



BYLAWS

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and
River Hills/Lake Wylie Lions Charities, Inc.
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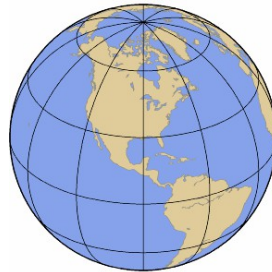
MISSION STATEMENT

To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions Clubs

OUR SLOGAN

“WE SERVE”

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We Serve

Preface

In the early 1970's a group of service-minded individuals in River Hills Plantation decided to form a charitable organization. They chose to form a Lions club. The success of this club has raised and distributed in excess of two million dollars to needy causes since its founding.

The revised Bylaws of what is now the River Hills/Lake Wylie Lions Club are dedicated to our visionary founders. The provisions contained in these Bylaws dictate how we manage our internal affairs. They establish procedures for membership, meetings, elections, organizational structure, officer duties and responsibilities as well as other important requirements for the operation of our Club.

Immediately upon adoption by our Club, these Bylaws and any future adopted amendments shall be in full force and effect, adhered to by all members and govern the operation of our Club.

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BYLAWS

Article I

Name

These Bylaws govern the activities of the River Hills/Lake Wylie Lions Club, hereinafter referred to as the “CLUB,” chartered by and under the jurisdiction of the International Association of Lions Clubs, hereinafter referred to as “LCI”. This CLUB was formed on March 24th, 1975, and chartered on March 28th, 1975, as the River Hills Lions Club, a non-profit 501(c)4 organization. The CLUB’s name was changed to the River Hills/Lake Wylie Lions Club on July 19, 2014.

River Hills/Lake Wylie Lions Charities, Inc. was formed as a 501(c)3 charitable organization on November 12, 1996, hereinafter referred to as “CHARITIES”.

For the purpose of these Bylaws all references to the CLUB shall include CHARITIES unless otherwise specified. Occasionally, both shall be used for emphasis.

Section A

The emblem of this CLUB shall be the same as that of LCI.



Section B

Use of the name, goodwill, emblems and other logos of this CLUB shall be in accordance with the guidelines established in these Bylaws and Constitution.

Section C

The colors of this CLUB are purple and gold.

Section D

The motto is “WE SERVE”.

ARTICLE II

Fiscal Year

The CLUB’s administrative and fiscal year shall be from July 1st through June 30th.

ARTICLE III

Objectives

The purposes and objectives of this CLUB and CHARITIES, shall be:

- To create and foster a spirit of understanding among people,
- To promote the principles of good government and citizenship,
- To take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community,
- To unite members in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding,

- To provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest provided, however, that neither partisan politics nor sectarian religious topics shall be debated by CLUB members,
- To encourage service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward; to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors,
- To solicit and raise funds for charitable purposes,
- To disperse these funds to other organizations or individuals in accordance with Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE IV

Membership

A member of this CLUB, as defined in the CLUB's Constitution, is automatically a member of CHARITIES.

Section A. Eligibility

- Any person at least eighteen years of age and of good moral character and reputation is eligible for membership in this CLUB.
- Membership is by invitation only, subject to approval by the Board of Directors, hereinafter referred to as the Board.
- This CLUB and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons of age, color, disability, national origin, race, religion, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender or gender identity expression or any other status that is protected by law.

Section B. Membership Rights and Privileges

An active member is entitled to all rights and privileges and subject to all obligations which membership in a Lions club confers or implies. Without limiting such rights and obligations, such rights shall include eligibility to seek, if otherwise qualified, any office in this CLUB, its District or LCI and the right to vote on all matters which require a vote of the membership. Such obligations shall include regular attendance, prompt payment of dues, participation in CLUB activities and conduct reflecting a favorable image of this CLUB in the community.

Section C. Forfeiture of Membership

Any member may be expelled from the CLUB for cause by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board for the following reasons:

- Non-payment of dues
- Conduct or behavior unbecoming a Lion
- Serious violation of the Constitution or Bylaws

Section D. Resignations

Any member may resign voluntarily at any time. The resignation shall become effective upon acceptance by the Board. For a member to resign in good standing, the member must be current in the payment of all indebtedness and have returned all CLUB funds and property. All rights to the use of the name “LIONS”, the emblem and other insignia of this CLUB and the LCI cease when membership is terminated.

Section E. Reinstatement of Membership

Any member who voluntarily resigned from membership in good standing may be reinstated by the Board and retain prior Lions service based upon LCI rules of reinstatement.

Section F. Transfer of Membership

Membership may be granted on a transfer basis to anyone who has resigned or is leaving membership in another Lions club, provided that:

- a completed “transfer member form” is received by the Secretary within twelve months following the date of resigning membership in the former club,
- prior service was in good standing,
- transfer member form is approved by the Board.

Section G. Leave of Absence

A member applying for a leave of absence must submit a completed request to the CLUB Secretary. A leave of absence must be approved by the Board. The CLUB Secretary will notify the applicant of the Board’s decision.

Minimum requirements for consideration are the following:

- The applicant may request a leave of absence for a specific length of time
- Applicant must be in good standing with the CLUB
- Applicant account balances must be current

Lions on approved Leave of Absence will:

- pay only monthly dues for International, State and District
- not participate in CLUB business or serve on a committee, unless specifically approved by the Board,
- return to regular active status on the agreed upon return date and resume regular member financial obligations. Membership may be subject to termination if the member does not return to regular attendance within 30 days of the expiration of the approved Leave of Absence.

Section H. Fees and Dues

- new, reinstated and transferred members shall pay an initiation fee which shall include the current LCI entrance fee. The initiation fee will be collected by the Membership Officer before the member is enrolled by the Secretary and reported to LCI.
- each member shall pay quarterly CLUB dues. These dues shall cover the CLUB’s administrative expenses, current LCI dues, District dues, and the subscription for *The Lion Magazine*,

published by LCI.

- statements for quarterly dues shall be sent to all members in the middle of the last month of each quarter. For example, the second quarter (April, May, and June) dues statement will be sent March 15th.
- dues are payable in full by the first day of each quarter.
- dues not paid by the end of the first month of the quarter (30 days past due) shall receive a friendly reminder from the Treasurer.
- if dues are not paid by the end of the second month of the quarter (60 days past due), the Club President shall contact the delinquent party electronically, verbally or certified mail, advising the delinquent party that his/hers membership in the Club will be recommended to the Board to be terminated if the outstanding dues are not paid in full within fifteen (15) days of being contacted (or date of any certified mail) by the President.

ARTICLE V

Meetings

Section A

The CLUB has the following meetings:

Business Meetings: (also referred to as Breakfast Meetings)

These meetings shall be held regularly at a time and place set by the Board. Notice of these meetings shall be given in such a manner as the Board deems proper.

Dinner Meetings:

These meetings may not necessarily have any CLUB business conducted. Dinner meetings are for guest speakers and/or special events. A record of all Dinner Meetings shall be maintained by the Secretary.

Special Meetings:

Special meetings of the CLUB may be called at the discretion of the President or when requested by five or more members of the Board. Notice of special meetings setting forth the purpose, time and place shall be given to each member, at least ten calendar days prior to the meeting date.

Annual Meetings:

The Annual Meeting of the CLUB shall be held in June of each year at a time and place determined by the Board. Final reports of retiring Officers shall be presented and newly elected Officers installed.

Board of Director Meetings:

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held regularly at a time and place set by the Board.

Section B. Quorum

Business, Special, Annual Meetings

A majority of members in good standing shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the CLUB. The word “majority”, (sometimes called “simple majority,”) as used in these Bylaws, is defined as 51% or more of the total membership of the CLUB in order to conduct substantive business, i.e., to approve motions.

Board of Directors Meetings

The presence of a majority of the Board’s members shall constitute a quorum at all meetings.

Section C. Voting

Provided that a quorum has been established, voting on motions may take place following a clear statement of the motion being made, seconded, and a thorough discussion of the merits of the motion. Approval requires 51% or more of the members present and voting in the affirmative to pass. Failure to reach 51% results in the motion being defeated.

Section D.

Only members in good standing may exercise voting privileges and hold office in this CLUB.

Section E.

The act of a majority, (51%), of members present at any meeting shall be the decision of the entire CLUB unless otherwise specified in the Constitution or Bylaws.

Section F.

Proxies and absentee ballots are prohibited at all meetings.

ARTICE VI

Board of Directors

Section A. Composition

The composition of the Board of Directors, all of whom are Officers of the CLUB and CHARITIES, shall be the President, Immediate Past President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chairperson, Marketing Chairperson and four Directors-at-Large. An elected or appointed member of the Board may hold only one position at a time.

Section B. Meetings

Meetings of the Board shall be held at such time and place as determined by the Board. Special Meetings of the Board shall be held when called by the President or when requested by five or more members of the Board, at such time and place as determined by the President. The presence in person of a majority of its members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board. Since the number of Officers on the Board is 13, the required quorum is 7 members in attendance.

Section C. Duties and Powers

The Board of Directors shall:

- be responsible for the execution of policies approved by the CLUB. All new projects and policies of this CLUB shall be considered and approved first by the Board and ratified by the CLUB members at a Business or Special CLUB Meeting,
- submit all matters of new business and/or policy to the respective committee, (Standing or Special) for study and recommendation to the Board,
- refer all requests for expenditure of funds for other than regular obligations to the Finance Committee for its approval,
- uphold and abide by all Articles of the Constitution and Bylaws of the CLUB,
- attend all meetings well prepared to engage in the Board's discussions,
- adhere to ethical and legal standards,
- determine, monitor, and evaluate the effectiveness of the goals and programs of the CLUB to ensure success,
- authorize normal expenditures for CLUB operations but shall not create any indebtedness beyond the current income of this CLUB, nor authorize disbursement of CLUB funds for purposes inconsistent with the business and policies authorized by the CLUB membership,
- possess the power to modify, override or rescind the action of any Officer of the CLUB,
- ensure that all financial controls are in place and authorized to have the books, accounts and operations of the CLUB and CHARITIES audited annually or, at its discretion, the Board may require an accounting or conduct an audit made of the handling of any CLUB funds by any Officer, committee or member of the CLUB. A member of this CLUB in good standing may inspect any such audit or accounting upon request at a reasonable time and place,
- designate, upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, a bank or banks for the funds of CLUB and CHARITIES,

- specify and approve which members of the Board of Directors shall be bonded,
- ensure that only the incumbent Treasurer and either the President and/or Secretary are authorized to sign checks,
- ensure that separate funds, records, financial accounts and reports are maintained for the CLUB and CHARITIES. The CLUB, which is a not-for-profit 501(c)4 organization will include membership dues, tail twisting income and other internally raised CLUB funds. CHARITIES, a tax exempt 501(c)3 organization, will include funds from the public for charitable disbursement which shall be in strict compliance with the provisions of this ARTICLE VI.

ARTICLE VII

Term Limits

Board members, except Directors-at-Large, shall not serve for more than two consecutive terms in the same position. Directors-at-Large shall not serve for more than two consecutive terms (a total of four years). The Board may extend the term of office of any Board member beyond that specified but only with the concurrence of the general membership. (A term is defined as one fiscal year, July 1st through June 30th).

ARTICLE VIII

Elections

All Officers, excluding the Immediate Past President, shall be elected as follows:

- The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee in January of each year.
- The Nominating Committee shall submit its nominations for all Board positions to the general membership at the March Business Meeting. Nominations for all positions may also be made from the floor.

- At the April Business Meeting, following any further nominations from the floor, nominations will be closed, and the election of all officers will be conducted in accordance with **Article V Meetings – Section B and C.**
- If, in the interim period between the elections in April and the installation of all Officers at the Annual Meeting in June, an officer-elect is unable to serve, the nominating committee shall submit an alternate nominee at the Annual Meeting.
- All Board Members, other than two Directors-at-Large and the Immediate Past President, shall be elected annually and will take office on July 1st. They shall hold office for one year, or until their successors have been elected and installed.
- Two Directors-at-Large shall be elected annually, installed and hold office for two years, or until their successors have been elected and installed.

ARTICLE IX

Vacancies

If the office of the President or any Vice President shall become vacant, the Vice Presidents shall advance in office, according to their rank. If this advancement fails to fill the vacancy(s), the Board of Directors shall call a special election giving each CLUB member in good standing a fourteen-calendar day notice to submit nominee for the vacancy.

In the event of a vacancy in any other office, the Board shall appoint a CLUB member to fill the unexpired term. In the event vacancies reduce the number of Board Members to less than the number required for a quorum (7), the membership of the CLUB shall have the power to fill such vacancies by an election held at any regular Business Meeting of the CLUB following a fourteen-day notice. The nominee(s) will be voted upon and installed at the next Business Meeting.

If the office of the Immediate Past President becomes vacant, the position shall be filled by a previous Immediate Past President, starting with the most recent.

ARTICLE X

Recognition of Service

MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP

- Description** Established by Lions Club International to honor the memory of the Founder of Lions Club International. The distinction of being named a “Melvin Jones Fellow” is limited and bestowed upon a member of our CLUB who has demonstrated the highest commitment to our motto “We Serve”. It is conferred upon a member for outstanding achievement in the community and the CLUB. The Melvin Jones Fellowship is the highest honor bestowed by our CLUB. Melvin Jones Fellows are eligible for further recognition by the CLUB in the Melvin Jones Fellowship Progressive Program. It is not an “award.”
- Criteria** The honoree should have proven extensive involvement, commitment, contribution and leadership in Lionism as well as charitable, cultural, educational, professional, non-profit, athletic or religious community organizations.
- Process** The President shall direct the most recent Melvin Jones Fellow to convene a meeting of all current Melvin Jones Fellows in the CLUB to determine if there is a deserving candidate. The candidate’s name will then be presented to the Board of Directors for approval. If approved, the presentation will be made by the President at the CLUB’s December Holiday Dinner. There shall be a limit of one new Melvin Jones and one honoree in the Progressive Program in the CLUB’s fiscal year.
- Type of Award** Plaque and Pin from LCIF
- Funding** Funding is derived from contributions made by the CLUB to LCIF

DR FRANKLIN MASON FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

- Description** This South Carolina Lions Program was renamed the Dr. Franklin Mason Fellowship in 2008. Dr. Mason is a Past International Director and a leading supporter of the South Carolina Lions Foundation. Candidate shall have made an outstanding contribution to Lionism in the State of South Carolina. It is not an “award.”
- Criteria** Consideration shall be given to the nominee’s accomplishments in the following: number of new members sponsored, attendance at meetings, level of awards received, positions held in CLUB, Zone, Region, or State. Participation or leadership in the CLUB or civic organizations shall also be considered.
- Process** The President shall direct the most recent Franklin Mason Fellow to convene a meeting of all current Franklin Mason Fellows in the CLUB to determine if there is a deserving candidate. The candidate’s name will then be presented to the Board of Directors for approval. If approved, the presentation will be made by the President at the CLUB’s December Holiday Dinner. There shall be a limit of one honoree in the CLUB’s fiscal year. Board members are ineligible to be named a Fellow while serving in office.
- Type of Award** Plaque and Pin from the State
- Funding** Funding for the Franklin Mason Fellowship is based on the CLUB’s annual donation to the South Carolina Lions Foundation.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Description	The Lifetime Achievement Award shall be presented to a CLUB member to recognize many dedicated years of service.
Criteria	This award honors outstanding contribution to the growth and development of the CLUB and recognizes motivation that influences others to strive for achievement of humanitarian goals.
Process	The President, following consultation with the Past Presidents Council, shall recommend honoree(s) to the CLUB Board of Directors. Since this award is not intended to be presented annually but on rare occasions, the Board of Directors shall determine an appropriate date and method of presentation.
Type of Award	An appropriate certificate or plaque will be presented to the recipient.
Funding	Cost paid by CLUB

LION OF THE YEAR AWARD

Description	The Lion of the Year Award shall be presented to a member whose loyalty, dedication and service to the CLUB have been exemplary in the past fiscal year.
Criteria	Consideration shall be given to a member's attendance, new members sponsored, leadership, community service and civic achievements. A member may receive this award more than one time.
Process	The Immediate Past President shall head a committee to determine if there is a deserving candidate. The candidate's name will be presented to the Board of Directors for approval. Presentation will

be made by the President at the Annual Meeting in June. There will be a limit of one award in each fiscal year.

Type of Award Plaque from Lions Catalog.

Funding Cost paid by CLUB

NEW LION OF THE YEAR AWARD

Description The New Lion of the Year Award shall be given to a new member who in the first year of membership demonstrates enthusiasm and commitment to Lionism.

Criteria The recipient should have actively participated in the CLUB's projects and activities.

Process The Immediate Past President shall head a committee to determine if there is a deserving candidate. The candidate's name will be presented to the Board of Directors for approval. Presentation will be made by the President at the Annual Meeting in June. There will be a limit of one award in each fiscal year.

Type of Award Plaque from Lions Catalog.

Funding Cost paid by CLUB

ANNIVERSARY PINS

Definition Members in good standing shall receive anniversary member pins after five years of service in the CLUB and every five years thereafter.

Funding Cost paid by CLUB.

THE UNSUNG HERO AWARD

Definition	An Unsung Hero Award may be presented to a CLUB member or non-member
Criteria	It may be presented for outstanding service, achievement and other related accomplishments in the community.
Process	The President shall appoint a chairperson for the Unsung Hero Award Committee. The chairperson will convene a committee of three or more members to determine if there is a deserving candidate. Recipient(s) shall be voted upon by the Board of Directors and the award shall be presented by the President at the Holiday Dinner.
Type of Award	Plaque from Lions Catalog.
Funding	Cost paid by CLUB

HONORARY MEMBER DESIGNATION

Definition	An honorary Member designation may be granted to an individual who is not a member of this CLUB.
Process	This “Honorary Member” designation must be presented and approved by the Board of Directors and ratified by the general membership. This individual must have performed outstanding service in the spirit of Lionism. The honoree may attend meetings but shall not be entitled to any privilege of active membership.
Type of Award	Certificate.
Funding	Cost paid by CLUB

APPRECIATION AWARD

Definition	The Board may recognize members of non-members for their exceptional achievement in any activities or project related to the CLUB or in the spirit of Lionism.
Criteria	This award honors outstanding contribution to the growth and development of humanitarian goals.
Type of Award	An appropriate certificate or plaque will be presented to the recipient.
Funding	Cost paid by CLUB

COMMORATIVE DESIGNATION

Definition	The naming of any venue, program or event to honor an individual's memory. For example, the "Harold M. Breitman Memorial Scholarship." A request for this recognition must be presented to and approved by the Board and then ratified by the membership.
Funding	Cost paid by CLUB

EXCEPTIONS

Under exceptional circumstances, the respective committee and/or the Board of Directors, may recognize or award more than one individual for the following:

- Melvin Jones Fellowship

- Dr. Franklin Mason Fellowship Program
- Lifetime Achievement Award
- Lion of the Year Award
- New Lion of the Year Award
- The Unsung Hero Award

ARTICLE XI

Endorsements

This CLUB shall not endorse, recommend or sponsor any candidate for, or incumbent in, public office.

ARTICLE XII

Conflict of Aspirations

Except to further progress in Lionism, no Officer or member of this CLUB shall use the CLUB's membership as a means of furthering any personal, political, financial gain or other aspiration. The CLUB shall not take part in any movement inconsistent with its purposes and objectives.

ARTICLE XIII

Solicitation of Funds

No funds for commercial purposes shall be solicited from members of the CLUB during meetings by an individual(s). Any suggestion or proposition made at any meeting of this CLUB calling for the expenditure of money other than the regular obligations shall be referred to the Finance Committee. See Article VI Board of Directors, Duties and power – Section C.

ARTICLE XIV

Delegates to Conventions and Meetings

The Board shall appoint delegates and alternates from the CLUB and may pay reasonable expenses to the South Carolina State Convention and District Convention.

ARTICLE XV

Parliamentary Procedure

All questions of order or procedure with respect to any meeting or action of this CLUB, its Board or any appointed committee shall be determined in accordance with *Robert's Rules of Order*, as revised from time to time, except as otherwise specifically provided in the CLUB's Bylaws.

ARTICLE XVI

Dispute Resolution

Section A

Any and all disputes arising between any members of the CLUB for any reason must first be attempted to be resolved amicably by the parties involved within the CLUB.

Section B

If the dispute cannot be resolved within the CLUB, the parties must follow the procedure outlined in Article VI of the CLUB's Constitution.

ARTICLE XVII

Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended at any Business Meeting at which a quorum is present by the simple majority vote of the members present and voting. The Board must have previously approved the proposed amendment(s) and met the notification requirements contained in the Constitution.

ARTICLE XVIII

Supremacy

This CLUB's Bylaws adopted in 2025 supersede all prior CLUB Bylaws and Amendments. If any conflict exists between the terms and provisions of these Bylaws, the terms of the CLUB's Constitution shall prevail. If the conflict is not resolved it must be referred to District level, State of LCI, in that order.

APPENDIX

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART (Appendix A)

RIVER HILLS/LAKE WYLIE LIONS CLUG
 RIVER HILLS/LAKE WYLIE LIONS CHARITIES, INC.
 RIVER HILLS/LAKE WYLIE LIONS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

General Membership				
President ^{O X}				
Immediate Past President ^{O T}	Secretary ^{O T}	Treasurer ^{O T}		
Past Presidents Council	Membership Director ^O	Marketing Director ^O		<i>RH/LW Community Foundation Chairman Board of Trustees ^T</i>
Director at Large ^O	Director at Large ^O	Director at Large ^O	Director at Large ^O	<i>Vice Chairman Board of Trustees ^T Secretary ^T</i>
1st Vice President Administration ^O	2nd Vice President Fundraising ^O	3rd Vice President Special Events ^O		<i>Treasurer ^T</i>
Meeting Coordinator ^V	RH Telephone Directory ^V	Educational Services ^{V 1}		<i>Trustees ^T</i>
Lion Tamer ^V Tail Twister ^V	Golf Tournament ^V EMS Raffle ^V	Sight & Hearing ^V Kid Sight ^V		<i>Immediate Past President RH/LW Lions Club ^T</i>
RH Country Club Liaison ^V	Pancake Breakfast ^V	Programs & Dinners (Holiday/Potluck) ^V		<i>President RH/LW Lions Club ^X</i>
Member Development ^V	Run for Life ^V	Bikes for Kids ^V		<i>Investment Advisor</i>
Outreach ^V	Roaring Eagles ^V	Disaster Relief ^V		<i>Non-Board Member</i>

¹ Educational Service includes: Scholarships, Classroom Readers, Peace Poster, and Roaring Readers

O: Officers of Board of Directors, P: appointed by President, V: appointed by Vice President, X: President of RH/LW Club is non-voting Trustee, T: Trustee of the Foundation

COMMITTEES (Appendix B)

Standing Committees

These standing committees or functions serve for the entire fiscal year from July 1st through June 30th. They must be established as quickly as possible after the swearing in of the new Board of Directors.

Administration

Meeting Coordinator
Lion Tamer
Programs
Tail Twister
Country Club Liaison
Member Development

Service

Educational Services
Sight
Hearing
Outreach
Bikes for Kids
Disaster Relief

President's Committees

Constitution & Bylaws
Audit
Finance

Special (ad hoc) Committees

These special committees are created by the Board of Directors for a specific purpose and are established at any time during the fiscal year but with sufficient time for the committees to achieve their goals.

Fundraising

Benefit Raffle/Dinner
Golf Tournament
Telephone Directory
Pancake Breakfast

Awards

Melvin Jones
Franklin Mason
Lion of the Year
New Lion of the Year
Unsung Hero
Lifetime Achievement

Other

Holiday Dinner
Potluck Dinner
Nominating

Other committees may be established, as needed, to achieve the CLUB's goals.

DEFINITIONS (APPENDIX C)

501(c)3	The IRS regulation which permits donations made to a charitable organization to be tax exempt. The River Hills/Lake Wylie Lions Charities, Inc. is a 501(c)3 organization.
501(c)4	The IRS regulation which permits an organization to be “not for profit”; donations are not tax exempt. River Hills/Lake Wylie Lions Club is a 501(c)4 organization.
Annual Meeting	The annual meeting of the CLUB and CHARITIES is held in June of each year. Membership receives reports from the Board of Directors and new Officers installed.
Board of Directors	The Board of Directors is the highest governing authority of the CLUB and CHARITIES. All members of the Board are Officers.
Business Meeting	A Meeting of the entire membership, also called a Breakfast Meeting. Typical topics are committee reports, announcements, new member inductions, etc.
Chairperson	Title designated by LCI for a person who presides over a meeting or a committee.
CHARITIES	The word CHARITYIES is capital letters in the CLUB’s Bylaws is used to describe the River Hills/Lake Wylie Lions Charities, Inc. which was incorporated as a 501(c)3 by the Club in 1996.
CLUB	The word CLUB in capital letters in the CLUB’s Bylaws is used to describe the River Hills/Lake Wylie Lions Club. Unless otherwise specified, it usually includes Charities. The Club was chartered as a 501(c)4 in 1975. The CLUB is not incorporated.
Club Service Contributions	Also called “CSC”, formerly called “Candy Day”, supports operations of the S.C. Multiple District 32, which includes eye, hearing and health services in the state.
Dinner Meetings	Held in the evening. Programs may include guest speakers or entertainment. Normally no business is conducted.
Directors	Thirteen (13) directors make up the Board of Directors of the CLUB and CHARITIES and all are automatically Officers.
District	The CLUB is in District 32-D. The District Governor is the Chief Administrative Officer.
E-Blasts	An email by which relevant information is disseminated to all members electronically.
Focus	Our Club’s Quarterly Newsletter.
Foundation	The River Hills/Lake Wylie Lions Community Foundation was created on October 29 th , 2009, to serve as a vehicle to raise funds and support the charities work of River Hills/Lake Wylie Lions Club Charities, Inc., a 501(c)3. It is governed by a Board of Trustees.

IALC	International Association of Lions Clubs. The formal and legal name of the parent organization.
LCI	Lions Clubs International is the commonly used name for the International Association of Lions Clubs.
LCIF	Lions Clubs International Foundation – charities arm of LCI.
Lion Magazine	The official publication of Lions Club International.
Majority (simple)	A majority vote, sometimes called a “simple majority,” is normally required to adopt a motion or to elect an individual to office. In the CLUB’s Bylaws it is defined as 51% or more of the votes cast by members entitled to vote.
Majority (super)	A super majority, also called a two-thirds (2/3rds) majority is defined as 67% or more of the votes cast by members entitled to vote.
Motion	A motion is a formal proposal by a member in a meeting. There should be no debate on any matter before a motion is clearly made and seconded. Following a discussion a vote is then taken.
Multiple District	A designated grouping of Lions Clubs. Usually two (2) or more districts in a territory. We are a Multiple District 32 of South Carolina.
Officers	Each member of the Board of Directors of the CLUB and CHARITIES is automatically an Officer of the CLUB and CHARITIES.
Past Presidents Council	The Past Presidents Council includes all Past Presidents of the CLUB. It provides advice and counsel, as requested, to the Board of Directors.
President’s Discretionary Fund	An amount specified in the CHARITIES budget for disbursement by the President without a vote by the Board but recorded in the CLUB’s minutes. Typically used for unbudgeted, unforeseen needs.
Quorum	A quorum is the minimum numbers of members who must be present in order for a meeting to conduct substantive business. As used in these bylaws, the required quorum is 51% or more members entitled to vote.
Region	A sub-division of a district consisting of several zones.
Special Committee	Special Committees have a continuing existence for a defined function and serve for the entire fiscal year.
SCLCS	South Carolina Lions Charitable Services headquartered in Columbia, S.C.
SCLF	South Carolina Lions Foundation headquartered in Columbia, S.C.
Zone	A sub-division of a region consisting of approximately four (4) or more clubs.



OUR CODE OF ETHICS

TO SHOW my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation of quality of service.

TO SEEK success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.

TO REMEMBER that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.

WHENEVER a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.

TO HOLD friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of service performed by one to another; that true friendship demands nothing by accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.

ALWAYS to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation my state and my community and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor, and means.

TO AID others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.

TO BE CAREFUL with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.



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