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HANARRY SWIM & RACQUET CLUB, INCORPORATED

BYLAWS (2021)

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## Hanarry Swim & Racquet Club (HSRC) Bylaws (as modified Dec 2021)

### ARTICLE I- NAME

This organization is a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Georgia by name "HANARRY SWIM & RACQUET CLUB, INCORPORATED", hereafter referred to as "The Club".

### ARTICLE II- PURPOSE

The purpose of the Corporation shall be: to establish and maintain facilities for recreation for members of Hanarry Swim & Racquet Club, Inc., as defined in the Articles of Incorporation.

### ARTICLE III- MEMBERSHIP

#### **Section 1. Area**

Membership in the Hanarry Swim & Racquet Club, Inc. shall generally consist of anyone residing in the Hanarry Estates area, which is bounded by Highway 78 on the South, Rockbridge Road to the West, Highway 29 to the North, and Gloster Road/Oak Road/Highpoint Road to the East. (April 2016)

#### **Section 2. Privileges**

Members in good standing shall be entitled to one vote per certificate and shall be entitled to all privileges of the Club and subject to all rules and regulations.

#### **Section 3. Application**

Anyone, not having a previous membership terminated for a code of conduct violation may apply for membership by submitting a written application to the Membership Committee. Their membership becomes active upon receipt of either full payment of dues or partial payment and a payment plan set up subject to a review by the membership chairperson or at next board meeting".

After an applicant has been approved for membership, the Membership Chairperson shall notify the applicant of his election and see that the applicant is given a copy of the Bylaws and Rules of the Club. Upon subscribing to these, and paying the Treasurer all dues, assessments, fees and charges, the applicant shall become an active Member and be entitled to all the rights and privileges for such a member. The Membership Chairperson shall award him a Certificate of Membership in Hanarry Swim & Racquet Club, Inc. The "Member" is defined as said head of household, but privileges of membership hereunder are extended to all persons residing at such household address, unless such privileges are limited by action of the Board of Directors, as provided herein. (April 2016)

#### **Section 4. Outside of Area**

- A. Members in good standing shall be entitled to maintain their membership if they move from the membership area as listed in Section I with the approval of the Board of Directors. (March '90).
- B. Any previous member of HSRC who is no longer a member may rejoin the club regardless of location of their home, unless their membership had been terminated for conduct reasons

and/or subject to the approval of the board of directors. (Feb 2011).

- C. Children (and their spouses, if applicable) of Members in good standing who move away from home will be considered as persons residing in the Member's household until age 25. (November '98)

### **Section 5. Total number**

The number of active family memberships of the Club shall be established at 275.

### **Section 6. Waiting List**

Once the membership is full and a waiting list has been established, the first person on the list shall be notified of an available membership and shall have ten (10) days to accept and pay all dues, assessments, and fees. If he fails to comply within ten days, he shall be considered as having declined to become a member and the membership shall be offered to the next applicant on the waiting list.

### **Section 7. Transfer ship**

Membership and/or a membership certificate shall not be transferable except when the Member has procured his own prospective Buyer on his own or sells his Membership to the purchaser of his home as noted in Section 8 (B) below.

### **Section 8. Selling Membership**

- A Member may sell his membership back to the Club for any reason for the face value of the certificate, providing there is a purchaser available for that certificate. The request for sale of membership must be in writing to the Membership Chairperson of the Board of Directors. Memberships will be sold in the chronological order in which they are received, unless the Selling Member is selling his membership to the purchaser of his home. Sales will be honored as soon as the club has a purchaser available.
- A Member may sell his membership to the purchaser of his home under the following provisions:
  - The Member must give written notice of such sale to the Board of Directors.
  - The purchaser must apply for membership and be approved by the Board of Directors.
  - The purchaser may not have had a previous membership terminated for any code of conduct violations. (April 2016)

### **Section 9. Responsibility**

A Member is responsible for all dues and assessments, which may be a lien against the face value of the Certificate, until completion of the sale of his membership either to the club or to the purchaser of his home.

## **Section 10. Cessation**

Upon cessation of membership for any cause, all indebtedness owing to the Club by the Member shall be a lien upon and charged against his Certificate, and the Certificate may be taken over by the Club to satisfy such indebtedness. In the event of the Club being unable to obtain possession of the Certificate, it may be canceled on the books of the Club, and a new Certificate issued in its place. In case of the enforcement of a lien, as provided above, neither the signature for the holder nor the delivery of the Certificate shall be necessary to complete the transfer to the Club. The Treasurer of the Club is hereby authorized to make such transfer.

## **Section 11. Liability**

Members shall be responsible for the payment of all charges or liabilities that may be incurred by members of his family or guests.

## **Section 12. Code of Conduct and Corrective Action**

### Preamble

Whenever the activities or conduct of a Member (and/or, if applicable an individual in the Member's household in good standing is considered to be less than the standards or aims of the membership, to be disruptive to the operations or enjoyment of any number of the club members or in violation of any rules governing the use of the club property, facilities, pool or tennis courts, or considered to be unbecoming a lady or gentleman, corrective action against such Member (and/or, if applicable an individual in the Member's household - hereinafter referred to as an Accused Member) may be requested by any officer of the club, chairman of any committee or member of the club.

### A. Procedure

1. All requests for corrective action must be in writing to the Board and shall be supported by reference to the specific activities or conduct which constitutes grounds for the request.
2. Within 7 days following the receipt of a request for corrective action that could result in a reduction of membership privileges a meeting of the Board will be called to consider the request.
  - This board action will be to determine if there is cause for corrective action.
  - The board may request statements from witnesses and the affected person regarding the activities or conduct of the Accused Member in question.
  - This meeting will be limited to the Board and invited Members.
  - This meeting may be held electronically if the president or presiding officer feels adequate information can be given to the board to reach a conclusion.
3. At this meeting the action of the Board on a request for corrective action shall be to determine if there is a cause of action and to proceed with disciplinary action or to reject the request for corrective action. If the member is currently under a summary suspension the board shall also recommend that the summary suspension be terminated, modified or sustained.

## B. Summary Suspension

1. Any two Members of the Board (12/2021) shall have authority, whenever action must be taken immediately in the best interest of the club, to summarily suspend any or all privileges of a Member's (and/or, if applicable an individual in the Member's household - hereinafter referred to as an Accused Member) membership and such summary suspension shall become effective immediately upon imposition.
2. The Board will meet as soon as practical after such summary suspension to recommend modification, continuance or termination of the terms of the summary suspension. The summary suspension, as sustained or as modified by the Board, shall remain in effect.
3. The Accused Member whose privileges of membership have been summarily suspended shall be entitled to a meeting before the Board in accordance with Article III, Section 12, E-G. of these bylaws.

## C. Hearing Review Procedure - Right to Hearing

When an Accused Member receives a notice of cause for disciplinary action from the Board that adversely affects the Accused Member's club privileges and/or membership, the Accused Member will be entitled to a hearing before the Board.

## D. Notice of Hearing

1. Within 7 days after the Board meets and finds cause for corrective action they shall, through the President or designee of the Board, notify the Accused Member and schedule a hearing before the board. The date of the hearing shall not be less than 7 days from the date of the notification of the Accused Member of a finding of cause.
2. The notice of the board to the Accused Member shall state in concise language the acts with which the member is charged any reasons or subject matter that was considered in finding a cause for further action.

## E. Conduct of Hearing

There shall be at least a majority of the members of the Board present when the hearing takes place, and no member of the Board may vote by proxy.

1. An accurate record of the hearing must be kept. The mechanism shall be established by the meeting Chair.
2. The personal presence of the Accused Member for whom the hearing has been scheduled shall be required. An Accused Member who fails, without good cause, to appear and proceed at such hearing shall be deemed to have waived his rights to a hearing and to accept the adverse recommendation or decision of the Board.
3. Postponement of hearings beyond the time set forth in these bylaws shall be made only with the approval of the Board of Directors. Granting of such postponements shall only be for good cause shown and in the sole discretion of the Board.
4. The Accused Member shall be entitled to be accompanied by one Member of the club in good

standing.

5. The meeting will be conducted in an orderly fashion. If in the opinion of the presiding officer it is not orderly he/she shall have the right to adjourn the meeting.

#### F. Final Decision by Board

1. Within 7 days after the conclusion of the hearing, the Board shall make its final decision in the matter and shall send notice to the Accused Member, by certified mail, return receipt requested. The decision of the Board shall be immediately effective and final and shall not be subject to further hearing or appellate review.
2. Recommended actions of the board will include three modes of discipline: warning, suspension, and expulsion. Generally, these will be used by the Board sequentially. However, it is possible that an infraction would be serious enough to justify any level of discipline. The Board may impose, as it deems necessary, any level of discipline against any or all individuals in an Accused Member's household.
  - a. During a period of suspension, the suspended Member shall not have any club privileges and shall be restricted from being on club property and attending club functions.

### **Section 13. Termination**

Membership may be terminated by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors for:

1. Non-payment of dues, assessments, charges, or
2. Following corrective action procedures per Article III, Section 12,

Memberships subject to termination for non-payment of dues shall be notified in writing in advance of the termination date stating the reason for termination, the date of termination and a person to contact if the member thinks the club is in error. (Feb 2011)

### **Section 14. Reimbursement after Termination**

Upon the involuntary termination, a Member shall be reimbursed for the face value of the Membership Certificate less any charges, assessments and pro-rated dues owed to the Club plus a \$50 penalty charge. (Refer to Article III, Sections 9 & 10.). No dues shall be refunded for the time period that a Membership has been suspended due to disciplinary action.

### **Section 15. Fees**

Membership certificates shall be \$400, plus an initiation fee or transfer fee if applicable. (March '95).

- A. Transfer fees and initiation fees can be changed at a vote by the membership at a general or special meeting.



## **Section 16 – Non-Members playing on HSRC sponsored ALTA or USTA Club Tennis Teams**

Non-members, adult and juniors are allowed to play on HSRC sponsored tennis teams as discussed in the HSRC tennis rules (located on same website).

### **ARTICLE IV - GOVERNMENT**

#### **Section 1. Government of Club**

The government and management of the Club is confided to the Board of Directors (12/2021) who shall by majority vote, unless otherwise stated, govern the affairs of the club in accordance with these Bylaws. Committee Chairpersons will each be allowed a separate vote; however, in the case of one family occupying two or more positions, they will be allowed one vote per position except for general meetings where they will be allowed only one vote per family membership. (Oct. '87). No one who has been suspended by the Board for a disciplinary measure may serve on the Board as an Officer or Committee Chair for one year from the end of the suspension period.

#### **Section 2. Board of Directors**

Members of the Board of Directors shall be the following: (April 2015)

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Immediate Past President
- Bookkeeper
- All Committee Chairpersons
- 2 Member-At-Large positions

#### **Section 3. Elections**

- A. The Board of Directors (12/2021) shall be elected on an annual basis at the fall general meeting for a one-year term beginning January 1. All members of the Board and Committee Chairpersons shall serve without compensation. (April 2016)
- B. If a member of the Board (12/2021) fails to perform -in the duties of the office, he may be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the full Board of Directors (12/2021).
- C. Unexpired terms of office vacated for any reason shall be filled by an appointee, nominated by the President, and approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the full Board of Directors (12/2021).

#### **Section 4. Duties of Officers, Committees and Committee Chairpersons.**

##### **A. Officers:**

1. The President shall preside at the meetings of the Club and of the Board of Directors.

- He shall be the administrative officer of the Club.
  - He shall appoint, subject to confirmation by the Board of Directors (12/2021), any Special Committees, as may be directed.
2. The Vice-President, in the absence or disability of the President, shall act in his stand.
  3. The Secretary shall give notice of all meetings, shall keep the minutes, and attend the club correspondence.
  4. The Treasurer shall deposit all funds of the Club received by him/her in the name of the Club, in such depository as is authorized by the Board of Directors (12/2021).
    - The Treasurer will be responsible for collecting items from the PO Box, collecting membership dues payments, making copies of such payments and depositing them into the bank. (March '94)

A. Committees and Committee Chairpersons.

1. The Building Committee shall attend to the improvement and maintenance of the clubhouse.
2. The Grounds Committee shall attend to the improvement and maintenance of the grounds.
3. The Clubhouse Rental Committee shall establish rules for the use of the Clubhouse and its equipment and shall administer the rental of the Clubhouse.
4. The Executive Committee shall prepare the annual budget and shall advise the Board of Directors (12/2021) on all financial transactions of the Club. All unbudgeted expenditures must have approval of this Committee. Any decision of the Executive Committee may be over-ruled by a majority of the full Board (12/2021). Members of the Executive Committee will be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Chair.
5. The Bookkeeper's function is to keep the accounts of the Club and pay its bills as approved by the Board of Directors (12/2021). The Bookkeeper will have the authority to sign checks and make regular reports on the financial condition of the Club as required by the Board of Directors (12/2021).
6. The Membership Committee shall provide information to residents of the Club area when requested. This information shall pertain to the facilities available and the procedure for applying for membership. This Committee shall maintain all records regarding sale and purchase of memberships. The membership committee shall provide a membership list for use at the pool. (April 2016)
7. The Pool Committee will be responsible for the proper maintenance of the Pool. The Pool Committee will also interview and hire the pool manager and all lifeguards or a Professional Pool Management Co. subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. This Committee will establish the duties of the pool manager and lifeguards, serve as their supervisor, and will administer the payroll of these employees if a Management Co. is not used. The Committee will arrange for Gate Persons to check membership for the days deemed necessary by the Committee. The Pool Committee will establish the rules for the use of the pool, which insures the safety of the members and their guests. At any time this Committee may be split into two separate Committee Positions as needed. (April 2016)
8. The Social Committee shall plan and organize social activities for adults and children.

9. The Sports and other Sports Activities Committee shall establish rules and activities for use of the tennis courts, and other activities, as they may arise. The Sports and other Sports Activities Committee will schedule matches and practice times for all teams entered in ALTA or USTA competition. Only club teams and members may schedule court time for any purpose. All members of Club teams must be Club members except as noted in Article III, Section 16. (March '91).
10. The Swim Team Committee shall coordinate all activities and functions of the Swim Team. The Swim Team Committee shall consist of parents and persons interested in the development of the youth of our Club through the Swim team and other related activities.

#### B. Committee Size

Each committee may consist of up to three persons, which will be appointed by the chairperson.

#### C. Committee Rules

Rules and policy established by committee shall be submitted to the Board of Directors (12/2021) for approval. Committees may meet at their discretion and make their reports at board meetings.

### **Section 5. Parliamentary Procedures**

Meetings and business of the Club and the Board of Directors shall generally be conducted by rules of parliamentary procedure, and Robert's Rule of Order Revised shall be the authority for all questions of parliamentary law not covered by the Club's Bylaws. (April 2016)

### **Section 6. Indemnification.**

- A. Each person who acts as Director or Officer of the Club shall be indemnified by the Club against expenses actually and necessarily incurred by him in connection with the defense of action suit or proceedings in which he is made a party by reasons of his being or having been a Director or Officer of the Club, except in relation to matters to be liable for gross negligence or willful misconduct in the performance of his duties.
- B. The right of indemnification provided herein shall insure to each Director or Officer referred to in (a) whether or not he is Director or Officer at the time such costs or expenses are imposed or incurred, and in the event of his death shall extend to his legal representatives.

### **Section 7. Use of Facilities**

The Board of Directors, when in the best interest of the Club, may extend the use of the facilities to any person or persons.

## **ARTICLE V - MEETINGS**

### **Section 1. Board of Directors.**

- A. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at the discretion of the Board. There shall be at least (4) meetings a year: spring-regular meeting , spring double meeting (regular and general),

fall-regular meeting ,fall double meeting (regular and general) (12/2021).

- B. Special meeting of the Board of Directors (12/2021) may be called by the President or by a majority of the Board, by giving not less than 24 hours notice.
- C. All meetings of the Board of Directors (12/2021) shall be open to attendance by Members. The Board of Directors, or by a majority vote of the Board of Directors (12/2021) may ask for non-Board attendees to leave when discussing Code of Conduct (Article III, Section 12) complaints, financial or other concerns of individual Members or other serious matters it deems necessary for closed deliberations.
- D. After going through the proper channels, i.e. the appropriate Committee and or designated Officer, the member has the right to appear on the agenda of a meeting of the Board upon notification to the Secretary or President with at least a 24-hour notice prior to the meeting (12/2021). The speaking time for each member attending a board meeting will be limited to three (3) minutes per topic, for a maximum of ten (10) minutes, to allow for the timely conduct of the Board Meeting. (12/2021)
- E. One-half of the full Board of Directors (12/2021) as noted in Article IV, Section 2 shall constitute a quorum. A quorum is necessary for conducting the business of the club.
- F. A Board Member (out of town or physically unable to attend) may participate in a Board Meeting (including voting on motions proposed) via video conferencing or conference call to accommodate updated technology which has already been utilized by the Board (12/2021). The Board Member on the phone can only vote on motions in which the deliberations have been heard on the call.
- ~~G. Proposed by law and committee rule changes Full paragraph removed (12/2021).~~
- H. The board meeting agenda must be sent to the membership at least twenty-four hours in advance of the meeting. The agenda can be changed after being sent to the membership but no proposed rule changes can be added to the agenda after the agenda has been sent to the membership. (December 2018)
- I. Board Minute Time Limit: Board of Directors meeting will be kept to no more than 90 minutes unless voted on by 2/3 of those present to extend the meeting. The meeting can only be extended for a maximum of 30-minute additional minutes.

## **Section 2. Membership**

- A. The membership shall be notified in writing or by email at least fourteen days prior to general meetings.
- B. There will be a semi-annual general meeting in the fall. This meeting will cover the following club business:
  - 1. Election of Officers for next fiscal year Approval of Budget for next fiscal year,
  - 2. Approval of Club bylaw amendments
- C. There will be a semi-annual general meeting in the spring. This meeting will cover the following club business:
  - 1. Approval of revisions to current fiscal year's Budget,

2. Approval of Club bylaw amendments.
  - D. Special meetings may be called by a majority of the Board of Directors (12/2021) or by twenty percent of the Membership on not less than five days notice stating the agenda.
  - E. Ten percent of the voting membership shall constitute a quorum and shall be necessary to conduct business at any meeting. The President may declare a quorum with ten voting members, if a 10% quorum is not present 30 minutes after the designated opening of a General Meeting.
  - F. Vote will be by a show of hands. Any voting member has the right to request a roll call vote or a written ballot.
  - G. Proxies are prohibited at any official meeting of HSRC, Inc.

## **Article VI - DUES**

### **Section 1. Annual Dues**

Annual dues for each membership will be \$375.00 (Nov '14) plus the annual workday assessment of \$50.00 (refundable) as prescribed in Article X, Section 3 for a total amount due of \$425.00. The dues for the calendar year are due on or before March 15 (Nov '02). A late penalty will be assessed on all dues not collected by the March 15 payment due date. A membership is subject to written notification as outlined in Article III, Section 13 for failure to pay dues and late payment penalties within thirty days after scheduled payment date. (March '95).

Starting in 2022, New membership rates will be \$600 (\$400 of bond, \$200 of membership) for those who have not held a HSRC membership in past three (3) years. In subsequent years, the annual dues will return to \$425 which includes the workday assessment. (12/2021)

A late penalty of \$50 will be assessed beginning March 16<sup>th</sup>. (12/2021)

### **Section 2. ~~Late Fees~~ Section removed 12/2021**

### **Section 3. Members Not in Good Standing**

Members not current on dues will be considered "not in good standing" and those Members and their families will lose privileges such as team membership on HSRC ALTA or USTA tennis teams or swim Team. They will also not be able to vote in a general meeting, and/or rent the clubhouse for member's rate. "Current on dues" is defined as being paid in full or up to date when considering both bond and current year dues payments. (Example – current year payments of \$212.50 ((half of \$425.00) will keep a membership current and in good standing through July 1st)(April 2016)

### **Section 4. Special Assessments**

Special assessments, if needed, shall be proposed and voted on at the Fall or Spring general meeting (Oct.'96) or any special meeting (as described in Article V Meetings) and should be payable at a time specified at the meeting. Payments received after the due date shall carry a \$25 penalty. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of voting members present is required to approve special

assessments.

### **Section 5. Refund of Dues**

No part of the dues or the assessments shall be refunded in the event the operation of the pool or other facilities are required to be suspended for any period.

### **Section 6. Proration of Dues**

- A. Upon termination of membership, annual dues (but not the workday or any other assessment) shall be refunded on a prorated basis.
- B. Upon purchase of a membership, annual dues shall be payable on a prorated basis.

## **ARTICLE VII - BOARD COMMITTEE REPLACEMENT PROCEDURES**

### **Section 1.**

If a Nomination Committee is not formed, then a slate of possible officers and Committee heads may be derived by: nomination by a single Board member, nomination of a member by another member, or nomination of a member by oneself. In the first two cases the member being nominated must give his prior consent. This list of candidates nominated, Officer or Committee vacancies, and notice that the slate of nominations (and multiple nominations for any position) is still open to the floor at the General Meeting will be published in the Dispatcher (by mail or email) prior to the General Meeting.

### **Section 2.**

Nominations may be made from the floor at the fall general meeting with the prior consent of the nominee.

### **Section 3.**

In the event that there are unfilled positions or positions become vacant for an office or committee chair, then the position is open until the President or if there is no President a majority vote of the Board designates an appropriate candidate and the candidate is approved by majority vote of the Board at any Board meeting. (April 2016)

## **ARTICLE VIII - DISSOLUTION**

### **Section 1.**

In the event of the dissolution of the Club, in any manner or for any cause, and in no other event, upon the effective date of dissolution of the Club, Certificates shall be lien upon the proceeds of the sale of the property of the Club, after the payment of all its just debts and obligations to the extent of the then value of Certificates as fixed by these Bylaws, subject to set-off of all debts, dues and obligations owed by the holder of the Certificate. After payment of all Certificates outstanding, upon the effective dissolution of the Club, the surplus remaining shall be paid and distributed pro-rata among the then members of the

Club.

## **ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS OF THE BYLAWS**

### **Section 1.**

The Bylaws of the Club may be amended at the Semi-Annual general meeting of the Membership in the Fall and Spring (Oct. '96) or at any special meeting (as described in Article V Meetings). Anyone may submit bylaw changes to the Board of Directors. Notice must be given to the Board (not for approval purposes) at the Board Meeting in the month preceding the general meeting (Oct. '88). Notice of proposed amendments must be given in writing or by email distribution to the membership at least 14 days prior to the Semi-Annual general meeting.

### **Section 2.**

A two-thirds (2/3) majority of voting members present is required for any Bylaw Amendment to be approved.

## **ARTICLE X - WORK SESSIONS**

### **Section 1.**

Work sessions will be scheduled as needed. The proposed dates will be published in the Dispatcher, distributed by email and listed on the web site ([www.hanarry.org](http://www.hanarry.org)) with as much advance notice as possible. One adult member from each family or certificate holder will be required to participate in one work session each year in order to have the \$50 work day assessment refunded. Families who have members serving on the Board of Directors or Committee Chairpersons will have fulfilled their work session obligation and will have the \$50 assessment refunded. Work sessions are a minimum of three hours.

### **Section 2.**

As an option to workday and in order to have the \$50 assessment refunded, a Member may elect to perform a task for a Board Member or Committee Chairperson. .

### **Section 3.**

It is the responsibility of the Member to contact a Chairperson for a specific task or attend a workday in order to have his/her \$50 assessment refunded. (March '96) Members will be assessed the \$50 workday fee with their annual dues at the beginning of the year. Once a workday is performed and reported to the Workday Chairperson, the \$50 will be refunded to the Member once the workday refund request form has been processed. (April 2016)

### **Section 4.**

A written request for the workday refund is required. The request form can be found on our website. (April 2016)

## **Article XI - Cash Reserves (Oct '95)**

### **Section 1.**

The HSRC Board of directors shall maintain a minimum cash reserve of not less than \$25,000 (Fall 2019). If the Board of Directors shall determine a need to temporarily utilize a portion of the cash reserve they must do the following.

- A. Notify the membership in writing prior to the next scheduled general meeting of the need, the dollar amount to be utilized and the anticipated time before the reserve shall be replenished.
- B. Receive a majority approval from a Semi-annual general meeting of the membership to utilize the amount stated in item number one.

### **Section 2.**

If the HSRC Board of Directors wishes to borrow money on behalf of Hanarry Swim & Racquet Club, Inc. it must do the following:

- A. Notify the membership in writing prior to the next scheduled general meeting of the need for the borrowing and the dollar amount.
- B. Receive a majority approval from a Semi-annual general meeting of the membership to borrow the amount stated in item number one, above.