

GYRO CLUB OF WINNIPEG



CONSTITUTION

2007

Last Amended 1999

The Gyro Club of Winnipeg was inducted into Gyro International at a banquet held in the Royal Alexandra Hotel on May 6, 1921. The charter members at that time were as follows:

E.W. Neville
Fred W. Parrish
Eric Patten
R. McN. Pearson
Guy M. Proud
Louis J.H. Redmond
W.C. Rice
Douglas Robb
R.T. Robinson
Earl A. Ross
Donald P. Rowland
Wm. G. Rutherford
J.D. Ruttan
Alfred P. Scott
John W. Sifton
E.A. Smart
Maxwell M.H. Smith

F. J. Stevenson
Gordon A. Stovel
Lloyd A. Stovel
Russell Sutherland
Percy J. Sutherland
Russell R. Symington
J. Telford
Frank Tozer
M.F. Wardhaugh
John Waters
E.J. White
A.W. Wilcox
A.E. Windatt
Andrew T. Wood
Francis O. Woodman
A.N. Woodhouse
Philip O. Worke

**PAST PRESIDENTS
GYRO CLUB OF WINNIPEG**

1920-21	*	W.E. Hargreaves
1921-22	*	James Gibson
1922-23	*	Ralph Pearson
1923-24	*	Royal Burritt
1924-25	*	Gordon Stovel
1925-26	*	Ed J. Robb
1926-27	*	Creasor Crawford
1927-28	*	William B. Banfield
1928-29	*	Bruce Johnston
1929-30	*	John D. Henderson
1930-31	*	Ralph Corbett
1931-32	*	Trevor Hawgood
1932-33	*	Phil Crabb
1933-34	*	Fred Meredith
1934-35	*	Ted Kent
1935-36	*	Eric Campbell
1936-37	*	Val Schweitzer
1937-38	*	Harry Rimmington
1938-39	*	Frank Nicholson

***Deceased**

1939-40	*	Mel Taylor
1940-41	*	Gordon Stovel
1941-42	*	Harry Rimmington
1942-43	*	Jack McGale
1943-44	*	Rupert Morrow
1944-45	*	Claude Miller
1945-46	*	Alan Campbell
1946-47	*	Art Bragg
1947-48	*	Harry Gyles
1948-49	*	Harold Barbour
1949-50	*	Stan Swinden
1950-51	*	Roy Moyer
1951-52	*	Charles Swinford
1952-53	*	Clare Swinden
1953-54	*	Harold Elliot
1954-55	*	Doug McFarland
1955-56	*	Ian McLandress
1956-57		Bill MacKay
1957-58	*	Kelly Dickson
1958-59	*	Jack Lane
1959-60	*	Doug Dorsey
1960-61	*	Howard Read
1961-62		Harold Gyles
1962-63		Jack Dolan
1963-64	*	Jack Catley
1964-65		Chuck Jenion
1965-66	*	Jack Davidson
1966-67	*	Gordon Hunt
1967-68		Ced Gyles
1968-69	*	Jack James
1969-70		Geordie Pugh
1970-71		Noel Pritchard
1971-72		Mike O'Hara
1972-73		Clare Burns
1973-74	*	Tony Maruca
1974-75	*	Terry Rowan
1975-76		Don Taylor
1976-78	*	Keith Pearce
1978-79	*	Charlie Gilraine
1979-80	*	Dave Bond
1980-81	*	Art Fahlgren
1981-82		Terry Jones
1982-83	*	Ted Watkins

***Deceased**

1983-84		Mac Holroyde
1984-85	*	W.E. Jarvis
1985-86	*	W. Jackson
1986-87		C.W. Collins
1987-88	*	F.J. Gilraine
1988-89		E.A. Kessler
1989-90		G.L. Rathwell
1990-91		J. Mazur
1991-92		C.J. Perfanick
1992-93		D.C. McInnes
1993-94		W.E. Abbott
1994-95		D. Cale
1995-96		J.C. McCormack
1996-97		C.R. Cormack
1997-98		R. MacIntosh
1998-99		G. Read
1999-00		C.R. Cormack
2000-01		C.R. Cormack
2001-02		F. Paul
2002-03		F. Paul
2003-04		G. Read
2004-05		G. Read
2005-06		G. Greasley
2006-07		G. Greasley

* Deceased

PREAMBLE

The Motto of our club, “Gyro means friendship”, expresses the prime objective of Gyro, which is the promulgation of friendship between states, provinces and nations, as well as individuals.

Since Gyro is international in aspect and scope, the engendering of friendship extends to members of other clubs, both here and in the United States and appears most prominent at district and international conventions.

AT the local level the Winnipeg Gyro Club develops friendship at its regular meetings and through the media of its many and varied activities as well as its support of various charitable endeavors.

The enjoyment of the friendship derived by the members of our Club carries with it several obligations which re not interpreted by legislation in our by-laws, but are general principles which have become our heritage and the strength of our balanced association.

Some of these principles which we seek to preserve and extend are as follows:

1. There should be adherence to the rules governing attendance at meetings and club functions should be supported to the best ability of each member.
2. The purpose of our Club is not the fostering of business among its members. Vocation is not relevant to membership with the exception of the undesirable effects created by having a large number of members in one vocation.
3. Since our Club depends, for its strength, on its membership and all members have benefited from their association, important qualities to consider in prospective members are the desire for membership and willingness to serve.
4. Prospective members should be sought among the ranks of individuals not presently members of service or other similar organizations.
5. In order to retain a proper age balance in the Club, the age of a prospective member should be considered. Our Club does not have the restriction on admission to those under the age of 35 which exists in some clubs since circumstances could vary such a rule, but there should remain a conscious awareness of the need to retain the balance of age.
6. A new member should familiarize himself with all aspects of Gyro before considering the sponsoring of a prospective member.

GYRO CLUB OF WINNIPEG CONSTITUTION

INTERPRETATION

In this constitution, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. (a) The word “Club” shall mean “The Gyro Club of Winnipeg”.
- (b) The word “member” shall mean an ordinary or associate member of the Club in good standing.
- (c) The word “Board” shall mean the Board of Directors of the Club.

COMPOSITION OF THE CLUB

2. The Club shall consist of:
 - (a) Ordinary members
 - (b) Associate members
 - (c) Honourary members
 - (d) A Board of Directors and a Secretary-Treasurer or a Secretary and a Treasurer to be selected from the ordinary members.

MEMBERSHIP

QUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

3. Each candidate for membership shall be of the full age of twenty-four years.

ELECTION TO MEMBERSHIP

4. A member desiring to sponsor a person for election as an ordinary member may obtain from the Secretary a form known as a “Recommendation for Membership” as approved from time to time by the Board.
5. Without the knowledge of the prospective member the sponsor shall fully complete the *Recommendation for Membership* form, sign as sponsor, obtain the signatures of two members for reference who are personally known to the prospect and submit same to the Chairman of the Membership Committee.
6. The Membership Committee shall thoroughly consider the recommendation and, if satisfied that all requisite information has been supplied, shall notify each member of the Club through the Gyrose as to the proposed membership and requesting that he be studied as a prospective member and that the Committee be advised as to any adverse opinion within a period of 14 days from the date of such mailing.

7. The Membership Committee shall then report to the Board its opinion as to the fitness of the prospect and the Board shall duly consider the Committee's report and pass on the eligibility of the prospect for election to the Club; such eligibility requiring the unanimous vote of the Board.
8. Upon a prospect being passed as eligible as above, the Secretary shall furnish the member referred to in Paragraph 4 hereof with an application for membership form as approved by the Board, which form shall be completed, signed by the applicant and two members as proposed and seconded. When so completed it shall be returned to the Board in care of the Secretary, together with the initiation fee as hereinafter provided for, and proper proportion of the annual dues for the year then current (which fee shall be returned to the applicant in the event of his non-election to membership).
9. Before an application for membership may be accepted from a prospective member, he shall have attended at least one Club meeting as the guest of his sponsor and two additional meetings as a guest of the Club; one of which such attendance shall be subsequent to the confidential mailing described in paragraph 6 hereof.
10. Upon application being received, such applicant shall become a member at the next meeting of the Club and notice of admission to membership shall be published in the next ensuing issue of "The Gyrose", the date of which publication shall be deemed to be the date of admission of such member. He shall be duly installed as soon as convenient thereafter.
11.
 - (a) The Board may admit to membership in the Club, without the formalities above provided and without payment of any initiation fee, but upon payment of a proper proportion of the annual dues for the year then current, any member or former member of any Gyro Club who makes application to join the Club; provided that he supplies the Board with such credentials from his former Club, as it may deem necessary.
 - (b) Application for membership in the Club by such member or a former member of any Gyro Club who fails or is unable to comply with all the requirements set out in paragraph (a) hereof, shall be made in the manner prescribed for ordinary applications for membership.
12.
 - (a) Any member or ex-member of at least 10 years standing in the Winnipeg Club may elect or make application to become an Associate Member. The Board may waive the ten year requirement should they deem it to be in the best interests of the Club.
 - (b) An Associate Member shall not attend more than 6 regular and/or special meetings of the Club, exclusive of social and sporting functions, in any

year, and accordingly the provision of Paragraph 16 shall not apply to an Associate Member.

- (c) The annual dues payable by an Associate Member shall be one-half of the annual dues fixed in accordance with Paragraph 33 but shall not be less than the sum of the annual International and District dues payable in respect of such member, plus \$5.00.

HONOURARY MEMBERS

- 13. With the unanimous decision of its members the Board shall have power to appoint such members, associate members or former members as it deems advisable to be Honourary Members upon such terms and conditions as it thinks fit. Such appointment, before becoming effective, shall be ratified at a General Meeting of the Club, notice of which meeting and of the fact that such appointment shall be voted upon thereat having first been given in "The Gyrose".

SUSPENSION AND DISMISSAL OF MEMBER

- 14. Any member failing to pay his annual dues or such other fees and assessments as may properly be demanded of him within sixty days of the mailing to him of a notice by the Treasurer of a demand in writing for payment thereof may be suspended from membership by the Board.
- 15. A member suspended under the preceding paragraph hereof may be reinstated by the Board upon payment of all delinquent dues and assessments to date of proposed reinstatement. The Board may strike off the roll of members all such members not so reinstated.
- 16. Each member is expected to attend at least fifty per cent of the regular meetings of the Club in each quarter of the Club year. Should he fail to do so he may be expelled from the Club by the Board at its discretion.
- 17. Charges in writing may be preferred by any members (including any member of the Board) against any other member addressed to the Board in care of the Secretary, charging that by reason of his conduct or habits or for any other just cause or reason he has ceased to be a desirable member of the Club.
- 18. As soon as may be after the receipt of such charges the Board shall cause the member charged to be notified in writing setting forth such charges and naming a time and place at which they shall be dealt with; at which such member and any witnesses he may desire to produce shall be allowed to be heard.
- 19. At the time and place appointed as aforesaid, the Board shall proceed to inquire into the said charges, whether the accused member be present or not and if in its unanimous opinion the evidence adduced in support thereof is sufficient to prove

the undesirability of the member so charged the Board shall instruct the Secretary immediately to call for the resignation of such member. Should such member fail to resign within ten days of the date of such notification, he shall be expelled from the Club. Should the Board be not so unanimous the said member shall be declared innocent of the said charges.

20. When for any reason the name of any member shall be struck off the roll of members, the Secretary shall cause notice of such fact to be given to all members of the Club and to the International Secretary and District Secretary.

RESIGNATION

21. A member desiring to resign from the Club shall forward his resignation in writing to the Board in care of the Secretary. It shall not be incumbent upon the Board to accept his resignation until his indebtedness, if any, to the Club (including dues for the year then current and any assessments properly made against him prior to the date of the receipt of such resignation by the Board) has been fully paid and satisfied.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

22. The management of the affairs of the Club shall be conducted by a Board of Directors. The Board shall have all the necessary powers to administer in all things, the affairs of the Club.
23. The Board of Directors shall consist of eight members, two of whom shall be the immediate Past President and the immediate Past Vice-President.
24. Each member of the Board shall hold office until the Annual Meeting in the year in which pursuant to the provision of the Constitution, his term of office expires.
25. Any by-law, repeal or amendment thereof passed by the Board shall not be valid until ratified at a General Meeting of the Club; Notice of which meeting and of the fact that such by-law, repeal or amendment will be voted upon thereat having been given in the "The Gyrose".
26. The President shall be chairman of all meetings of the Board or Club at which he is present and in his absence the Vice-President, or failing him the senior member of the Board present, shall act in his place or stead.

MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

27. The Board shall meet as often as is necessary to transact current business and audit accounts. Four members of the Board shall constitute a quorum thereof. The President shall call a meeting of the Board within one week of the date of a written request signed by at least two members thereof.

FILLING VACANCIES ON BOARD

28. In the event of any vacancy occurring in the Board after election in the usual way, the Board shall appoint a member (who shall be known as the junior member of the Board), to fill such vacancy, as soon as possible, who shall hold office until the next general election of members to the Board. Such appointment shall be approved by the majority of the members present at a regular meeting of the Club.
29. Should the office of the President become vacant the Vice-President shall become President and the senior director, Vice-President. Members of the Board taking office under the provisions of this section shall hold same until the next annual meeting of the Club.
30. Should the attendance of any member of the Board at the meetings thereof be so irregular that in the opinion of the rest of the Board such irregularity is detrimental to the proper functioning thereof; the Board may declare such member's position vacant and appoint some other member in his place and stead.

APPOINTMENTS BY BOARD

31. (a) The Board shall make the following appointments as soon as possible after the annual meeting:
- (b) It shall appoint from the members a Secretary-Treasurer or a Secretary and a Treasurer of the Club, whose remuneration and whose powers and duties (save as herein defined) shall be such as the Board may from time to time determine.
- (c) It shall appoint the chairman for such standing committees as it deems necessary. The chairman of each committee shall, subject to the approval of the Board, appoint his own committee. All chairmen and committees so appointed shall hold office during the pleasure of the Board appointing them. The powers and duties of each committee shall be such as the Board shall from time to time determine.
- (d) All appointments made by the Board shall be held at its pleasure and appointees shall hold office only until their successors have been appointed.

INITIATION FEES

32. The initiation fee for admission to the Club shall be that fixed by the Board from time to time.

ANNUAL DUES

33. At the first meeting of the Board following the annual meeting or so soon thereafter as possible, the Board having regard to the estimated financial obligations of the Club for the year then current shall decide upon the amount of the annual dues payable by each member for that year. Fees shall be payable in two semi-annual installment forthwith upon notice from the Treasurer.

PUBLICATION OF THE “THE GYROSE”

34. The Board shall publish or cause to be published a periodical to be known as “The Gyrose”, which shall be the official organ of the Club, and shall be published at the intervals and in the manner to be determined by the Board and it shall furnish or cause each member to be furnished with a copy of each edition thereof. Unless otherwise provided all notices and announcements required by this constitution to be given or made may be given or made in the said periodical.
35. (a) There shall be a nominating committee comprised of the three Past Presidents from time to time members in good standing, whose terms of office most closely preceded in point at time that of the immediate Past President, together with the Vice-President, who shall be Chairman of the Committee.
- (b) The Nominating Committee shall select from the members of the Club in good standing, a sufficient number of members (having first obtained their consent to be nominated) to fill the vacancies on the Board which shall occur at the time of the Annual Meeting.
- (c) The Nominating Committee shall report in writing to the Secretary, setting out the names of the candidates not less than two weeks before the Annual Meeting, and a copy of such report shall appear in “The Gyrose”.
- (d) In addition to the power of nomination hereby granted the Nominating Committee, any two members of the Club in good standing, may nominate any member in good standing for election by a letter in writing addressed to the Secretary. Provided that the member so nominated must endorse his consent to nomination upon the said letter. All such nominations must be filed with the Secretary at least seven days prior to the Annual Meeting.

- (e) The Board shall fix a time not more than seven days prior to the Annual Meeting when nominations shall close.
- (f) As soon as the time for nominations has elapsed the Board shall cause a ballot to be prepared containing the names of all candidates nominated as provided in paragraphs (b) and (d) hereof, and such ballot shall be the ballot to be used for the election of members to the Board.
- (g) Any member who may be unable to attend the Annual Meeting may obtain a ballot form from the Secretary on application and cast his vote prior to the Annual Meeting.
- (h) In the event of two or more candidates having an equal number of votes, the President, or failing him, the Chairman, of the Annual Meeting shall give a casting vote.
- (i) The two candidates otherwise eligible who receive the largest number of votes, shall be elected to the Board for a two year term; and of the remainder, a sufficient number required to fill all the vacancies on the Board for a one year term.
- (j) Wherever the word “year” appears in this paragraph it shall mean the period from the date of the Annual Meeting of the Club in any one year, to the date of the said meeting in the next succeeding year, both dates inclusive.

PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT

- 36. The Board shall elect the President and Vice-President from its own members as soon as possible after the Annual Meeting. They shall hold office until their successors have been elected. The Board may elect a President and Vice-President for a term of two consecutive years.
- 37. The Directors continuing from the preceding Board rank senior to the new-elected Directors.

CLUB YEAR

- 38. The financial year of the Club shall end on the thirtieth day of April in each year.

MEETINGS

ANNUAL MEETING

39. The Annual Meeting of the Club shall be held within four weeks after the end of the Club's fiscal year, upon such day and at such time and place as shall be decided by the Board for the following purposes:
- (a) To hear and read the minutes of the previous annual meeting.
 - (b) To hear and read the reports of the President, Secretary, Treasurer and Chairmen of Standing Committees.
 - (c) To elect to the Board of Directors sufficient numbers to fill the vacancies that shall occur thereon at the time of the Annual Meeting.
 - (d) Unfinished business.
 - (e) Such further and other business as may properly be brought before the meeting.

The above order of business shall be followed as nearly as may be at the annual meeting and all special meetings.

40. The new Board shall hold office from the date of the Annual Meeting and shall be formally installed in office at a date and time so designated by the Board.

REGULAR MEETINGS

41. There shall be a regular meeting of the Club on the date, time and place so designated by the Board.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

42. The Board may order a special meeting of the Club at any time and shall do so within ten days of the receipt by it of a request to do so in writing signed by at least ten members. Such request shall be addressed to the Board in care of the Secretary and shall state the purpose for which they desire the meeting to be called.
43. The Secretary shall give notice of all regular meetings at least one day and for all special meetings at least two days prior to the day upon which such meeting is to be held.

PROCEDURE

44. In all matters of procedure the rules of British Parliamentary Procedure as interpreted by the President or Chairman shall govern, subject only to an appeal to the vote of the meeting.
45. Unless otherwise herein provided, one third of the members of the Club shall constitute a quorum thereof.

AMENDMENT

46. (a) Any proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be in writing and may be presented for adoption in the usual way at any properly constituted meeting of the Club. It shall not be voted upon at the meeting at which it is presented, but a copy thereof shall be left with the President or Chairman of the meeting who shall deliver the same to the Secretary and he shall then cause to be printed and forwarded to each member a copy of the proposed amendment at last ten days before the meeting at which it is to be voted upon, notice of which meeting and of the fact that the said amendment will be voted upon thereat, having first been given.
- (b) Such amendment shall not be carried except by a two-thirds vote of the members present at such meeting in favor thereof.
- (c) Any member who is unable to be present at the meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be voted upon may vote thereon by signifying his choice in writing, affixing his signature thereto and causing same to be delivered to the Secretary or Chairman prior to the time that the said vote is taken. Such member shall be deemed to be a “member present” within the meaning of sub-paragraph (b) hereof.