

WASHINGTON AREA SQUARE DANCERS **COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION**

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

In ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF chapter 8, Title 29 of the D.C. code and all acts amendatory thereof or additions thereof, we the undersigned, hereby associate ourselves together by these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a cooperative association under the laws of the District of Columbia.

ARTICLE I

The name of this association shall be the WASHINGTON AREA SQUARE-DANCERS COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE II

The purposes for which this association is formed are as follows:

- (a) To provide services and facilities for the primary and mutual benefit of the members of the association and their patrons; to encourage the study and increase the knowledge of square dancing, to facilitate the education and social development of square dancing, and to improve human relationships through increased participation in square dancing; to provide a means of greater cooperation between square dancing clubs and groups and other like organizations and the members thereof.
- (b) The term “square dancing” as used shall be defined in the broad sense to include American rounds, international folk, New England contra and the traditional square dances.
- (c) To engage in any activity in connection with square dancing and in the financing of any such activity.
- (d) To cooperate with, including the granting of financial assistance to, and to participate in the affairs of non-profit square dance clubs, organizations, associations, and foundations, which participation may include the holding of non-profit, non-assessable shares of stock or other forms of membership and financial affiliations.
- (e) To do each and everything necessary, suitable or proper in the judgment of the Directors of the said association for the accomplishment of any of the purposes or attainment of any one or more of the objects herein enumerated or which shall at any time appear conducive to or expedient to the interests or benefit of this association and pursuant thereto to enter into any and all contracts and agreements deemed necessary by the Board of Directors for the furtherance of any of the purposes for which this association is formed.

- (f) To purchase or otherwise acquire equipment, records, books, and other personal property as may be deemed necessary by the board of Directors as essential to the purposes for which this association is formed.

ARTICLE III

The principal place of business of this association shall be 4841 Albemarle Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016

ARTICLE IV

The term of existence of the association shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE V

The business and affairs of this association shall be managed by a board of ten directors, which shall include the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary of the association, the nomination and election of which shall be provided by the Bylaws. The incorporators shall be the officers and directors until January 15, 1958, unless sooner changed by the members in accordance with the Bylaws of the Association.

ARTICLE VI

The Association shall have no capital, and membership in this Association shall be evidenced by a certificate of membership, the initial fee for which shall be \$10.00 and the annual membership dues for which shall be \$2.50 unless the amount and method of paying such annual membership dues shall be altered or changed by the members of the Association in accordance with the provisions of the Association's Bylaws. Such initial membership fees and annual dues shall be used by the Association for the expense of carrying out its purpose. Certificates of membership shall be acquired and held only by organized groups of amateur square dancers consisting of not less than eight (8) couples who have held regular meetings (exclusive of regular summer recess) at least once each month for a period of not less than six months preceding the date of application for membership and have retained the services of callers or instructors for such meetings. Membership in the Association shall be transferable only in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws of this Association and of the statutes applicable to such transfer. Property rights of members shall be equal. The number of members subscribed for is none.

ARTICLE VII

Each certificate of membership shall have the following statement printed on its face: “The certificate of membership evidenced hereby may be held only by an organized group of amateur square dancers as defined in ARTICLE VI of the Association’s Articles of Incorporation and may be transferred only in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws of the Association and of the statutes applicable to such transfers. Each qualified holder of a certificate of membership shall be entitled to one (1) vote only in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws of this Association. No vote by proxy or by mail shall be permitted.”

ARTICLE VIII

In the event of the dissolution of this Association, its assets shall be distributed in accordance with the provisions of Section 29-836 of the D.C. Code including a gift of surplus, if any, to such non-profit association having a similar purpose as is designated by the trustees, as that term is used in said section.

(The above Articles of Incorporation were originally adopted on October 21, 1956, and updated in June 1975.)