

Wichita Thunder Booster Club

By-Laws

ARTICLE I: NAME

Article 1, Section 1:

This organization shall be known as the Wichita Thunder Booster Club also known as The Storm, hereinafter referred to as the Club.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

Article II, Section 1:

It shall be the function of the Club, as a "Booster Club", to support the management and players of the Wichita Thunder Hockey Club, and to promote the development and growth of amateur and professional hockey in the Wichita area. This organization is not a "Fan Club."

Article II, Section 2:

The Club shall carry out the functions outlined in Article II, Section 1, in a spirit of fun and fellowship. Club Activities shall have as primary goals, the enjoyment of these activities by its members and to improve the enjoyment of amateur and professional hockey by the general public.

ARTICLE III: MEETINGS

Article III, Section 1: Frequency

The Club shall meet monthly August through June. Additional meetings may be scheduled at the discretion of the Executive Board following the procedures outlines in Article III, Sections 2 and 3.

Article III, Section 2: Location

The Club shall meet in Sedgwick County, Kansas at a place and time designated by the Executive Board and as published by Club email and/or on the Club website.

Article III, Section 3: Notification

The date and location of the Club meetings shall be published in the Club email and /or Club website a minimum of 15 days prior to the date of the meeting. In the event of a change, members will be notified via means chosen by the executive board.

Article III, Section 4: Special Meetings

The President shall have the authority to call special meetings and when necessary, shall abide by Article III, Sections 2 and 3. Special meetings may include, but are not limited to, Executive Board Meetings

Article III, Section 5: Quorum

A quorum shall be ten (10) percent of the eligible voting members OR when a minimum of fifteen (15) eligible voting members are present at a scheduled Club meeting.

Article III, Section 6: Voting

A. Voting shall be by voice vote and shall not be recorded by ayes and nays unless requested by a member present at that meeting. All issues shall be decided by a simple majority of those voting. Elections to be done by written vote shall be recorded by the current secretary.

B. Members eligible to vote in any election vote must have attended a minimum of six (6) regular monthly general Club meetings prior to the current June election meeting. If the member is unable to attend the minimum number of meetings, the member may request a waiver to be eligible to vote. The request must be in writing (hard copy or email) and be submitted to an Executive Board member no less than 30 days before the election meeting in June. The request should include explanation of why the member was unable to attend the minimum required meetings and list in detail booster club donations and volunteer support the member provided during the season. Any waiver approval is good for only one election meeting.

C. Absentee ballots shall only be allowed as specified in Article, III, Section 7,E.

Article III, Section 7: Nominations/Election of Executive Board

A. Elections shall be held during the scheduled June meeting.

B. The location, date and time of the nominations and elections of the Executive Board shall be published in Club email and/or Club website prior to the nominations. This shall serve as official notification of these important dates.

C. Members whose memberships have not been renewed by May 31 of each election year shall not be allowed to participate in the annual election of officers.

D. All nominations for Executive Board positions shall be made at the May monthly meeting prior to all elections. Nominations shall be considered closed at the adjournment of this meeting.

E. Absentee ballots shall be allowed for election of the Executive Board upon approval of the current Executive Board provided the member requesting an absentee ballot seeks approval two weeks prior to the elections, unless a verifiable emergency exists.

F. Upon adjournment of the June meeting, elections will be considered to be complete. After that point any vacant Executive Board position(s) shall be appointed by the newly elected Executive Board.

G. Persons to be considered for nominations of any executive board position must be a current paid member for the upcoming election year and be a member in good standing for the previous twelve (12) months prior to the nomination. Additionally, the person to

be nominated must have attended a minimum of six (6) of the current Club regular general monthly meetings. (April of the election year to the previous May).

Article III, Section 8: Guests

A. Any non-member eighteen (18) years of age or older may attend no more than two (2) regular meetings per year June through May as a guest. After the second meeting, if that non-member does not join the Club, that person shall not be permitted to attend subsequent Club meetings for the remaining year. Exceptions to this rule will be made for members of the Wichita Thunder office staff, coaching staff, players, members of other ECHL booster clubs, families and guests of said exceptions.

B. Privileges of the floor shall be granted to a guest when requested by a member and approved by the executive board.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Article IV, Section 1: Membership Period

Membership in the Club shall be from June 1 to May 31 of each year.

Article IV, Section 2: Type of Membership

Individual Membership: An individual person age eighteen (18) and older with voting rights as a club member.

Household Membership: Persons age eighteen (18) and older living at the same address with voting rights as a club member, and all persons under eighteen (18) without voting rights. Other special cases (parent or other relative living with the family; aunt/uncle with nieces and nephews, etc) will be accepted on an individual basis. Upon request of the Executive Board, proof of address for persons listed on a Household Membership must be provided.

Junior Membership: Persons under eighteen (18) years of age without voting rights, not included in a Household membership.

Article IV, Section 3: Dues Structure

As in effect on April 20, 1996

Individual: \$15.00

Household: \$20.00

Junior: \$15.00

Added effective May 6, 2007

Out of State \$10.00

Membership Dues/Renewals are due and payable by May 31st of each succeeding year. Dues shall not be pro-rated and are non-refundable. New members joining from April 1 to May 31 will be considered to be paid in full up to May 31st of the following year.

Article IV, Section 4: Charter Membership

All persons who paid membership dues in full by August 31, 1993 shall be Charter members of the Club. Charter memberships not renewed prior to June 30 of each year shall lose their designation as Charter Member. At no time shall any Club activity or service be restricted to Charter Members of the Club

Article IV, Section 5: Qualifications

Membership shall be open to all persons who agree to abide by these **BY-LAWS** and the **CODE OF ETHICS**.

A. Only members in good standing may enjoy the rights of membership. Any individual whose membership is not in good standing may not attend Club functions and/or meetings, may not vote and will not receive email until such time as their membership is in good standing.

B. A member's standing may be affected by, but not limited to, any outstanding debt to the Club. This includes unpaid dues, unpaid returned checks or monies due as part of a fund raiser. Any member who fails to make good on a worthless check within thirty (30) days, or who passes the Club two worthless check within a period of one (1) year shall not be permitted to write checks to the Club in the future.

C. A member's standing may be affected by failing to fulfill any commitments made by the member to the Club such as, but not limited to, reservations for group tickets, Club-produced merchandise and road trip expenses. Unkept reservations and promises shall be the responsibility of the member, not of the Club

D. Failure on the part of a member to fulfill a work commitment, such as fund raising event or player-related event shall not be sufficient grounds to affect a member's standing.

E. Upon resignation as a member from the Club, that person shall not attend any Club meetings or Booster Club sponsored functions for the remaining year (June to May).

Article IV, Section 6: Conduct of Members

Members are expected to conduct themselves with decorum. As a condition of membership, members shall agree to sign and abide by the rules set forth in the **CODE OF ETHICS**.

Article IV, Section 7: Charges of Misconduct

Any member may prefer charges against a member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the interests of the Club. Written charges detailing the allegations must be submitted to

the Executive Board and forwarded to the Secretary of the Club with a deposit of \$25.00, **which shall be forfeited if such charges are not substantiated.**

- A. All charges shall be heard before the Executive Board in a CLOSED MEETING.
- B. The accused member will present his/her case to the Executive Board.
- C. Any member against whom charges have been filed may, by three-quarters (3/4) vote of the Executive Board be suspended or expelled from membership.
- D. If the allegations are not proven, the complainant shall issue a public apology at the next scheduled Executive Board meeting.

ARTICLE V: EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

The governing board of the Club shall consist of the Executive Board Officers and Members at Large.

Article V, Section 1: Executive Board Members. The Executive Board of the club shall comprise of the following:

- A. President: The President shall fulfill the duties outlined in the current job description.
- B. Vice-President: The Vice-President of the Club shall fulfill the duties outlines in the current job description
- C. Treasurer: The Treasurer of the Club shall fulfill the duties outlined in the current job description.
- D. Secretary: The Secretary of the Club shall fulfill the duties outlined in the current job description.
- E. Three Members At Large: Three Members At Large shall be elected each year from the general membership.

Article V, Section 2:

- A. The Board shall consist of the Executive Board Officers and three (3) Members at Large
- B. The Executive Board Officers of the Club are: President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary.

Article V, Section 3:

Two members of the same household and/or relatives (blood relation and/or by marriage) may not serve on the Executive Board at the same time.

Article V, Section 4:

The term of office for President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be two (2) years. With the President and Treasurer being elected at the June meeting during the

even numbered years and the Vice-President and Secretary being elected at the June meeting during the odd numbered years

The term of office for the three Members at Large will be one (1) year. Members At Large will be elected each year at the regular June election.

Article V, Section 5:

- A. Elected officers must pay the annual Club dues by May 31st of each year or be removed from office.
- B. Elected officers must have attended a minimum of six (6) regular Club monthly general meetings prior to June election meeting or will be removed from office.
- C. Elected officers who are not re-elected must return all Club owned items by the end of the August general monthly Club meeting.

Article V, Section 6:

Only duly elected officers are authorized to conduct business in the name of the Club. No member may conduct business in the name of the Club unless they have obtained prior written consent of the Executive Board Officers.

ARTICLE VI: COMMITTEES

Article VI, Section 1:

The Club shall have committees to support the Thunder hockey organization. The Executive Board shall determine the number and function of committees prioritized by the need level and available resources. The Executive Board shall solicit volunteers from Club members and appoint a Chairperson to each of committee. Upon appointment, the Executive Board shall provide Chairpersons a list of responsibilities of that duty. Among their duties, Chairpersons will periodically report their respective committee's activities to the Club.

Article VI, Section 2: Termination of Committee Appointment

Any Committee appointment shall be terminated by a majority vote of the Executive Board upon written notice to the appointee. The Executive Board shall appoint successors for those persons whose services have been terminated.

Article VI, Section 3:

Committee Chairpersons may resign from their positions upon providing written notice to the Secretary.

Article VI, Section 4:

Each Committee of the Club shall consist of a chairperson and at least two (2) other members of the Club. A maximum number of committee members may be set by the Executive Board. All committee memberships will be voluntary.

Article VI, Section 5

All officers shall be, by virtue of their position, members of all Committees. No Executive Board Officer shall chair a committee and no individual shall serve as chair of more than one committee unless no other capable Club member volunteers to serve as chairperson.

ARTICLE VII: CLUB LIAISON

Article VII, Section 1:

The Executive Board, at their discretion, can designate an individual to serve as Club Liaison to the Thunder Office.

Article VII, Section 2:

All proposed Club activities will be discussed with the Thunder management staff via either the Club Liaison or the President so that no conflict with their vendors and sponsors will occur.

ARTICLE VIII: FINANCIAL RECORDS

Article VIII, Section 1:

Each April, an annual audit of these records will be conducted by an internal committee. All pertinent financial records will be made available at any time, at the discretion of the executive board.

Article VIII, Section 2:

Periodic payment of the Kansas State Sales Tax shall be handled by the Treasurer on a schedule as determined by the Kansas Department of Revenue.

Article VIII, Section 3:

A. Only one checking account shall be maintained by the Club. All checks issued for an amount over \$250.00 shall require two (2) signatures of the Executive Board. There will be one debit card associated with that account, which will be the responsibility of the President. Any debit card purchases over \$250.00 will require consent of one executive board member in addition to the treasurer.

B. Any purchase the Club makes over \$500.00 must be approved at a general club meeting prior to the purchase.

ARTICLE IX: PARLIAMENTARIAN

Article IX, Section 1:

The rules contained in the latest editions of Roberts Rules of Order shall apply at all meetings of the Club to the extent that such rules are not in conflict with these By-laws.

Article IX, Section 2:

Unpredictable disruptions can occur that affect the Club's routine operations such as holding meetings, conducting committee activities, and carrying out administrative functions. To promote Club resiliency and viability, especially during periods of state or national emergency, the Executive Board may temporarily deviate from By-laws. The Executive Board shall notify Club members of the rationale for deviation and strive to ensure normal operations resume when reasonably possible.

ARTICLE X: DISSOLUTION

Article X, Section 1:

Dissolution Clause: At such time that the Club should disband itself, all assets will be liquidated and the Club debts will be paid in full. Any remaining assets will be donated to a local non-profit Junior Hockey Association. The dissolution will be decided upon by majority vote of the general membership.

ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS

Article XI, Section 1:

These By-Laws may be amended by a simple majority vote of the Club members present at any regular meeting, provided that such an amendment is stated in writing in a notice to all members at least twenty (20) days prior to the meeting date.

Article XI, Section 2:

Members may submit suggestions for amendments to the Executive Board a minimum of seven calendar days prior to the scheduled meeting to vote on the proposed By-Laws amendments. Only written notices will be accepted for discussion to amend the proposed By-Laws as printed.

ARTICLE XII: ADOPTION

Article XII, Section 1:

The rules, regulations and procedures contained in these By-Laws shall be retroactive to February 1, 1993. All elections held, all issues decided, all appointments made and all other actions taken by the Club since February 1, 1993, shall be considered valid and appropriate actions.

Article XII, Section 2

Adopted by the Wichita Thunder Booster Club on May 1, 1993

Amended: August 13, 1994

April 20, 1996

August 24, 1997

September 28, 1997

December 1998

April 14, 2002

May 6, 2007

November 8, 2009

April 14, 2009

March, 2015

May 21, 2017

September 9, 2018

April 12, 2019

December 14, 2020