

**Leominster Lassie League
Bylaw meeting July 22, 2019**

Present – Nichole Wheeler, Dawn Grebinar, Dave Dube, Shawn McNamara, Julie Bergstrand, Tara Witzgal, Ron Binder, Jay Ayik, Alba Contreras, Curtis Ruby, and Theresa Sowerbutts

Excused – Meaghan Abrams, Chuck Sargent and Scott Wheeler

Change #1 – previously discussed

**Article III
Membership**

Change #2 – change “met” to “meet,” delete *Playing members in the women’s division will have limited voting rights based on whether or not they have a child in the youth division from the current calendar year (January 1st-December 31st).*

Original by-law

Section 2a. Playing members shall consist of the girls and women living within the authorized boundaries of the corporation who met the requirements of the rules and regulations of Leominster Lassie League, Inc. Playing members in the youth division shall have no rights, duties, obligations in the management or in the property of the corporation and no voting rights. Playing members in the women’s division will have limited voting rights based on whether or not they have a child in the youth division from the current calendar year (January 1st-December 31st).

Recommended Change

*Section 2a. Playing members shall consist of the girls and women living within the authorized boundaries of the corporation who **meet** the requirements of the rules and regulations of Leominster Lassie League, Inc. Playing members in the youth division shall have no rights, duties, obligations in the management or in the property of the corporation and no voting rights.*

Change passed – all in favor

Change #3 – Recommended to delete this due to new board of directors by-law

Section 2b. Board of directors of Leominster Lassie League, Inc. shall consist of all the incorporators and all the officially registered managers and coaches, and all persons residing within the geographical boundaries of the League who are elected to membership at any regular or special meeting of the members of the corporation. Only board of directors shall have the right to vote and act upon the business of the corporation.

Change passed – all in favor

Change #4 previously discussed

**Article IV
Board of Directors**

Change #5 -

Original by-law

Section 1. The management of the property and affairs of this corporation shall be vested in the Board of Directors. The directors shall, upon election, immediately enter upon the performance of their duties and shall continue in office until their succession shall have been duly elected and qualified.

Recommended Change

Change this to Section 2.

The management of the property and affairs of this corporation shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors. Newly voted Board of Directors will begin their duties on January 1st and the outgoing Board of Directors shall end their duties on December 31st.

Change passed – all in favor

Change #6 - previously discussed

Change #7

Original by-law

Section 3. At the election of new officers the outgoing officers MUST be able to transfer and transition all the league items. This includes but not limited to checking and savings accounts, all paperwork from the secretary as well as keys for the Post Office box and other keys. A new signature card will be signed with in 5 business days.

Recommended Change

Section 3. Two weeks prior to the start of the new term in January, the outgoing officers MUST be able to transfer and transition all the league items. This includes but not limited to checking and savings accounts, all paperwork from the secretary as well as keys for the Post Office box and other keys. New bank account signature cards will be signed by the President and the Treasurer within two (2) weeks.

Change passed – all in favor

Change #8 – Delete this section

Section 4. The Board of Directors shall consist of those who volunteer to be on the Board at the annual meeting, those appointed by the Board and all honorary members.

Change passed – all in favor

Change #9

Original by-law

Section 5. The Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint such standing and special committees, as it shall determine and to delegate such powers to them as the Board may deem advisable and which is may properly delegate.

Recommended Change

Section 5. The Board of Directors may designate committee members and delegate duties and authorities to committee members as the Board of Directors may deem advisable.

Change passed – all in favor

Change #10 previously discussed

Change #11 – Recommended to delete this section due to Article VI Meetings about Robert’s Rules of Order

Section 7. The Board of Directors may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings and the management of the League as it may deem proper.

Change passed – all in favor

Change #12

Original by-law

Section 8. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held immediately following the annual election and on such days thereafter as shall be determined by the Board.

Recommended Change

Section 8. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held immediately following the annual election, and on such days thereafter as determined by the Board of Directors.

Change passed – all in favor

Change #13 **previously discussed**

Change #14

**Article V
Duties of Officers**

Original by-law

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the league and the Board of Directors, and shall have the power to call meetings when he/she determines the business of the League requires such meetings, shall be subject to the Board of Directors who manage the affairs of the League, and shall perform such duties as required by law; shall make an annual report to the members of the all transactions of the League and shall co-sign with the Treasurer all checks, drafts, and other evidence of indebtedness of the League, meet with the Leominster Conservation Commission and/or Leominster Recreation Department on an annual basis or as needed, and shall be a non-voting member but shall have the power to cast the deciding vote in the event of a tie.

Recommended Change

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(Tabled for more discussion)

Change #15

Original by-law

Section 4. The Treasurer shall give sufficient bond and/or crime insurance for the faithful performance of his/her duties as may be required by the Board of Directors; shall have custody of all monies, securities and evidence of indebtedness of the League; shall have proper account for all receipts and disbursements; shall receive all Monies payable to the League and shall disburse the same in accordance with the instructions or order of the Board of Directors; and shall sign together with the President, all checks drawn on League funds, promissory notes, bill of exchange, warrants and negotiable and transferrable instruments. All books, account and records shall be subject to an audit and inspection and control with the rules as set down by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer must present a written financial report at each meeting and will make past records available upon request in a timely manner.

Recommended Change

Section 4. *The Treasurer shall have custody of all monies, securities and evidence of indebtedness of the League; shall have proper account for all receipts and disbursements; shall receive all Monies payable to the League and shall disburse the same in accordance with the instructions or order of the Board of Directors; and shall sign together with the President, all checks drawn on League funds, promissory notes, bill of exchange, warrants and negotiable and*

transferrable instruments. All books, account and records shall be subject to an audit and inspection and control with the rules as set down by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer must present a written financial report at each meeting and will make past records available upon request in a timely manner. Add: The Treasurer shall be bonded and have crime insurance for the faithful performance of his/her duties as may be required by the Board of Directors.
(Tabled for more discussion)

Change #16 - This one was read and voted on in April 2019

Change #17 - **DELETE THIS SECTION - REDUNDANT**

Original by-law

Section 7. The President, Treasurer and Equipment Manager shall be bonded and/or crime insurance in an amount to be specified by the Board of Directors from time to time.

Change passed – all in favor

Change #18

Original by-law

Section 8. The officers of the Board of Directors shall have the ability to make decisions for the board of directors outside of a meeting or calling a special meeting where an immediate decision must be made and cannot wait until a scheduled meeting. Officers must be in a majority vote, cost must not be more than \$750.00. The issue will then need to be presented to the board at the next scheduled meeting. If this is not an emergency situation then the item can wait until the next scheduled Lassie League meeting.

Recommended Change

Section 8. The Board of Directors shall have the ability to make decisions for the board of directors outside of a meeting or calling a special meeting where an immediate decision must be made and cannot wait until a scheduled meeting. Officers must be in a majority vote and the issue will then need to be presented to the board at the next scheduled meeting. If this is not an emergency situation then the item can wait until the next scheduled Lassie League meeting.

Change passed – all in favor

Change #19

**Article VI
Meetings**

Original by-law

Section 1. The annual meeting of the board of directors of the corporation shall be held in September for the purpose of electing the board of directors and officers, receiving reports of funds and progress and from the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

Recommended Change

Section 1. The annual meeting of the board of directors of the corporation shall be held in September for the purpose of electing the board of directors, receiving reports of funds and progress, and any other League business to be discussed. The meeting shall be held at the time and place designated by the Board of Directors. Add: Anyone in attendance at the Annual meeting is eligible to vote for the Board of Directors as long as they currently have a child in the League, are a player in the Women's League or have been a volunteer during the current year. Anyone interested in becoming a board member must submit their interest in writing to the current board at leominsterlassieleague@gmail.com prior to September 1st for the 6 officers and the 5 at-large members. The general membership will vote by ballot for these positions. A neutral person should be designated to oversee/count the votes. All ballots will be put into an envelope and attached to the Annual Meeting minutes.

Change passed – all in favor

Change #20

Original by-law

Section 2. Special meetings of the member or of the Board of Directors may be called at any time by the President or by the Secretary upon request of three members of the Board of Directors. The meeting shall take place within 7 days with at least 48 hours notice. During special meetings, regular business may be discussed as necessary.

Recommended Change

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Change passed – all in favor

Change #21

Original by-law

Section 4. Capital improvements over \$2,000 must have second reading for the vote to be official

Recommended Change

Section 4. Capital improvements over \$2,000 must be presented with at least three (3) quotes for products or services and must have a second reading for the vote to be official.

Change passed – all in favor

Change #22

Original by-law

Section 5. Any changes to the by-laws themselves will require a second reading for the vote to be official.

Recommended Change

Section 5. Any changes to the by-laws should be handled by a by-law committee who will submit recommendations and then will require a second reading for the vote to be official.

Change passed – all in favor

Change #23 – Delete Section 2 and change Section 3 - This one was read and voted on in April 2019

Change #24 – Add Section 5 **previously discussed**

Change #25

Article XI Financial Policy

Original by-law

Section 2. The funds of the organization shall be deposited in a local bank and such funds shall be dispersed upon order and the Board may prescribe as.

Recommended Change

Section 2. The funds of the organization shall be deposited in a local bank and such funds shall be dispersed as required to maintain the League as well as any other disbursements voted on by the Board.

Change passed – all in favor

Change #26

Original by-law

Section 4. The Board shall discourage the contribution of funds to individuals or teams and solicit it for the common treasury of the League. The above regulation is to discourage favoritism among teams and to endeavor the equalize benefits of the League.

Recommended Change

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Change passed – all in favor

Change #27

Original by-law

Section 5. The League will only pay bills or invoices to companies where they have a Leominster Lassie League account or upon submission of an invoice.

Recommended Change

Section 5. The League will only pay bills or invoices to companies who have provided a service to the League and have submitted an invoice for the product or service.

Change passed – all in favor

Change #28 – The criteria for the Ruth Piermarini Award are specific – Sportsmanship, Leadership, and Academics.

Article XIII

Awards and Scholarships

Previously Stated

Section 1. Ruth Piermarini Award

This award is given to one graduating Leominster Lassie League player who has played in the league for at least 5 years. This player has demonstrated positive sportsmanship and would be considered a role model to younger players. This player shows effort on the field, is an encouraging team player and has a good overall personality. This person does well academically and gives back to her community through volunteering and being involved in other activities. The recipient of this award should be a well-rounded individual with a positive attitude who represents Lassie League in a positive manner and who will go on to make positive contributions in the community.

Recommended Change

Section 1. Ruth Piermarini Award

This award is given to one graduating Leominster Lassie League player who has played in the league for at least 5 years who best exemplifies Leadership, Sportsmanship, and Academics.

Change passed – all in favor