



Cherry Capital Rose Society

Amended April 1, 2008

Constitution and By Laws

Article I – Name and Purpose

Section I The name of the Society shall be “The Cherry Capital Rose Society” a non-incorporated education society and not for profit.

Section II The purpose of the Society shall be to encourage the growing of roses and to increase the knowledge of rose culture.

Article II – Membership

Section I Membership in the Society shall be open to any person interested in the growing of roses and furthering their knowledge of rose culture.

Section II The membership shall not be restricted in number.

Section III An honorary membership is bestowed as an honor only, to those who have distinguished themselves in one or more aspects of interest, appreciation, cultivation, care, propagation, exhibiting or publicity concerning roses. An honorary member is not obligated to attend the Society meetings, but may do so. The member will pay no dues, or take part

in business transactions, vote, or serve on any committees, but can act as an advisor, or hold office in the Society.

Section IV

A) Membership shall continue as long as the member remains in good standing, or until resignation in writing is received by the Board.

B) Membership in good standing shall be defined as follows:

1. The member shall be actively engaged in the growing of roses, or the furthering of knowledge of the rose.
2. The member shall have paid the annual dues as set forth in the constitution.
3. Membership in the American Rose Society is not required, but is encouraged.

Section V At the March meeting, the Treasurer shall submit to the Board the names of those members not in good standing. If approved by the Board, those names submitted by the Treasurer shall be deleted.

Article III – Meetings

Section I Regular meetings shall be scheduled by the newly elected Board as the needs of the Society dictate. A yearly schedule shall be distributed at the February meeting. Changes to the schedule may be made as needed by the Board.

Section II All records and reports of the Society shall be turned over to the newly elected officers at the close of the business year.

Section III Special meetings may be called by the President for a stated purpose and upon notice of membership.

Section IV Robert's Rules of Order shall govern this Society in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the By-laws, and Rules of Order of the Cherry Capital Rose Society.

Article IV – Officers and Directors

Section I The officers of the Society shall be: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary.

Section II The officers, immediate Past President, and one elected member-at-large shall constitute the Board of Directors, who shall have the general direction of the affairs of the Society, and are empowered to transact the business of the Society. The Board will add positions as deemed necessary to the business of the Society.

Section III

A) The officers of the Society shall be elected at the Christmas Party meeting in December. Election shall be by a majority vote of the membership at that meeting.

B) The newly elected officers shall take office at the Society's January meeting.

Section IV The officers shall serve a term of one year.

Section V Should a vacancy occur in any of the elected positions, the vacancy shall be filled by an appointment of the Board of Directors for the remainder of the term. All records and reports from a retiring officer shall be turned over to the Society.

Section VI Duties of the Elected Officers:

A) President: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and board of Directors. Further, the President shall carefully oversee the general operation of the Society.

B) First Vice-president: The First Vice-president shall assume all duties of the President in the President's absence and shall serve as Program Chairperson for the year.

C) Second Vice-president: The Second Vice-president shall assist the First Vice-president on the Program Committee and shall assume first Vice-president's duties in the absence of the First Vice-president.

D) Treasurer: The Treasurer shall collect all Society dues, hold all moneys and maintain records fo financial transactions. The Treasurer shall disburse funds in accordance with the direction of the Board of Directors, acting through the President or upon action of the membership taken at a regular meeting of the Society. The Treasurer shall maintain banking accounts, together with the President or Vice-president.

E) Recording Secretary: The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings and make reports to the members of the Society as needed.

F) Corresponding Secretary: The corresponding Secretary shall be responsible for all official correspondence of the Society.

Article V – Standing Committees

Section I The Society may form committees as needed for the business of the society.

Section II The President shall name chairpersons and other personnel to serve on the various committees.

Section III The President shall appoint two members-at-large to a Financial Review Committee, to audit the financial records of the Society. The Financial Review Committee shall be appointed in October and finish review of records by the en of December, and report their findings to the membership.

Article VI – Dues

Section I The dues of the Society shall be a flat fee as determined by the Board of Directors, based on the needs of the Society. Future changes in the dues may be affected by the board, reported to the membership at the Annual Meeting, and published in the Society's monthly newsletter.

Section II Dues shall be payable as of the January meeting. Present cost shall be \$15.00 per household, effective January 2008.

Section III Dues not paid by the March meeting shall render the member inactive. Members declared inactive will not receive the newsletter.

Article VII – Quorum

Section I A quorum for the transaction of business of the Society shall be defined as the majority of members present at that meeting.

Section II Any five members of the Board of Directors of the Society shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting the business Meeting of the Board of directors.

Article VIII – Termination of the Society

Section I Upon determination to terminate the society, the current Board of Directors shall have authority to dispose of all assets of the Society.

Section II The disposition of assets as provided for in Section I shall be made in such a manner as the Board of Directors shall deem appropriate. Such disposition shall be made in such a manner that no benefit shall redound to any member of the Society.

Article IX – Amendments

Section I Amendment or Amendments to this Constitution may be initiated by the Board of Directors of the Society, or upon written petition of any ten members of the Society in good standing.

Section II The Corresponding Secretary shall provide each member with a copy of the properly initiated proposed amendment at least ten days before the date of the meeting at which the amendment change will be acted on.

Section III An amendment or amendments may be adopted by an affirmative vote of a quorum at any regularly scheduled meeting or at a special meeting called by the President for that specific purpose.

The above Constitution and By-laws of the Cherry Capital Rose Society were reviewed by the Board of Directors, approved and submitted to the Society members for approval at the membership meeting in May of 2008.

Approval Date: _____

President(s): _____

1st Vice-President: _____

2nd Vice-President: _____

Treasurer: _____

Recording Secretary: _____

Corresponding Secretary: _____

Director: _____

Director: _____