

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION
of the
TOLEDO AND LAKE ERIE
BOATING AND FISHING ASSOCIATION
of
TOLEDO, OHIO

List of OFFICERS for 1877-'78

President, Matthew Shoemaker.
Vice Presidents, James B. Monroe, Calvin Cone
Treasurer, Leander Burdick
Secretary Joseph N. Viot

Art. 1 – The undersigned do hereby associate themselves together for the purpose of forming a Social Club under the above name and title, for the purpose of building and maintaining a Club House, on one of the islands of Lake Erie, accessible by steamer, and for such other purposes as the Club may, from time to time, determine.

Art. 2 – The first meeting of the Club shall be held at Odeon Hall in the City of Toledo, Ohio, on the 16th day of March, 1874, at which time the first officers of the Club shall be elected, and By-Laws for its government adopted.

OFFICERS

Art. 3 – The Officers of the Club shall be as follows, viz:

One President,
Two Vice-Presidents,
One Secretary,
One Treasurer,
Seven Directors,

who shall hold their office for the term of one year and until their successors shall be elected. The President and Vice-Presidents shall be elected by the Board of Directors from their own members; the Secretary and Treasurer shall also be elected by the Board of Directors, and may or may not be from their members, as they shall determine.

ORIGINAL MEMBERS

Art. 4 – All persons signing these articles before organization, shall be deemed active members, and as such, shall pay such dues or assessments as hereinafter provided for other active members.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Art. 5 – The annual meeting of this Association shall be held at such place as may be designated by the Board of Directors, in the City of Toledo, on the first Monday of March, in each year, at which time Officers shall be elected, as above, for the ensuing year; notice of which meeting shall be given by the Secretary, by advertisement in some daily paper, published in the City of Toledo, Ohio; or, by notice mailed to each member.

ORGANIZATION

Art. 6 – The Club may organize whenever twenty members shall sign this agreement, after which organization every active member shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Club.

CANIDATES

Art. 7 – Persons desiring to become members of the Club, shall have their names proposed at a regular meeting of the Association and be recommended by at least two members in good standing.

Sec. 1 – Candidates for membership, by depositing with the Treasurer the membership fee of One Hundred (\$100) Dollars, shall, during the pendency of his election, if desired by the party proposing his name, be entitled to the privileges of the “Club House,” the same as if duly elected.

Sec.2 – The money so deposited will be returned to the candidate if not elected at the first regular meeting after his application.

Sec. 3 – They shall be balloted for at the next regular meeting, and, if elected, pay the Treasurer of the Club the sum of One Hundred (\$100) Dollars, as except hereinafter provided, subscribe their names to the “Articles of Association,” and thereby agree to abide by the “Rules and Regulations” of the Club as adopted by the Board of Directors, from time to time.

ASSESSMENT AND FEES

Art. 8 – They shall also pay such annual dues and assessments as may be imposed by the By-Laws or vote of the Directors.

Sec. 1 – *Provided*, That such assessments shall not in the aggregate, amount to more than Ten (\$10) Dollars, in any one year, to each member.

Sec. 2 – *Provided further*, That all new members, elected on or after the fifteenth (15th) day of June, A.D. 1875, shall pay to the Treasurer, the sum of One Hundred (\$100) Dollars as their membership fee.

ELECTION

Art. 9 – Any member who, after election, shall pay to the Treasurer Two Hundred (\$200) Dollars for the use and benefit of the Club, shall be considered an active member, and shall not thereafter be subjected to further payment of dues or assessments.

Sec. 1 – No person shall be elected a member of the Club at the same meeting at which his name is proposed.

Sec. 2 – All elections for membership shall be by white and black balls, and any candidate having the vote of three members against him, shall be declared rejected, and his name shall not be proposed again for membership under one year from the date of such rejection.

Sec. 3 – Certificates of membership, duly signed by the President and Treasurer, shall be issued to all members.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Art. 10 – Honorary membership may be conferred by unanimous consent of the members, at any regular meeting of the Club, not less than twenty-five members being present.

Sec. 1 – No honorary member shall be elected at the same meeting his name is proposed.

WIDOWS AND CHILDREN

Art. 11 – The widow and minor children of deceased members of the Club shall be entitled to all its rights and privileges, so long as they continue to pay the annual dues and assessments and obey the “Rules and Regulations.”

COTTAGES

Art. 12 – The owners of cottages adjacent to the “Club House,” who are members of the Association, shall, with their families and guests, *when the entertainment of said guests does not conflict with the rights of members*, be entitled, at all times, to the privileges of the Club, in the “Club House,” subject to the “Rules and Regulations.”

Art. 13 – Rooms in the cottages of members shall be taken care of by the Superintendent the same as rooms in the “Club House.”

REGULAR MEETINGS

Art. 14 – The regular meetings of the Club shall be held at such place, during the boating and fishing season – from May to November – on the first and third Mondays of the month, as the Directors may appoint, and from November to May, monthly, on the third Monday evening of the month, at some suitable place to be designated in the City of Toledo, Ohio.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

Art. 15 – Special meetings of the Club may be called by order of the President or any seven members, by notifying the Secretary, who shall, upon receiving such notice, call a meeting at the usual place within three days thereafter, by publishing the same notice in some daily paper published in the City of Toledo, or mailing notice to the members.

AMENDMENTS

Art. 16 – These Articles of Association may be amended at any annual meeting of the Association by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, the proposed amendment having first been read at a regular meeting prior to said annual meeting, and filed with the Secretary for the inspection of the members.

BY-LAWS

APPLICATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 1 – Application for membership shall be made to the Club in writing, and the applicant shall be recommended by at least two members in good standing.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sec. 2 – The Board of Directors shall have the general management of the business and financial affairs of the Club; they shall have charge of and be responsible for all of the property of the Club, and for this purpose they may procure such agents or persons to take charge of said property, and perform such services in regard thereto and for the members, as they may designate, and they may make such rules and regulations in regard to the use of the said property by the members as they see fit.

Sec. 3 – *Provided, however,* That no contract shall be for a longer period than one year, and they shall not involve the Club in debt beyond the sum of Five Hundred Dollars, without express authority by a vote of the Club. They shall also audit, and if correct, certify to by the President or Chairman, all bills against the Club, which certificate shall be authority for the Secretary to draw his order on the Treasurer for payment of the same, and they shall also audit, and if found correct, approve the books and accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer.

Sec. 4 – They may make such assessments, from time to time, under the Articles of Associations, as they may deem proper.

Sec. 5 – The actual expenses of the Directors, in the discharge of their duties as such, will be paid, *when such duties are exclusively for the benefit of the Association*, but no allowance will be made for time or services.

Sec. 6 - Said Directors shall elect a member to act as Trustee, to whom all conveyances of property shall be made, and all bonds shall be payable in trust for the use and benefit of the members of the Association.

PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT

Sec. 7 – It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Club, to maintain order, enforce all rules and regulations of the Club and inspect all ballots for candidates for membership.

Sec. 8 – The Vice-President shall perform all the duties of the President in his absence.

SECRETARY

Sec. 9 – The Secretary shall keep a full record of the proceedings of the Club and Board of Directors. He shall make and keep a full inventory of all the property of the Club, including the accounts of its members. He shall give all notice of meetings as ordered by the Articles of Association, or By-Laws, and of all assessments made by the Board of Directors. He shall keep a full record of the names and residence of each member, and shall draw his order on the Treasurer for the payment of all bills presented to him, which have been audited and allowed by the Board of Directors, which order, accompanied by the bills, will be paid by the Treasurer.

TREASURER

Sec. 10 – The Treasurer shall collect all moneys due the Club from any source, and shall pay out the same upon the order of the Secretary, accompanied by the bill or account properly audited by the Board of Directors, and fully receipted for, by the party or his agent to whom the debt is due.

He shall give bonds in the sum of Two Thousand Dollars for the faithful performance of his duty, and the safe keeping and proper accounting for all the funds of the Club received by him. He shall record all moneys received and paid out by him, in a book which shall be furnished him by the Club, and which said book shall at all times be subject to the examination, by any member, and be the property of the Club. He shall prefer charges against any and all members who have been in arrears for dues or assessments for a period of thirty days.

ASSESSMENTS

Sec. 11 – Any member refusing or neglecting to pay assessments as provided by the Articles of Association, for a period of over thirty (30) days after having been notified by the Secretary that such assessment has been made, shall be suspended from all the privileges of the Association until said amount is paid, and any member who has been in arrears for ten days thereafter, may be expelled, as hereinafter provided.

RULES

Sec. 12 – All rules made by the Board of Directors shall be of binding force until abrogated by themselves, or by a vote of the Club, which may be done by a majority present at any regular meeting succeeding the one at which notice is given of the wish to abrogate such rules.

BUILDINGS

Sec. 13 – The buildings of the Club shall be kept for the use of the MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES, and cottages, as provided for in the Articles of Association, exclusively; provided however, that members may invite to them their friends *who are not residents of the City of Toledo*, or their place of residence,

PROVIDED THERE IS ROOM AT THE CLUB-HOUSE NOT REQUIRED FOR THE USE OF ITS MEMBERS. The number of visitors shall be restricted to two to each member at any one time.

Sec. 14 – Members may invite friends to MEALS AT THE CLUB-HOUSE, although such friends may be residents of Toledo, or said member’s place of residence; but lodging WILL NOT BE FURNISHED [for] such guests.

Sec. 15 – Each member shall be entitled to one vote on all measures, and at all meetings of the Club. No member will be allowed to vote by proxy.

EXPULSIONS

Sec. 16 – Any member may be expelled from the Club by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting, provided that charges, in writing, shall be first preferred against such member by at least three members of the Club, except in cases for non-payment of dues, against whom it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to prefer charges; and in all cases the said member shall be heard in his own defense if he desires; and provided further, that no member shall be expelled at the same meeting at which the charges are preferred. Members may be suspended or expelled for violation of the Laws or Rules of the Club, or for gaming, intoxication or any offense against morality, decency, or the laws of the land.

The interest of any member expelled shall be deemed relinquished to the Club.

QUORUM

Sec. 17 – Ten members of the Club shall be sufficient to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

RESIGNATION

Sec. 18 – Members may resign at any time when not in arrears for dues or assessments. Members resigning will thereby relinquish all right in the property of the Club, and may be reinstated at any regular meeting of the Club by a vote of the majority of the members present, upon payment of all such assessments as may have been made upon members during the time intervening between the date of his resignation and application for reinstatement.

ALTERATION OF BY-LAWS

Sec. 19 – These By-Laws may be amended or changed by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any regular meeting. Any member wishing to have any article of these By-Laws changed or amended, must give notice in writing, to the Sec’y at a regular meeting, which will be acted upon at the next regular meeting, if called up by the member giving said notice.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Sec. 20 – The following shall be the order of business at the meetings of the Club.

- 1st. Reading minutes of last meeting by Sec’y.
- 2^d. Unfinished business.
- 3^d. Propositions and balloting for members.
- 4th. Miscellaneous business.
- 5th. Adjournment.