



CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

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| 2012-03-13 | New position of President replaces Co-Chair, voting age limited to 16 and over, and Annual General Meeting requirements changed. |
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PART I

CONSTITUTION

1. The name of the Society is: Aurora Fiddle Society.
2. The objects of the Society are:
 - a) to promote fiddling in the Yellowknife and the North Slave region; and
 - b) to work cooperatively with other organizations to the benefit of fiddling.
3. The operations of the Society are to be chiefly carried on in: Yellowknife and the North Slave region.

PART II

BYLAWS

1. Terms of Admission

All individuals are eligible for admission to membership in the Society on payment of the membership fee. Other classes of membership may be established by the Directors on such terms and conditions as set out by resolution from time to time.

2. Rights of Members

All members of the Society will have the right to take part in all activities and to use all facilities established by the Society for the promotion of its objects, subject to such regulations and the payment of such additional fees as the Directors may from time to time prescribe for specific activities such as fiddle workshops. All members who are at least 16 years of age have the right to vote at any annual general meeting, general, or special meeting.
[R 2012-03-13]

3. Obligations of Members

Each member must pay an annual membership fee at such time and in such amount as is determined by the Directors and reviewed at each annual general meeting.

4. Withdrawal and Expulsion of Members

- (a) Any member may withdraw from membership in the Society by notice in writing to the Secretary.

- (b) Any member whose conduct is considered detrimental to the Society may be expelled by a resolution passed by a majority of the Directors. [R 2012-03-13]

5. Meetings

- (a) An annual general meeting of the Society must be held between June 1 and October 15; [R 2012-03-13]
- (b) General meetings of the Society are held at the call of the President; [R 2012-03-13]
- (c) Any five members may call a special meeting by presenting a signed request to the President, who must call a meeting within fifteen days after receipt of such request; [R 2012-03-13]
- (d) Notice of any general or special meeting must be given at least seven days prior to the date set for the meeting by the sending of an electronic notice of the meeting to all members or by telephoning members who do not have access to e-mail. The notice will include the date, time, place and business to be transacted at such meeting. Notice for the annual general meeting shall be advertised in a local newspaper and on local radio 30 days prior to the meeting.
- (e) Ten percent (10%) of the paid up members, over the age of 16, constitutes a quorum at all meetings of the Society; [R 2012-03-13]
- (f) If the President is not present at a meeting, the meeting will elect a Chairperson for the purposes of that meeting only; [R 2012-03-13]
- (g) Decisions will be made by consensus where possible, but if a vote is required, a simple majority of those present is required. Each member is entitled to one vote on any motion or resolution at all meetings.

6. Directors

- (a) Until the first annual general meeting, the subscribers to the Application and Bylaws are the Directors of the Society;
- (b) There must be between 3 and 5 directors elected from among the members of the Society at the first and each subsequent annual general meeting;
- (c) The Directors may appoint chairpersons to head necessary committees, who are responsible to the Directors and who will hold the designated offices until the next annual general meeting;
- (d) A majority of Directors may appoint any member of the Society to fill a vacancy in their numbers and any Director so appointed holds office for the unexpired portion of the term of the Director he or she replaces;
- (e) The Directors are responsible for conducting the affairs of the Society in accordance with its objects, Bylaws and the Societies Act;

- (f) A majority of Directors will constitute a quorum at any Director's meeting;
- (g) Any Director may be expelled by a 2/3 majority vote of Directors for proven dishonesty, or for gross misconduct, or for failing or refusing to carry out his or her duties as a Director as provided in these Bylaws;
- (h) Directors will be reimbursed for any pre-authorized expenses they incur in carrying out the activities of the Society after the provision of actual receipts. Directors will be allowed to invoice the Society for certain specific services rendered. These services include billeting and hosting guest fiddle instructors. The rates for billing will be determined by the Directors and reviewed at the annual general meetings.
- (i) Decisions will be made by consensus where possible, but if a vote IS required, a simple majority of those present is required. Each Director is entitled to one vote on any motion or resolution at all meetings.

7. Officers

- (a) The Directors from their own number must, at their first meeting after incorporation and at their first meeting after the annual general meeting in each succeeding year, elect a President, Secretary, Treasurer and such other officers as are deemed necessary; [R 2012-03-13]
- (b) Such officers hold office until the conclusion of each annual general meeting at which time a meeting of the newly elected Directors will be convened to elect their successors;
- (c) The President presides at all meetings of the members and of the Directors. The President is responsible for the general management and supervision of the affairs and operations of the Society; [R 2012-03-13]
- (d) The Secretary is responsible for providing notices to members of all general meetings and to Directors for all Director's meetings, keeping minutes of all such meetings and organizing the advertising for activities of the society;
- (e) The Treasurer is responsible for keeping full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements of the Society, including the Society's bank account;
- (f) The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined into one office to be known as Secretary-Treasurer;
- (g) The function of liaising with other organizations to the benefit of fiddling may be given to a member or assigned to one or more officers.

8. Borrowing Powers

The Directors may not borrow funds on behalf of the society.

9. Disposal of Funds

- (a) All monies received by or on behalf of the Society must be deposited in the Society's bank account in trust for the Society, which account must be with one of the chartered banks of Canada;
- (b) All disbursements from the trust bank account, must be made by cheques signed by two directors with financial signing authority. Financial signing authority is to be designated by a resolution of the Directors. [R 2012-03-13]

10. Finances

At each annual general meeting an annual financial statement containing:

- (a) the assets and liabilities of the Society in the form of a balance sheet, and
- (b) receipts and disbursements of the Society since the date of incorporation or the date of the previous financial statement.

The annual financial statement shall be signed by the Treasurer and President and must be presented for the inspection of the members. [R 2012-03-13]

11. Signing Authority

- (a) Any Director has the authority to sign non-financial instruments or documents on behalf of the Society while carrying out a decision made at a general or Directors' meeting.

12. Minutes of Meetings, Books and Records

All books and records of the Society must be open to the inspection of the members at each annual general meeting or upon request at a general or special meeting.

13. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Society ends on the 31st day of March of each year.

14. Distribution of Assets

The Society may not distribute any part of its income to any of its members. This does not preclude the reimbursement of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses or pre-approved expenses on behalf of the Society.

On a winding-up of the Society, all remaining assets must be distributed among Canadian charities registered pursuant to the Income Tax Act, or a registered society or societies in the NWT, or other organizations to the benefit of fiddling.