

**Sun City Palm Desert Community Association
(SCPDCA)**

**Bylaws of the FOOD & WINE CONNOISSEURS
CLUB A Chartered Club**

Authorized by SCPDCA Board Resolution dated March 13,

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Article I - General

Section A - Name of Club: **Food & Wine Connoisseurs Club**

Section B - Purpose of Club: **Learning the art of wine by focusing on quality premium/estate grown wines; by educating members on the tasting principles of wines; by educating the members on food and wine pairings with the menus being created by the Chef.**

Section C - Compliance. These Bylaws will fully comply with the SCPDCA Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and Chartered Club Rules and Regulations. In the event of a conflict between these Bylaws and the above-stated governing documents of the Community Association, the SCPDCA documents shall prevail.

Section D -Other **Dinner meetings will be held in Ventana and will be limited in attendance.**

Article II - Membership

Section A - Membership. Membership shall be open to all Residents with a valid SCPDCA membership card or a valid Renter's card. Clubs are responsible for keeping rosters of paid members and shall submit the Annual Membership Roster Certification (CA-17) annually to the Association.

Section B - Affiliations. Other than that mentioned in Section A, there shall be no precondition for membership. Members will not be required to join any national, state or regionally affiliated organization.

Section C - Guest Privileges. Guests will be allowed to attend, provided we do not have any paid member on a wait list.

Section D - Discipline. Disciplinary procedures shall be in compliance with Section XIV of the Chartered Club Rules and Regulations, as may be amended from time to time by the SCPDCA Board of Directors.

Section E - Dues shall be collected annually from each member. Dues shall be set by vote of the Executive Board of the Club.

Article III - Officers

Section A- Election. On expiration of terms, all officers will be elected by a vote of the

general Club membership and shall serve without compensation. In the election process, no member can

be a candidate for more than one office at a time. A quorum as defined in Article IV Section E.1 or Article IV Section E.3 must participate in the election process.

Section B - Terms. Terms of office shall be one (1) year. Terms in office shall begin **July 1** and end **June 30**.

Section C - Recall. Any one or all officers may be recalled upon presentation of a recall petition signed by at least ten percent of the members to either the president or vice president. A recall election must be held within forty-five days of receipt of the petition. The majority vote at a recall meeting or the majority vote of responders to a recall by Absentee Balloting will determine if the recall is successful. A quorum as defined in Article IV Section E.1 or Article IV Section E.3 must participate in the recall election process.

Section D -Officers and Responsibilities. The Executive Board shall consist of the following officers with responsibilities as described.

Officers	Responsibilities
President	Ensure Club bylaws are followed, and officer responsibilities are appropriately exercised. Conduct club meetings. Receive the menu from the Chef and discuss with the Board for approval. Prepare the lesson plan for the night of the dinner.
1 st VP	Assume President's duties as needed. Coordinate the BEO with the F& B Catering Manager. Collect the checks for the dinner sign-ups. Do the table seating for each dinner.
2 nd VP	Propose a wine vendor for each dinner. Handle coordination with the vendor for dinner and subsequent wine orders. Collect wine-order checks and coordinate delivery of wine order to members. Deliver wine order checks to the Treasurer.
3 rd VP	Maintain the Club Website. Attend Web Editors meetings. Collect the membership applications and dues money. Prepare a roster for all board members. Maintain roster of dues paying members. Prepare and email the flyers for the dinners. Prepare the table menu for the night of the dinner.
Secretary	Take and maintain minutes of meetings. Assist in writing Articles for the News & Views.
Treasurer	Collect and deposit all funds, pay all bills, maintain financial records, prepare Financial Report and annual budget.

Section E-Vacancies. If a vacancy should occur on the Executive Board for any

reason including as a result of recall by members, the remaining members of the board shall decide the make-up of the board and may fill the vacancy from the Club membership. The designee shall serve until the next election of officers. Until appointees are confirmed by the vote of the membership, they may attend the board meetings, but may not vote. Confirmation of the appointment will be conducted by a vote of the membership in accordance with Article III Section A.

Article IV - Meeting

Section A-Frequency of Meetings. General meetings open to the membership will be held twice a year. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Board or by 10% of the membership.

Section B - Provisions for Announcing Meetings. Notice of general meetings shall be given to the membership in a timely and broad manner which may include email, the *News & Views*, and the Club website. Clubs may place flyers in the racks in the clubhouses and also request the Events Office to post flyers in the display cases in the clubhouses.

Section C - Minutes. Minutes will be taken to document the business segment of all meetings. Minutes, as well as other pertinent administrative records, will be retained for a period of seven (7) years.

Section D - Attendance. Attendance figures for all meetings will be reported monthly to the SCPDCA.

Section E - Voting and Quorum Requirements.

1. A quorum is required to conduct an election or a recall or to amend bylaws at a general membership meeting, and is considered to be 25 percent (25%) of the entire membership.
2. Business items at a general membership meeting shall be approved by a majority vote of those members in attendance, a quorum being present. A quorum to conduct business is considered to be 25 percent (25%) of the entire membership.
3. Matters to be decided by Absentee Balloting require a quorum being the response of 50% of the entire Club membership.

Article V - Financial

Section A - Record Retention. Financial records shall be retained for a period of not less than seven (7) years.

Section B -Bank Accounts. This Club operates as a part of the SCPDCA, which is a nonprofit mutual-benefit California Corporation. Any and all bank accounts should be opened using the SCPDCA Federal Identification number 943200731. Revenue other than dues must be accounted for separately or

placed in a special bank account. A copy of the monthly bank statements must be forwarded to the SCPDCA Finance Department.

Section C - Budgets and Financial Reports.

1. The Club Treasurer is responsible for preparing an annual budget. The budget must include any expenditures for recognition of officers and/or members. The budget's availability for review must be announced to the members.
2. On a fiscal year basis, the Financial Report (form CA-11) of this Club shall be submitted to the SCPDCA Finance Department. The fiscal year shall begin on July 1 and end on the last day of June. The Club's Executive Board is expected to manage revenues and expenditures in such a way that funds collected during a year are expended in accordance with planned operations. If the Club has need to carry forward funds in excess of \$500.00, the Club must notify the SCPDCA Finance Director.
3. On a calendar year basis, the Disbursement Recap (Form CA-12) shall be submitted to the SCPDCA Finance Department by January 7th of the following year. A form W-9 (Taxpayer I.D. Number) must be obtained from each payee who receives \$600 or more for services within a calendar year, and submitted along with form CA-12

Section D - Donations must be approved in advance by the General Manager. (Honorariums paid to speakers are not considered to be donations).

Section E- The SCPDCA and/or any member of the Club, with minimum notice, shall have unrestricted access to all of the books and records of the Club.

Section F - Disbursements. All disbursements must be for a Club purpose. All payments, whether for goods or services, shall be made by check, debit card or from an approved petty cash fund, with purchase receipt or invoice retained with documentation. Disbursements shall not be made from cash which has not been deposited in the Club's account. Debit cards may only be issued to Club officers who are signers on the Club's checking account, and may only be used for a Club purpose, not for personal use. All disbursements must be approved as follows:

1. Other than normal recurring operating expenses, disbursements between \$200 - \$500 shall be approved in writing by two (2) Club officers.
2. All disbursements in excess of \$500 shall be approved in writing by the Club's Board and placed in the minutes.
3. If a Club member uses a personal credit card or personal check for Club purposes, other than for normal recurring operating expenses, he/she must obtain prior written approval (in accordance with

paragraph 1 above for disbursements between \$200 - \$500 and with paragraph 2 above for disbursements in excess of \$500), and must submit the purchase receipt or invoice with documentation in order to receive reimbursement from the Club.

4. All offsite trips must be (i) related to a Club purpose; (ii) be open to all Club members; and (iii) all offsite trip expenditures must be approved by the Club's Board and placed in the minutes. All club expenditures for offsite trips must be supported by backup documentation (such as receipts). Club trips and travel expenses are not considered to be normal recurring operating expenses.

Section G - Sales Policies. Refer to Chartered Club Rules and Regulations Sections VII and VIII.

Section H-Contracts. All clubs must use an approved contract form, either CA-13, Service Provider Agreement, CA-14, Artist Provider Agreement, or CA-15, Instructor Agreement, for all outside services. The SCPDCA General Manager must countersign all contracts with a value of more than \$5,000.00, and determine insurance requirements.

Article VI - Committees

Section A - Committees. Committee chairpersons shall be appointed by the Executive Board.

Section B - Standing Committees. Permanent (standing) committees will, at a minimum, include a Nominating/Election Committee and if required, a Safety Committee.

Section C - Nominating/Election Committee. The Nominating/Election Committee Chairperson shall select a committee to establish a slate of officer candidates for election and to assist in

counting the votes when Absentee Balloting is used. Nominations from the floor shall initially be solicited at a Club meeting where the slate is first presented.

Section D - Safety Committee. The Safety Committee will follow procedures as outlined in the Chartered Club Rules and Regulations.

Article VII - Amendments

To amend the Bylaws of this Club at a general membership meeting requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at a meeting specifically called for such purpose, a quorum as defined in Article IV Section E.1 being present. To amend the Bylaws by Absentee Balloting requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members polled by absentee ballot who responded, a quorum of members as defined in Article IV Section E.3 having responded. Any amendments approved by the Club membership must be submitted to the SCPDCA Board for final approval.

Article VIII - Dissolution

Prior to Club dissolution (after all debts are satisfied), all Club-owned property and assets shall be transferred to the SCPDCA or in accordance with the wishes of the Club and with the approval of the SCPDCA Board of Directors.

Required Approvals

Submitted for Approval:
Club President

Helen H Reardon
Signature

HELEN H. REARDON
Print Date

Membership Approval:
Club Secretary

Jack H Madda
Signature
JACK H. MADDA 9/25/23
Print Date

Approved:
General Manager

Clint Atherton
Signature
Clint Atherton 9/5/23
Print Date