the dues.

## **Article IV – Officers**

Elected officers of the club shall be president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and officer-at-large. They will serve for one calendar year: October to September. A vacancy created by the resignation of an elected officer shall be filled by appointment by the president. The officers will form the executive committee.

## **Article V – Elections**

Section 1: Official business is valid only if a quorum, 25% of membership, is present at a stated meeting.

Section 2: The executive committee will present a slate of suggested officers for the year at the first meeting in September.

Section 3: Election of officers will be held at the next meeting. Further nominations from the floor will be called for. Elections shall be by a simple majority. The new officers shall assume their duties at the first meeting after their election.

Section 4: All officers may succeed themselves in office.

## **Article VI – Finances**

Club dues and income from other sources shall be determined by the membership.

## **Article VII – Committees**

Committees, as deemed necessary by the president or executive committee, will be appointed by and be responsible to the president.

## **Article VIII – Amendments**

Section 1: Amendments to the constitution may be made by resolution in writing by any member at a business meeting of the club, provided such resolution is read to those present, then tabled until the next business meeting, at which time it will be re-read and acted upon. A two-thirds vote will be required for constitutional changes.

Section 2: Amendments to the by-laws may be made by majority vote at any stated meeting.

## **Article IX – Adoption**

This constitution shall take effect upon approval by the majority of the membership.

# **Saint Cloud Area Stamp Club – Bylaws**

## **Article I – Club Finances**

The activities of the club shall be financed from:

Section 1: Club dues, \$5.00 a year for adult members and \$1.00 a year for junior members. New members joining in the last quarter will be considered to have paid their dues for the next year. Members of the club will be expected to pay the yearly dues by September 30. If dues are not paid by November 30, the member will be dropped. Non-members may not participate in club activities.

## **Article II – Meetings**

The location, frequency and time of club meetings will be determined by the membership. The executive committee will meet when necessary.

## **Article III – Duties of the Officers**

Section 1: The president has general supervisory powers over all matters of the club and shall preside at all meetings and perform all duties delegated by the constitution of the membership. The president is an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 2: The vice-president shall assist the president in the conduct of the club and act as president in the absence of the president.

Section 3: The secretary shall keep an accurate and permanent record of the meetings of the club and of the executive committee meetings, and shall provide a copy to each current elected officer of the club. This officer shall coordinate club publicity, conduct and receive all correspondence for the permanent records of the club, maintain an up-to-date membership list in conjunction with the treasurer and shall provide all members with such a list at least once yearly, and assist with the preparation of all club documents.

Section 4: The treasurer shall maintain the financial records of the club, render statements, pay bills, and collect dues on its behalf, present balance reports when called for by the president and present a written financial statement at the meeting in September. This officer shall report to the secretary of all delinquent dues accounts.

Section 5: The officer-at-large will; serve the good interests of the club. In the absence of both the president and the vice-president, the officer-at-large will act as president.

## **Article IV – Procedure**

When not in conflict with this constitution and by-laws, Robert's Rules of Order governs the proceedings of the club.

## **Saint Cloud Area Stamp Club – Unofficial Comments of Constitution and Bylaws**

November 2010: Amended bylaws by majority vote. Increased adult dues from \$4 to \$5.

November 2010: Amended bylaws and constitution, removing references to a “second meeting of the month” and replacing with adaptive wording.