

By-laws of Menomonee Valley - Chapter 47 National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, Inc.

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Preamble:

Being duly chartered as Chapter 47 of the NAWCC, we may adopt any such by-laws and regulations, as we may deem desirable, providing they do not conflict in any manner with the constitution and by-laws of the NAWCC. If our Chapter's by-laws or regulations are silent on a subject, the National's by-laws will govern. If our Chapter's bylaws are subject to interpretation, the National's by-laws, as applied to a particular subject, will be the deciding factor.

We ought not act for the National, in anyway, unless specific authority has been granted by the National Council. The Chapter shall not hold the National liable for any action.

Our Chapter will endeavor to foster and promote the purposes of the NAWCC, which are:

1. To stimulate interest in timepieces of all kinds,
2. To foster genuine interest in collecting timepieces,
3. To facilitate the sale or purchase of timepieces by members.
4. To cooperate with individuals and with other organizations in exhibiting timepieces,
5. To collect and preserve horological data and material for posterity,
6. To disseminate full information regarding the mechanism of timepieces and the repair thereof.

Article I – Officers

The Chapter shall have the following officers:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

Section 1 – Duties

The duties of the officers of this Chapter shall be the usual duties pertaining to these offices. They shall also perform any duties assigned to them in the by-laws, or by a majority vote of the members of the Board of Directors.

Only a member of the NAWCC and the Chapter, in good standing, shall be eligible to hold elective office in the Chapter.

Section 2 – Compensation

No officer of this Chapter or member of any committee shall receive compensation for their services.

Section 3 – Expenditures

Expenses, excepting normal operating expenses, or other unusual expenses, shall be paid by the Treasurer, when a bill is approved by the President and chairperson of the committee.

Section 4 – Reports

The financial reports will be a part of the minutes of each meeting. Reports from the other officers, Board of Directors, or committees shall be reported as deemed necessary.

Section 5 - Terms of Office

The term of office of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be two (2) years and shall begin at the conclusion of the election meeting.

There may be one immediate re-election in the case of the President. The Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and members of the Board of Directors may be re-elected immediately and for an indefinite number of terms.

Article II – Elections

Section 1 - Nominating Committee

A nominating committee shall be appointed, prior to the May meeting of any election year and charged with submitting a slate of officers and directors for election by the Chapter at the fall meeting. The nominating committee will invite from the floor, suggested names for nomination prior to July of the election year. The nominating committee will ascertain the willingness of the nominated members to serve, if elected. The Board of Directors will appoint the nominating committee.

Section 2 – Time

The election of Chapter officers and directors shall be held in connection with the first regular scheduled fall meeting.

Section 3 – Procedure

The nominating committee shall conduct the business of the election. The committee shall propose the official ballot and additionally ask for nominations from the floor at the fall meeting. Balloting will be done by secret ballot. Those candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected to that office upon certification by the chairperson of the nominating committee. In the case of a tie vote, the nominating committee shall re-pole the members by the balloting method described above.

Section 4 – Vacancy

If a vacancy occurs in the office of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Director, the Board of Directors may elect a member to fill such vacancy until the next regular election meeting of the Chapter.

Article III - Board of Directors

Section 1 – Composition

The Board of Directors shall consist of the immediate past President, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Directors (up to 4) in good standing with the NAWCC. The Board of Directors has the full power and authority to conduct the affairs of the Chapter subject to the basic policies, directives, and guidelines of the by-laws.

Section 2 – Election

All members of the Board of Directors are to be elected by the membership of the Chapter.

Section 3 - Term of Office

The immediate past president shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors until his predecessor is replaced.

Section 4 – Procedure

The President and Secretary of the Chapter will preside as President and Secretary of the Board of Directors. A report on all Director meetings shall be made at the next regular scheduled Chapter meeting. The President or any member of the Board of Directors may call a meeting of the Board. A majority vote of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum. One weeks notice should be given to all Board members when a special Board meeting is called.

Article IV - Committees

Section 1

The President shall have the power to appoint committees as deemed necessary to carry on the various functions of the Chapter. In the event that the President fails to appoint a needed committee, by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, a committee may also be constituted.

Special committees may be created at anytime and shall consist of one or more members appointed as described above.

Any special committee shall be dissolved automatically upon completion of the special duties for which it was formed. The chairperson of the committee shall deliver to the President and the Secretary all records pertaining to the work of the committee when the committee is dissolved.

Section 2

The Chapter President shall be an ex-officio member of each committee. If any committee fails to perform its duties, the President, or by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, may dismiss the committee and name a superceding committee to perform the duties.

Section 3

The Chapter Vice President is automatically the chairperson of the Program Committee. The responsibility of selecting suitable program material shall be the responsibility of the Vice President.

Article V – Mart

Section 1 – Purpose

A non-profit making Mart shall be a part of the regularly scheduled meeting. Said Mart displays shall be devoted to the stimulation of greater interest in objects of, or pertaining to, horology among the membership.

Section 2 – Participants

Only members in good standing in the NAWCC or their immediate family (spouse and children under 18 years of age) shall be privileged to participate in the activities of the Mart held during the regularly scheduled meetings. Any adjustments to the above participants must be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, prior to the opening of the Mart activity.

Section 3 – Regulations

Other regulations regarding Mart hours, advertising, taxes, liability, returns, and other areas deemed necessary to regulate the Mart may be passed from time to time by the Board of Directors. These changes will be distributed to all participants and enforced by the members of the Mart Committee. In the absence of a Mart Committee, the Board of Directors will have this responsibility. Any infractions must be reported to the President or other member of the Board.

Article VI – Membership

Section 1 – Eligibility

Only those members in good standing in the National Association shall be eligible for membership in the Chapter. When a member ceases to be a member in good standing in the National Association, he/she shall then cease to remain a member of this Chapter.

Section 2 – Dues

The annual dues of the Chapter shall be determined by the Board of Directors, (currently ten dollars annually). Dues are payable to the Treasurer and are collected on a calendar year basis. All dues paid after the last regularly scheduled meeting shall be credited toward the next calendar year.

Section 3 - Classes of Membership

There shall be one specific class of membership, i.e., Regular. A member's immediate family, (spouse and children under 18 years of age) shall be extended all the privileges of membership except the right to vote and hold Chapter office.

Article VII – Meetings

Section 1 – Stated

The Board of Directors shall determine the meeting schedule of the Chapter prior to the last meeting of each calendar year. The meeting schedule is to be published in the first meeting notice for each year.

Section 2 – Special

The Board of Directors may adjust the meeting schedule at anytime. Any changes shall be published in the meeting notice. A special meeting may be called at anytime by the President with a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Article VIII - Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Chapter shall be from January 1 to December 31.

Article IX – Guests

Section 1 – Privileges

Guests may be present at any meeting of the Chapter provided that they are vouched for and accompanied by a member in good standing. They shall have the usual privileges of guests, but not of members.

Section 2 - Special Status

The Board of Directors may at their discretion, adjust the status of guest as they see fit at any meeting.

Article X – Amendments

Amendments to the by-laws may be made by referendum. Any Chapter member, in good standing, may propose an amendment by referendum to the by-laws. After the amendment is proposed, a referendum is to be held at the next scheduled Chapter meeting. The amendment is approved and added to these by-laws by majority vote of the Chapter membership.