

CONSTITUTION

Article I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be "The Lakemoor Hills Garden Club" hereafter referred to as "the Club".

Article II - OBJECT

To stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening in our community, aid in the protection of native plants and birds, and to encourage civic planting.

Article III - MEMBERSHIP

The Club shall be composed of active members as described in the By-Laws.

Article IV - OFFICERS

The officers of the Club shall be the President, President-Elect, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Advisor.

Article V - AMENDMENTS

The Board shall have the power to consider and recommend to the Club revision or amendments to this Constitution, such revision or amendments becoming valid upon a two-thirds vote of members present at a regular meeting.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - FINANCES

SECTION 1. Membership dues in the Club shall be payable from January to March. If not paid before the March meeting, the Treasurer shall contact the member stating that dues are payable. Dues for new members joining the Club will be pro-rated according to the month the member joins.

SECTION 2. All money received by the Club shall be spent only for the objectives of the Club. It shall require a majority vote of members present at a regular meeting to approve the budget and otherwise appropriate moneys.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1.

- a)** Persons eligible for membership in the Club shall be residents of Lakemoor Hills and/or Alcoa Highway area who show an active interest in gardening, a love for plants, and a desire to cooperate in the realization of the objectives of the Club. Members moving from the area may retain membership.
- b)** An honorary membership requires the recommendation of one member seconded by another member and by a three-fourths vote by ballot at a meeting. Honorary Life membership may be conferred upon a member who

has rendered long and notable service to the Club. The Honorary member shall have none of the obligations of the membership in the Club, but shall be entitled to all of the privileges except those of making motions, of voting, and of holding office. All honorary members shall be exempt from paying dues.

SECTION 2. Membership becomes effective upon payment of dues.

SECTION 3. Resignations. Members who desire to withdraw from the Club shall make their intentions known to the Corresponding Secretary who will then notify the President and Treasurer.

SECTION 4. Reinstatement. Members who resigned in good standing shall be welcomed back into the Club.

ARTICLE III – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. A Nomination Committee of three members, one elected by the Board who will serve as the committee Chair, and two elected by membership at large at the December meeting, shall present nominations at the January or February meeting for election of officers for the ensuing two years. Nominations also may be made from the floor. Election shall proceed in the usual manner unless a ballot vote is called for.

SECTION 2. All officers shall be elected for one term. A term shall be two years. An office can only be held for a maximum of 2 consecutive terms or 4 years.

SECTION 3. Officers shall be elected in February or March, installed and assume office at the April meeting.

SECTION 4. The President - Elect shall serve as Chair of the Programs Committee, and shall succeed the President.

ARTICLE IV – COMMITTEES

Section 1. The President shall be ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

Section 2. The Treasurer's books shall be audited annually by a committee of two members appointed by the President. This audit is to be presented at the March meeting.

Section 3. Standing Committees include the following:

- a. Programs
- b. Nominating
- c. Civics
- d. Projects
- e. Fundraising
- f. Communications
- g. Social

Section 4. Other Committees or working groups may be appointed by the President or the Board as needed.

ARTICLE V – THE BOARD

Section 1. The Board shall consist of the officers and Chairs of all Standing Committees.

Section 2. The affairs of the Club shall be managed by the Board.

Section 3. All vacancies on the Board shall be filled by presidential appointment, except that of the President.

Section 4. Five Board members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 5. All Board meetings will be called by the President, with required minimum of one during the year as a planning meeting.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular Club meetings shall be held each month except for July and August unless deemed otherwise expedient by the Club.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the President when necessary or upon written request of five members of the Club. Such a request should specify the purposes for which said meeting is being called.

Section 3. Nine members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of Club business.

ARTICLE VII – PAST PRESIDENT

Section 1. The name of each President of the Club shall, at the expiration of his or her term of office, be placed upon an Honor Roll of Past Presidents.

Section 2. The immediate past-President shall serve as Advisor on the Board.

ARTICLE VIII

These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Club by a two-thirds vote of the members present after having been presented at the previous meeting.

ARTICLE IX – RULES

Roberts Rules of Order shall govern all deliberations of this Club.

Revised and approved by the Garden Club Board on 04Feb2022 and approved by the Garden Club membership on 17Mar2022.