

## **DEL RAY CLUB**

**By-Laws**  
**Revised June 25, 1994**

### **SECTION 1. Name of Club:**

The Club shall be called "Del Ray Club", and is now located at 4828 Del Ray Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland.

### **SECTION 2. Purpose of Club:**

The purpose of this facility is to make available to persons who desire sobriety: Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings; and non-gambling social activities.

### **SECTION 3. Membership:**

Membership shall be open to any Member of Alcoholics Anonymous, his or her spouse, and to the spouse of a "problem drinker", by the payment of monthly dues.

### **SECTION 4. Officers; Regime and Authority:**

There shall be a HOUSE COMMITTEE consisting of a Chairman and six members, and an AUXILIARY COMMITTEE consisting of past House Committee Chairmen and those nominated but not elected to the House Committee.

Any person having one year's continuous sobriety and who has been a member of the Club for six months is eligible for nomination and election.

- (a) The Chairman and six members will be nominated and elected by mail. The procedure and timing of same will be determined and supervised by the current House Committee.
- (b) The Chairman may serve as Chairman for a period of two years. However, he or she may serve on the Committee as a member as long as he or she is nominated and elected, or become part of the Auxiliary Committee.
- (c) The Chairperson and the 3 persons receiving highest votes will serve on House Committee two years, the next 3 persons and the 2 Alternates will serve one year. If there is a resignation, the replacement will be the person who had received the next highest vote.

The House Committee shall meet once a month and shall have the final say as to all matters pertaining to the operation of the Club. If any question of policy arises between meetings, the Chairman may poll the members of the House Committee by telephone and if four persons, including the chairman, agree as to policy, it shall be considered unanimous and passed. However, if there are three objections, the question may be taken up at the next House Committee Meeting if so desired. Any member of the Club may attend the monthly House Committee Meeting and offer suggestions or criticisms to the Committee for their consideration. If deemed advisable, the House Committee's monthly meeting may be held in Executive Session away from the premises.

If a member of the House Committee takes a drink, becomes delinquent in payment of dues for three months, or fails to attend two consecutive meetings, he or she will automatically be removed from the House Committee.

- (a) Should the Chairman become ineligible to serve, the remaining six members and the new member will elect the Chairman's successor.
- (b) If a member of the House Committee resigns or becomes ineligible to serve, he or she will be replaced by the person who received the seventh highest vote.

Any member of the Auxiliary Committee who takes a drink or becomes delinquent as above is automatically removed from the Committee.

#### **SECTION 5. Annual Election:**

The Chairman and six members of the House Committee will be nominated and elected by mail by all members of the Club who are current. The procedure required for same will be determined by the House Committee. The sealed ballots will be opened and tabulated at the Annual Membership Meeting.

#### **SECTION 6. Conduct of Visitors and Members:**

If any person engages in conduct which amounts to a disturbance of the peace of the Club or interferes with an A.A. Meeting, he or she shall be asked to leave.

#### **SECTION 7. Effective date of By-Laws:**

These By-laws shall become effective the date the Corporation Charter is issued.

#### **SECTION 8. Amendments:**

Any amendment to these by-laws shall be made by a vote of the general membership. This will be handled by a thirty (30) day notice and may be validated by mail.