

**Bylaws of  
Great Northern Brewers Club, Inc.  
Adopted January 17, 1995  
Amended on October 17, 2000  
Amended on September 21, 2004  
Amended on February 15, 2011  
Amended on October 16, 2012  
Amended on November 17, 2020**

**ARTICLE I -- Name**

The name of this corporation is Great Northern Brewers Club, Inc., also commonly referred to as the Great Northern Brewers.

**ARTICLE II -- Purpose**

The purposes of the Great Northern Brewers Club, Inc. are to

1. Educate people about beer, beer tasting, beer judging and brewing techniques, based upon shared knowledge and experience;
2. Engage in enjoyable social activities focused on homebrewing as a common foundation;
3. Promote the hobby and enjoyment of homebrewing; and
4. Promote the responsible use of alcoholic beverages.

**ARTICLE III -- Membership**

**Section 1 -- Eligibility**

All persons of legal age in the State of Alaska to consume alcoholic beverages are eligible for membership.

**Section 2 -- Acceptance**

The criteria for membership acceptance are to 1) make application to the club, 2) agree to abide and accept the club's articles of incorporation and bylaws, and 3) to pay dues as specified in these bylaws.

**Section 3 -- Rights and Liability of Members**

Each member of the club shall have the right to vote on club matters as set forth in these bylaws. The members of the club shall not be liable for the debts or obligations of the club. No member shall receive compensation for services rendered to the club except as otherwise approved by the Board of Directors. A club member may be reimbursed for expenses reasonably incurred on behalf of the club, if approved by the Board of Directors.

**Section 4 -- Membership Year**

The membership year of the club will be between October 1 and September 30.

**Section 5 -- Non-Discrimination**

Club membership shall not be denied to any individual on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or sexual orientation.

**Section 6 -- Membership Standing**

A member in good standing is a status assigned to a member of the club when 1) his/her membership dues are current and 2) he/she has not committed any act that could be deemed as detrimental to the club. Failure to maintain good standing will result in revocation of membership. Members who meet all of these requirements are considered to be in good standing.

**Section 7 -- Revocation of Good Standing**

Good Standing status is subject to revocation with cause. The board can vote to remove a members good standing status via a 2/3 majority vote.

## **ARTICLE IV -- Voting**

### **Section 1 -- Eligibility**

All members in good standing are eligible to vote.

### **Section 2 -- Items Put to Vote**

The Board of Directors shall decide when and the kinds of issues and topics to be voted on by the membership. Any member may petition any Board member that a particular issue be brought to a vote.

### **Section 3 -- Election Dates**

Elections are to be held yearly in November with the new officers taking office at the monthly club meeting held in January. Nominations shall be open at the September and October meetings.

### **Section 4 -- Required Majority**

Except as noted, a simple majority (50% plus one) of members present constitutes a majority vote.

## **ARTICLE V -- OFFICERS**

### **Section 1 -- Officers**

The following positions make up the entirety of the Corporation's Officers:

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Treasurer

Membership of the club in good standing is a requirement for eligibility for an Officer position.

### **Section 2 -- Officer Responsibilities**

**President** -- This person will normally conduct the meetings. The President coordinates the agenda for the meeting in consultation with the other officers. The President may call special meetings and appoint committees and their chairs as may be needed. The President publishes the club's newsletter, sends e-mails through the mail system, and maintains the website, or delegates those duties to another member of the club.

**Vice-President** -- This person assists the President as required. The Vice-President will normally conduct the meetings in the President's absence. The Vice-President is responsible for maintaining club assets, including but not limited to merchandise for sale, items for meetings, competition materials, and brewing equipment and supplies, and for preparing and presenting an annual inventory report to the Board of Directors at the February board meeting.

**Secretary** -- This person maintains needed records of the corporation. The Secretary maintains a list of scheduled club activities and ensures those activities are announced to members via the club calendar, newsletter column, and social media.

**Treasurer** -- This person handles the club's finances, collects dues, and sees that they are deposited into the club's accounts. The Treasurer maintains the financial records, and, unless delegated to a Membership Chair position, maintains the club's membership lists. The corporation's financial records are available for review by any member upon reasonable notice. The Treasurer presents a monthly financial report to the Board of Directors and a financial report to the membership at each October meeting.

### **Section 3 -- Removal**

Any officer or director of the club may be removed by a majority vote of the members. Notification to the membership that a vote will be conducted on the removal of an officer or director must be included in the regular notice of the monthly meeting.

#### **Section 4 -- Officer Resignation**

On the resignation of an officer, the remaining portion of the Board of Directors shall select a member to take the responsibility of the officer that resigned and the member will serve out the remainder of the resigned officer's term. Vacant Director positions will be filled pursuant to Article VI, section 4 below.

### **ARTICLE VI -- Board of Directors**

#### **Section 1 -- Membership**

The Board of Directors shall consist of the current President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and five (5) Directors elected by the membership. The five Directors shall serve for two (2) year terms, with two or three Directors elected each year. The first election after these bylaws take effect shall elect two (2) Directors that will serve until the October 1996 meeting. Thereafter, all Directors will be elected to two (2) year terms. Membership of the club in good standing is a requirement for eligibility for a Director position.

#### **Section 2 -- Powers**

The Board of Directors shall have general control of the affairs of the corporation. The Board shall have full charge of all funds and financial matters of the corporation. No corporation functions will be held nor any corporation money spent except with the approval of the Board.

#### **Section 3 -- Meetings**

Regular meetings of the Board will be called by the President. Special meetings may be called by any elected officer. Meetings shall be announced in advance and any member in good standing may attend. A quorum is a majority of the Board of Directors.

#### **Section 4 -- Requirements**

Each Director will be responsible for organizing at least one club activity each year, including but not limited to club competitions or club social events.

#### **Section 5 -- Vacancies**

A vacant Director position shall be filled by the President with ratification by the remaining Board. Vacant officer positions are filled pursuant to Article V, section 4 above.

### **ARTICLE VII -- Nonprofit Corporation**

#### **Section 1**

This corporation is organized exclusively for educational purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Notwithstanding any other provision of these bylaws the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding section any future tax code).

#### **Section 2**

This status as a non-profit corporation does not make contributions to the corporation tax deductible under the rules of the United States Department of Internal Revenue unless applied for and received at a later date.

#### **Section 3**

Upon dissolution, any remaining net proceeds from gaming activity under AS 05.15 will be distributed to one or more existing permittees, other than a multiple-beneficiary permittee, in accordance with 15 AAC 160.020(a)(5).

### **ARTICLE VIII -- Dues**

Annual dues are paid in September. The annual and lifetime membership dues are set by the Board of Directors. When current members pay their annual dues, they must pay dues for the full year. After May 1st of each year new members paying annual dues are given a membership expiration date of September 30 of the subsequent membership year.

## **ARTICLE IX-- Meetings**

### **Section 1 -- Meetings of Members**

Members shall meet monthly on the third Tuesday of every month unless otherwise instructed by the club President. The Treasurer shall verify that a quorum (ten (10) percent of the membership in good standing) is present before any club business requiring a vote may be conducted.

## **ARTICLE X -- Bylaws Acceptance or Changes**

### **Section 1 -- Acceptance**

These bylaws are accepted at the time of adoption by a majority vote of registered members.

### **Section 2 -- Procedures for Changes**

Any member may petition for a change in the bylaws. When changes are suggested, the petition must be presented in writing and introduced at a regular meeting of the club. A vote may not be held until the next regular meeting of the membership. A majority vote is required to approve a bylaws change.