

BYLAWS

OF

QUAD CITY STORM BOOSTER CLUB, NFP

A Corporation of the State of Illinois

ARTICLE I

PURPOSE AND OFFICES

The general mission and purpose of the Quad City Storm Booster Club, NFP. (hereinafter referred to as the “Corporation”) is to promote public interest and support of the Quad City Storm Hockey Team (the “Team”) and professional and amateur hockey in the Quad Cities and surrounding area; provide leadership in community pride; create goodwill and understanding among all interested individuals and groups throughout the greater Quad City area; to promote good sportsmanship on the part of the participants and spectators; to perform and foster worthy public works; to provide support to charitable activities that involve the Quad City Storm Hockey Team; to benefit Quad City area charities and to benefit needy or deserving persons by enhancing their opportunity to establish themselves in life as worthy and useful citizens.

The Corporation shall not interfere with the Team’s program, administration, or the directors and the staff. The Corporation shall not be represented as an affiliate of the Team.

The Corporation shall maintain in the State of Illinois a registered office and a registered agent at such office, and may have other offices within or without the state.

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any director of the Corporation, officer of the Corporation, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Corporation effecting one or more of its purposes), and no director or officer of the Corporation or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets upon dissolution of the Corporation. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Bylaws, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue law).

ARTICLE II MEMBERS

Section 1. Membership is open to all people interested in promoting hockey.

Types of Members. The Corporation shall have two types of members – Individual and Family/Household. All members will be general members. All members will have the privilege of voting.

Individual Members – individuals over the age of 18.

Family/Household Members – any individual(s) over the age of 18 living in the same household. Children under 18 can be added to the Family/Household membership at no additional cost but will not be able to vote.

Section 2. Application for Membership. Application must be made by submitting an approved application. Membership dues must be paid at the time the application is submitted. Membership may be an individual, couple/family. If more than one individual is listed on the application, all other individuals listed must either reside at the same address and/or be an immediate family member.

Section 3. Dues. Annual membership dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors/Officers (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”), voted on by the General Membership at the May annual meeting, and shall be payable by June 1 each year. If dues are not paid by June 30, the member shall forfeit their membership in the Corporation. Members may apply for a new membership if their membership has been terminated previously.

Section 4. Voting Rights. Each Individual Member shall have one vote and each Family/Household Member shall be entitled up to two votes with two 18+ aged members on each matter submitted to a vote of the members.

Section 5. Termination of Membership due to non-payment. Any member who has not paid the appropriate dues for the current fiscal year by June 30 of said year shall cease to be a member.

Section 6. Resignation. Any member may resign by filing a written resignation with the Secretary.

Section 7. Transfer of Membership. Membership in this Corporation is not transferable or assignable.

Section 8. No Membership Certificates. No membership certificates of Corporation shall be required, but members may be issued appropriate membership cards.

Section 9. Rights, Privileges, and Responsibilities.

- (a) To hear, consider, and approve or amend the minutes of the membership meetings.
- (b) To uphold and support goals and purposes of the Corporation.
- (c) To exhibit honorable character and reputation when attending meetings and functions or representing the Corporation and the Team in any public venue or in any correspondence including but not limited to social media.
- (d) All members must also abide by the Code of Conduct of the Corporation.

Section 10. Termination of Membership.

Members are to promote and encourage the goals of the Team and the Corporation. Members may be removed and have their membership terminated if a rule of the Corporation is broken, misuse of the Team or Corporation logo or name, gross/disorderly conduct, conduct detrimental to the good and welfare of the Team or Corporation, or a request from the Team to remove a member. Removal shall be handled by the Board exclusively. A vote of the Board to remove a member is final.

ARTICLE III
MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Annual Meeting. An Annual Meeting of the members shall be held in the month of May each year for the purpose of electing the Executive Board and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special Meetings of the members may be called either by the Board Chair, a member of the Board of Directors, or not less than twenty-five (25) of the members having voting rights.

Section 3. Place of Meeting. The Executive Board may designate any place as the place of meeting for any annual meeting or for any special meeting called by the Executive Board.

Section 4. Notice of Meetings. Written notice stating place, date and hour of any meeting of members shall be delivered to each member entitled to vote at such meeting not less than seven (7) days prior to meeting and/or electronically via email or telephonically delivered not less than two (2) days prior to the meeting. In case of a special meeting or one required by statute, or by these Bylaws, the purpose for which the meeting is called shall be stated in the notice. If mailed, the notice of a meeting shall be deemed delivered when deposited in the United States Mail addressed to the member at his/her address as it appears on the records of the Corporation, with postage thereon paid.

Section 5. Quarterly Meetings. A quarterly meeting of the members shall be held on the Second Tuesday of the Months of May, August, November, February, or at such other date and time as shall be designated from time to time by the Board. These meetings will be held for the purpose

of transacting business and taking votes on business at hand. If the day should be a legal holiday or there should be a conflict in the hockey schedule, then the meeting shall be held at the discretion of the Executive Board. Written notice of the meeting stating the place, date, and time shall be given to each member.

Section 6. Quorum. Ten (10) voting members (to include at least (1) one member of the Executive Board and one (1) additional member of the Board of Directors) shall constitute a quorum at such meeting. If a quorum is not present at any meeting of members, a majority of the members present may adjourn the meeting at any time without further notice. At any adjourned meeting at which a quorum shall be present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the original meeting. Withdrawal of members from any meeting shall not cause failure of a duly constituted quorum at that meeting. No official business requiring membership approval may be conducted at a regular or special meeting without the presence of a quorum.

Section 7. Special/Emergency Meetings. Special or emergency meetings may be called as deemed necessary by the Executive Board provided that 24-hour notification is given either electronically or telephonically and the presence of a quorum (as described in Section 6 of the Article) exists.

ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS/OFFICERS

Section 1. General Powers. The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors which consists of the Executive Board and Appointed Directors. The business of the Corporation shall be managed by, or under the direction of, its Board of Directors. No single board member/director or general member may transact any official business in the name of the Corporation without first receiving authorization from the majority of the Board Directors.

Section 2. Number, Tenure, Qualification, Nomination and Election. The number of the Executive Board shall be three (Board Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary) the remaining Board shall be a minimum of four but up to eight (Events Director, Housing Director, Membership Director, Team Meal Director and a Deputy Directory of each of the foregoing). The Team will also name a liaison that may participate in all Board of Directors meetings, but they shall have no voting authority.

To be eligible to serve on the Board of Directors the individual must be over the age of 18, a member in good standing, and a married couple may not both serve on the Executive Board.

The first Board of Directors shall be appointed by the Team front office.

A nominating committee of the Board shall name the potential slate of candidates to the

Executive Board no less than 14 days prior to the annual meeting. The membership shall vote on the candidates to the Executive Board at the annual meeting or required special election.

The Executive Board shall then appoint all Director and Deputy Director positions.

The Board Chair, Secretary and Treasurer will be elected to serve a one (1) year term period. The newly-elected board and outgoing board shall work together during the transitional time period. All nominations, elections and votes shall be conducted by voice, unless deemed necessary by the majority of the general membership to be conducted by ballot. If the general membership should so decide on a ballot, the nominations will be taken until seven (7) days prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting, at which time ballots will be presented and a vote taken. All members nominated will be given a chance to decline if they so desire. Nominees need not be present to accept/decline nominations, provided a written proxy is submitted.

Section 3. Regular/Special Meetings and Conducting of Business. A regular meeting of the board shall be held without other notice than this Bylaw, immediately before the quarterly meeting of the general membership. A special meeting may be called by or at the request of any member of the board provided 48 hours' notice is given of the time and place of such meeting. A majority of the board will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any board meeting, regular or special. Business may be conducted by the board without the call of a special meeting if the issue at hand is presented in writing and signed by a majority of the board members. Business may also be conducted by telephone, if deemed necessary, provided the business is documented and read at the next regularly scheduled or special board meeting.

Section 4. Vacancies, Resignations and/or Removal. Any vacancy that should occur, with the exception of the Board Chair, shall be filled in accordance with Section 2 of this article, as stated above. In the case of the Board Chair, the Secretary will temporarily assume the duties of the Board Chair until a new Board Chair shall be elected in accordance with Section 2 of this article, as stated above. An announcement at the next general membership meeting or notification shall be made in accordance with Article III Section 4, that nominations or applications to fill the vacancy are being accepted. A special election shall be held at the general membership meeting following the announcement of vacancy. A board member may resign at any time upon written notice to the Board Chair or Secretary. Such resignation shall be considered immediate unless otherwise stated in the written notice. A board member may be removed with just cause as long as all of the following criteria are met:

- (a) An investigation is conducted.
- (b) A recommendation in writing is received with supporting evidence of just cause.
- (c) The board member is allowed a rebuttal.
- (d) A majority vote of the general membership in attendance is taken.
- (e) A recall is conducted after the board member's rebuttal is heard.
- (f) That notice of such action is provided to all involved parties no more than twenty (20) days prior to a regular scheduled or special meeting and that the purpose of this meeting is so stated as to request removal.

Section 5. Board Chair. The Board Chair shall be the principal executive officer and the chairman of the Board. The Board Chair shall be in charge of the business of the Corporation and see that such business is carried out, except for those instances where the responsibility is specifically assigned to another board member or committee chairperson. This person shall conduct all general membership and board meetings, except in those cases where they have delegated this authority to another board member. The Board Chair may from time to time require the establishment/abolishment of committees as necessary; will in conjunction with the Executive Board appoint all Directors, to serve at the pleasure of the Board Chair; may from time to time call for a report/status of a committee; may, along with treasurer, issue any financial documents relating to the Corporation; does not vote, unless needed to break a tie or create a quorum; and may, along with the Secretary, execute either under or without seal any official business. The Board Chair shall also have access to all financial records, have check writing and signing authority, and work closely with the Treasurer on the financial matters of the Corporation.

Section 6. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be principal accounting and financial officer of the Corporation. The Treasurer may, along with the Secretary, execute either under or without seal any official Corporation business; shall perform other duties from time to time, as may be assigned by the Board Chair; may from time to time call for reports/status of Director activities. The Treasurer shall:

- (a) Maintain custody of and be responsible for all funds of the Corporation.
- (b) Maintain custody of and be responsible for adequate books, all receipts and expenditures pertaining to the Corporation.
- (c) Ensure withdrawals from checking and saving accounts bear the signature of the Board Chair and Treasurer (if over \$2500) and are recorded. If more than one member of the same household is elected and serving on the Board of Directors, only one of those board members will be authorized to sign withdrawals on Corporation accounts.
- (d) Provide a monthly financial statement.
- (e) Be a member of but not the Chairperson of the Budget Committee.
- (f) Perform all the duties pertaining to the office of Treasurer.
- (g) Will ensure all appropriate tax forms are filed in a timely manner.
- (h) Ensure that copies of the monthly financial report are available at the beginning of each meeting for those that wish to review it.
- (i) Plans and executes all Fundraising including but not limited to Game Day Tables, Sales of Items, Sponsorship Program, Fundraising Calendar and coordinates with Events Director on the Spaghetti Dinner (or similar fundraising event).

Section 7. Secretary. The Secretary will sign with the Board Chair, Treasurer, and/or any other Director, under or without seal, any and all correspondence pertaining to the Corporation. The Secretary will perform all duties of the office of the Secretary and shall perform other duties, from time to time, as may be assigned by the Board Chair; may from time to time request written

status reports of Director activities; may along with the Treasurer issue any financial documents relating to the Corporation. The Secretary shall:

- (a) Record the minutes of the general membership and board meetings.
- (b) Maintain all Corporation records and files, and be the custodian of the seal of the Corporation.
- (c) See that all notices, notices of meetings, upcoming events, etc. are duly given in accordance with these bylaws or as required by law.
- (d) Maintain files of Corporation correspondence incoming/outgoing.
- (e) Prepare outgoing correspondence.
- (f) Prepare forms pertaining to the business of the Corporation.
- (g) Order, receive, disburse and maintain all supplies for the purpose of conducting Corporation business.
- (h) Receive and distribute incoming/outgoing correspondence.
- (i) Otherwise certify the bylaws, resolutions of the members, board, and committees, and other documents of the Corporation as true and correct copies thereof.

ARTICLE V DIRECTORS

Section 1. General. All Directors and Deputy Directors will be appointed by the Executive Board. The term of the Director shall coincide with the Board Chair's term of office. The Director shall perform the duties as stated in the descriptions stated within this Article. The Director will appoint a Deputy Director. The Director shall:

- (a) Provide at the general membership meetings, a status report with a signed, written/typed copy of such report to be delivered to the Secretary for Corporation records.
- (b) Provide to the budget committee and/or Executive Board, at the beginning of each fiscal year or as the committee is formed, an estimated budget for the upcoming fiscal year/event.

Failure to perform these duties could result in the removal of the Director by the Executive Board. If for any reason the Director is removed, resigns or cannot otherwise perform the duties, the Deputy Director will be given the opportunity to serve as Director if they so desire. If the Deputy Director does not desire, they will assume the duties until the Executive Board appoints a new Director.

Section 2. Audit. The Audit Committee will consist of but is not limited to a chairperson, vice-chair, the treasurer and at least two (2) other members; will audit the Corporation financial records at least once (1) annually, upon the appointment of a new treasurer, or any other time as called for by a majority vote of the membership present at a regularly scheduled membership meeting; will provide, within thirty (30) days of an audit, a written/typed report to include any recommendations to the secretary for inclusion in Corporation records; and will comply with all actions as set forth in this Article (5) Section 1.

Section 3. Events Director. Responsible, with the assistance of their Deputy Director, for the coordination of the monthly events during the hockey season, to include but not limited to the Welcome Party, Holiday Party and End of Season Party as well as monthly events during the hockey season. Coordinate with the Treasurer any events that are Fundraisers. This includes requesting payment from the Treasurer for deposits for venues and catering.

Section 4. Housing Director. Responsible, with the assistance of their Deputy Director, for the set up and move out of Corporation property loaned to the Players during the hockey season. Maintains inventory of items in the housing units and storage facility. The Directors are authorized to purchase items needed for inventory replenishment for reimbursement from the Corporation or can request purchase by the Executive Board.

Section 5. Membership Director. Responsible for processing and updating all membership forms. Updating the Membership Spreadsheet and providing a list of members to the Events Director upon request. Responsible for maintaining a list of Member Volunteers for each Director. Responsible for creating and distributing the Member and Player packets at the Welcome Party. The Deputy Director will be in charge of the Corporation's Social Media presence and website. The Directors are authorized to purchase items as needed with reimbursement or can request purchase by the Executive Board.

Section 6. Team Meal Director. Responsible for the planning, coordination and distribution of Post Game Meals for the players and staff after designated home games. Plan and coordinate the calendar of Team Meals with the Executive Board and Team Front Office. The Director is authorized to purchase items (both food and supplies) as needed for the Team Meals with reimbursement from the Corporation or can request purchase by the Executive Board. The Deputy Director will be responsible for Bus Food planning, coordination and distribution of healthy snacks to the players for road trips to away games. The Deputy Director is authorized to purchase food needed for road trips with reimbursement from the Corporation or can request purchase by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI BOARD AND MEMBERSHIP APPROVAL

Section 1. Board Approval. Board approval shall be obtained as set forth in Article 4.

Section 2. Membership Approval shall be obtained by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Written notification of approval shall be given to the requester and shall be signed by the Secretary with the corporate seal affixed.

ARTICLE VII
SALARIES

No salaries shall be paid. Seats on the Board and offices are strictly voluntary.

ARTICLE VIII
CONTRACTS, LOANS, CHECKS AND DEPOSITS

Section 1. Contracts. The board may authorize any Director to enter into a contract or execute and deliver an instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation, as long as it has the signature of the Director and two (2) board members and not necessarily the Secretary and has been reviewed by the agent of record or by the lawyer of record. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

Section 2. Loans. No loans shall be contracted on behalf of the Corporation. No indebtedness shall be issued in the name of the Corporation unless authorized by the Executive Board members.

Section 3. Checks. All checks or other orders for payment of money or other indebtedness issued in the name of the Corporation shall be signed by the Board Chair and Treasurer (if over \$2500).

Section 4. Deposits. All funds of the Corporation shall be deposited in a timely manner. The board must furnish the general membership with the names of all banking institutions with which the Corporation has accounts.

ARTICLE IX
BOOKS AND RECORDS

The Corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of the members, Board of Directors, having any of the authority of the Board of Directors and shall keep at the registered or principal office a record, giving the names and addresses of the members entitled to vote. All books and records of the Corporation may be inspected by any member (or by his/her agent or attorney) for any proper purpose at any reasonable time with five (5) days' notice of the request for inspection.

ARTICLE X
DUES

Section 1. Annual Dues. The Board of Directors may determine from time to time the amount of annual dues, if any, payable to the Corporation by the general members.

Section 2. Payment of Dues. Dues shall be payable at the time a new application is submitted. Annual membership dues shall be payable by June 1 each year. If dues are not paid by June 30, the member shall forfeit their membership in the Corporation.

ARTICLE XI
FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year shall be from June 1 through May 31.

ARTICLE XII
SEAL

In the event the Corporation elects to use a seal, the seal shall read "Quad City Storm Booster Club, Corporate Seal, Illinois". The seal may be used by causing it or a facsimile thereof to be impressed or affixed or in any other manner reproduced. Affixing the seal to a document does not give the document additional force or effect or change the construction and use of the document. Use of the seal is not mandatory.

ARTICLE XIII
WAIVER OF NOTICE

Whenever any notice is required to be given under the provisions of the general Not-For-Profit Act or of Illinois or under the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws of the Corporation, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.

ARTICLE XIV
EXPENDITURES

Expenditures by the Board of Directors in excess of \$1,500.00 must have prior approval of the Executive Board, either as authorized by the approved budget or by the Executive Board present. All expenditures authorized by the Board of Directors will be reported in writing at the next regular membership meeting. Upon written request, a copy of such report will be made available to any member of the Corporation in good standing.

ARTICLE XV
CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

SECTION 1.

PURPOSE. The purpose of the conflict-of-interest policy is to protect this tax-exempt organization's corporation interest when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an officer or director of the organization or might result in a possible excess benefit transaction. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to non-profit and charitable organizations.

SECTION 2:

DEFINITIONS.

1. Interested Person – Any director, principal officer, or member of a committee with Board of Directors delegated powers with a direct or indirect financial interest, as defined below, is an interested person.
2. Financial Interest – A person has a financial interest if the person has, directly or indirectly, through business, investment, or family;
 - a) An ownership or investment interest in any entity with which the organization has a transaction or arrangement,
 - b) A compensation arrangement with the organization or with any entity or individual with which the organization has a transaction or arrangement, or
 - c) A potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which the organization is negotiating a transaction or arrangement.

Compensation includes direct and indirect remuneration as well as gifts or favors that are not insubstantial. A financial interest is not necessarily a conflict of interest. Under Section 3, Line 2, a person who has a financial interest may have a conflict of interest only if the appropriate Board of Directors decides that a conflict of interest exists.

SECTION 3:

PROCEDURES.

1. Duty to Disclose – In connection with any actual or possible conflict of interest, an interested person must disclose the existence of the financial interest and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the Directors considering the proposed transaction or arrangement.
2. Determining Whether a Conflict of Interest Exists – After disclosure of the financial interest and all material facts, and after any discussion with the interested person, he or she shall leave the Board of Directors meeting while the determination of a conflict of interest is discussed and voted upon. The remaining Board of Directors shall decide if a conflict of interest exists.
3. Procedures for Addressing the Conflict of Interest
 - a) An interested person may make a presentation at the Board of Directors meeting, but after the presentation, he/she shall leave the meeting during the discussion of, and the vote on, the transaction or arrangement that results in the conflict of interest.
 - b) The chairperson of the Board of Directors shall, if appropriate, appoint a disinterested person or committee to investigate alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement.
 - c) After exercising due diligence, the board or committee shall determine whether the Corporation can obtain a more advantageous transaction or arrangement with reasonable efforts from a person or entity that would not give rise to a conflict of interest.

- d) If a more advantageous transaction or arrangement is not reasonably attainable under circumstances that would not give rise to a conflict of interest, the board or committee shall determine by a majority vote of the disinterested directors whether the transaction or arrangement is in the Corporation's best interest and for its own benefit and whether it is fair and reasonable to the Corporation. In conformity with the above determination, it shall make its decision as to whether to enter into the transaction or arrangement.
4. Violations of the Conflicts of Interest Policy
- a) If the board has reasonable cause to believe a member has failed to disclose actual or possible conflicts of interest, it shall inform the member of the basis for such belief and afford the member an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.
 - b) If, after hearing the member's response and after making further investigation as warranted by the circumstances, the Board of Directors determines the member has failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate disciplinary and corrective action.

SECTION 4:

RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS. The minutes the Board of Directors and all committees with board delegated powers shall contain:

- a) The names of the persons who disclosed or otherwise were found to have a financial interest in connection with an actual or possible conflict of interest, the nature of the financial interest, any action taken to determine whether a conflict of interest was present, and the Board of Directors decision as to whether a conflict of interest in fact existed.
- b) The names of the persons who were present for discussions and votes relating to the transaction or arrangement, the content of the discussion, including any alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement, and a record of any votes taken in connection therewith.

SECTION 5:

COMPENSATION. A voting member of the Board of Directors who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the corporation for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.

A voting member of any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the corporation for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.

No voting member of the Board of Directors whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Corporation for services is prohibited from providing information to any committee regarding compensation.

SECTION 6:

ANNUAL STATEMENTS. Each director, principal officer and member of the committee with Board of Directors-delegated powers shall annually sign a statement, which affirms such person has:

- a) Received a copy of the conflicts of interest policy,
- b) Read and understands the policy,
- c) Agreed to comply with the policy, and
- d) Understood the corporation is charitable and in order to maintain its federal tax exemption it must engage primarily in activities, which accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes.

SECTION 7:

PERIODIC REVIEWS. To ensure the Corporation operates in a manner consistent with charitable purposes and that it does not engage in activities that could jeopardize its status as an organization exempt from federal income tax, periodic reviews shall be conducted. The periodic reviews shall, at a minimum, include the following subjects:

- a) Whether compensation arrangements and benefits are reasonable, based on competent survey information and the result of arm's length bargaining.
- b) Whether partnerships, joint ventures, and arrangements with management of the corporations conform to the corporation's written policies, are properly recorded, reflect reasonable investment or payments for goods and services, further charitable purposes and do not result in inurement, impermissible private benefit or in an excess benefit transaction.

SECTION 8:

USE OF OUTSIDE EXPERTS. When conducting the periodic reviews as provided for in Section 7, the Corporation may, but need not, use outside advisors. If outside experts are used, their use shall not relieve the board of its responsibility for ensuring periodic reviews are conducted.

ARTICLE XVI STANDARDS OF CONDUCT/CODE OF ETHICS, DISCRIMINATION

Section 1. Discrimination. We are not discriminatory against any persons based on sex, race, color, age, religion, ethnic or marital status or preference.

Section 2. Standards of Conduct/Code of Ethics. All members will conduct themselves in such a manner that does not bring discredit to the Corporation or to the Quad City Storm Hockey Team. All members will display the highest level of honesty, sincerity, and morality. Failure to abide by this standard of conduct/code of ethics may result in termination of membership. All proposed misconduct cases are subject to due process.

ARTICLE XVII
AMENDMENTS TO THESE BYLAWS

Section 1. These bylaws may only be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at any regularly set meeting of the membership.

Section 2. Notice of any amendments adopted shall be available at the next regularly scheduled membership meeting; however, any amendment adopted shall become a part of these bylaws and is effective immediately.

ARTICLE XVIII
PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

In the absence of any contrary provisions in the Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation, or any contrary resolutions of the Board, “**Roberts Rules of Order**,” latest edition, shall be applicable to govern the conduct of meetings and other issues of parliamentary authority.

ARTICLE XIX
DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of this Corporation, the assets will be distributed for one or more exempt purposes, within the meaning of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as the Board shall determine. Any remaining assets undistributed after the foregoing steps are taken, shall be disposed of by order of the Fourteenth Judicial District Court, Rock Island County, ILLINOIS, for such purposes or to such organizations as the court shall determine, which are operated and organized exclusively for such purposes.

The undersigned hereby certifies that these bylaws have been read, voted on, approved and are true and accurate.

Dated: November 17, 2025

Mary Gwinn
Secretary, Quad City Storm Booster Club, Inc.