

Bylaws of the High Desert Alano Club

Article I ---Name

The name of this club is the High Desert Alano Club Inc.

Article II---Object

The object of the High Desert Alano Club is to provide facilities for the promotion and maintenance of sobriety and close personal relationship among those who hold sobriety to be of primary importance. The High Desert Alano Club will provide a meeting place for members of Alcoholics Anonymous and other 12 step fellowships as approved by the High Desert Alano Club Board of Directors, where club members and guests may discuss their particular problems.

2. In the event of dissolution of the corporation by operation of law or otherwise, all assets which it may possess after discharging or providing for all its lawful obligations shall be contributed gratuitously to some other bonafide charitable or philanthropic non-profit corporation, selected by the Board of Directors, so that no person shall use the corporation or any of its assets for creating personal gain or profit. This bylaw shall not be amended.

3. The High Desert Alano Club Bylaws, current financial report, and current board meeting minutes of the High Desert Alano Club shall be posted on the club bulletin board and shall be open for inspection by the members of the High Desert Alano Club during club hours.

Article III---Dues and Rental Rates

1. Membership dues in the High Desert Alano Club shall be \$100.00 per year.

2. Rental rates are established by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Meeting room---\$20 per 1½ hour meeting

Club room---\$60 for the first six hours including setup and cleanup----\$20.00 hour for each additional hour.

Club room including kitchen---\$70.00 for the first six hours including setup and break down----\$25.00 hour for each additional hour

Club room non-members \$75.00 for the first six hours including setup and cleanup---- 30.00 hour for each additional hour.

Club room including kitchen---non-members \$85.00 hour first six hours---- \$35 hour each additional hour.

Article IV---Admission to Membership and Membership Requirements

1. Any member of Alcoholics Anonymous or other Twelve Step Fellowship approved by the Board of Directors who has thirty days continuous sobriety immediately preceding membership application, or any member of Al-Anon may apply for membership in the High Desert Alano Club.
2. Application for membership may be made by personal request of any two members of the Board of Directors.
3. New members must be accepted by a majority of the board members present at any regular or special meeting.
4. Membership is restricted to members of Alcoholics Anonymous or other 12 Step fellowships who have been sober for a continuous period of thirty days immediately prior to application. Members of Al-Anon must have thirty days of continuous membership in Al-Anon. All membership applications to the High Desert Alano Club must be approved by the Board of Directors. Regular membership is composed of members residing within the Hi Desert area. These members only shall be voting members.
5. Membership is restricted to members of Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-Anon, and other 12 step programs as approved by the Board of Directors. Applicants must have been sober, as defined by Alcoholics Anonymous, for the thirty days immediately prior to application or a member of Al-Anon and must be approved by the High Desert Alano Club Board of Directors. Regular membership is composed of members residing within the High Desert area. These members only shall be voting members.
6. No person shall be denied membership for reasons of race, color, religion, sex, natural origin, sexual preference, age, physical or mental handicap.

Article V---Suspension and Expulsion

1. Any member, including board members, guilty of any misconduct whatsoever, or any member including board members, who shall violate the posted bylaws, rules, or regulations of the High Desert Alano Club may be disciplined, suspended, or expelled by a two-thirds vote of the board present at any board meeting.
2. Any member or guest who, in the opinion of any member of the board shall be under the influence of alcohol or narcotics may be barred by order of such director from use of the club facilities for a period of twenty-four hours.
3. Any member who shall be in arrears of dues for a period of ninety days shall be suspended from membership. Immediate restoration to club membership may be made by paying all arrears in dues. Club membership may also be restored by waiting a period of six months and reapplying to the Board of Directors for club membership.
4. Any member of the board of directors who shall not maintain complete and total sobriety, which will include the use of alcohol, narcotics, barbiturates, tranquilizers, or other sedative drugs, except as

prescribed by a licensed doctor or other medical professional, shall be relieved of duty by the board of directors at a special meeting or regular meeting of any responsibility of the board and shall no longer be a member thereof.

Article VI--Gambling

1. There shall be no gambling on the premises of the club, with the exception of those games of chance declared legal by the State of California for non-profit organizations for their financial benefit.

Article VII--Officers and Directors

1. The management of the High Desert Alano Club and all its affairs and property shall be entrusted to and vested in the Board of Directors.

2. The Board of Directors shall be comprised of the Chairman of the Board, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three Directors.

3. All officers shall be elected at the annual April meeting for a term of one year. In the event of a director resigning or being removed from office the Board of Directors may elect a successor by a majority vote of the board at a regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors.

4. A member seeking election to the Board of Directors must be a High Desert Alano Club member in good standing for six months prior to his/her election to be eligible for board membership.

5. The Board of Directors shall be the governing body of the club and shall appoint all committees.

6 The Board of Directors shall hold regular monthly meetings on the second Monday of each month. Five officers shall constitute a quorum at regular and special meetings.

7. The Board of Directors shall have the power to make and adopt rules for its own and the club's management not in conflict with the bylaws.

8. The Board of Directors shall receive and act upon reports of all committees and of the Treasurer and Secretary.

9. The Board of Directors shall give a full report of its activities, building repairs & improvements, and a summary of income and expenses at the annual April membership meeting.

10. Any member of the Board of Directors who misses three consecutive meetings or four board meetings in a fiscal year, may be removed from board membership at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

11. The Board of Directors shall fill any vacant position in any office of the Board of Directors as promptly as possible.

Article VIII---Duties of Officers

1. The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall preside at all annual and special meetings of the board. The Chairman will not vote except to break a tie.
2. The President shall have the power, with the approval of the Board of Directors, to appoint committees and will be an ex officio member of all committees.
3. In the absence of the Chairman, the President shall perform their duties. Should neither the Chairman or the President be present at any meeting, the Vice President shall preside, or in their absence, members of the Board of Directors present may elect a Presiding Officer who shall perform all the duties of Chairman.
4. The Secretary shall conduct all official correspondence of the club, keep records of all meetings of the club membership and of the Board of Directors, shall issue notices to directors of all meetings of the club, and notify all candidates of election to Board of Directors membership
5. The Treasurer shall keep the accounts of the club. The Treasurer shall collect and disburse the club funds and preserve vouchers for all payments. Monthly, and at each meeting of the Board of Directors the Treasurer shall make a statement of the financial condition of the club transactions for the preceding four months.
6. All official contracts, documents, and agreements approved by the Board of Directors will be signed by the President or in his absence, the Vice President, countersigned and dated by the Treasurer.

Article IX—Nominations

1. Nominations for all officers shall be solicited by the Nomination Committee appointed by the President at the February meeting.
2. Names of candidates for office shall be reported to the Board of Directors by the Nomination Committee at the March meeting. The names of candidates shall be posted in the Meeting Room and the Club Room.

Article X---Elections

1. Elections to the Board of Directors will occur at the annual April meeting. The Board of Directors shall be elected by a majority of the members. Voting shall be by written ballot only. Club members in good standing will receive a written and numbered ballot by U.S. mail one week prior to the April board meeting. Completed ballots may be returned by U.S. mail or deposited in an official ballot box at the annual April Board of Directors meeting.

Article XI----Meetings

1. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the Chairman, the President or by three members of the Board of Directors or upon the petition of twenty-five percent (25%) of the club

members in good standing, which petition shall set forth the purpose of the special meeting of the Board of Directors.

2. The order of business and the rules of procedure at all meetings of the club and of the Board of Directors shall be in accordance with "Robert's Rules of Order."

Article XII---Amendments

1. Amendments to the bylaws of the High Desert Alano Club may be initiated by the Board of Directors or by a written petition of fifteen members in good standing addressed to the Secretary of the club.

2. Any petition to amend the bylaws shall be acted upon by the Board of Directors at the next regular or specially called meeting of the Board of Directors following the presentation of the petition to the Secretary.

3. After the petition to amend the bylaws is passed by a majority of the Board of Directors, the amendment shall be submitted to club membership for approval at a special Board of Directors meeting or at the next regular meeting, as the Board of Directors shall determine.

4. A copy of these bylaws and current amendments shall be posted on the club bulletin board for inspection by club members.



Eric Hamm, President

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