## TLV MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION GOLF CLUB BYLAWS

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### ARTICLE I: NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION

The name of the organization shall be Twin Lakes Village Men's Golf Association.

### ARTICLE II: PURPOSES

Purpose of the organization is to promote interest in golf among men. This includes teaching *USGA Rules of Golf*, golf etiquette, and local rules of golf. Teach members to be responsible stewards of our golf course. Promote good sports behavior in organized competitive play.

### ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP, MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING, and DUES

Eligible members are men, eighteen years of age or older, who maintain an 18-hole handicap through the USGA GHIN system.

Dues are established on a calendar year basis by the Executive Board. To be eligible for participation in Club activities, including Thursday night league, dues must be paid in advance, along with other outstanding obligations to the Club, if any.

#### ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

At least two meetings of the entire membership shall be held during each calendar year. One meeting shall be held in the spring, and one near the end of the golf season. Board members shall be elected at the meeting near the end of the season (maximum of 7, but not less than 5). Officers are determined at the first board meeting.

The Executive Board shall meet as needed to conduct business or whenever called by any officer.

For any bylaw changes that come before the membership at a scheduled meeting, a majority vote of members present shall determine the outcome of any decisions. Notice of proposed changes will be presented to membership prior to meeting.

#### ARTICLE V: OFFICERS and THEIR DUTIES

All Club members in good standing are eligible to be elected board members, which shall be the *President, Vice-president, Handicap Chair, Tournament Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.* Each board member shall serve a one-year term and may be re-elected as often as he wishes to serve.

The *President* shall prepare the agenda and preside at all Club meetings, chair the Executive Board, direct all activities of the Club, appoint all committee chairs, and serve ex-officio on all committees. He shall also direct creation of a Calendar of Events.

The *Vice-president* shall automatically assume the office of President in the event of the President's inability to perform his duties and shall preside in the absence of the President. He shall also organize and direct the Thursday night league, and shall supervise each Club-sponsored Tournament.

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The *Handicap* Chair is responsible for ensuring the accuracy of all members scoring record and Handicap index. The Handicap Chair shall verify with the Treasurer that all players in the handicapping system have paid their dues. He helps members post all scores properly, reviews scorecards, verifies that scores have been correctly posted, and has the authority to adjust scores accordingly. The handicap chair shall select several players at random monthly to be audited (compare rounds played to rounds posted.). He shall verify handicap eligibility for TLV tournament events.

The *Tournament Chair* shall work with the TLV golf professional on tournament formats. He shall communicate with members regarding upcoming events, help with running Thursday night league, and be sure that all players / teams have paid league fees.

The **Secretary** shall record in writing, or appoint someone to record in writing, all Club and Executive Board meetings, and shall be responsible for correspondence necessary to carry out Club affairs, including the newsletter and Wednesday blast.

The *Treasurer* shall receive and disburse all funds belonging to the Club, under direction of the Executive Board. The Treasurer shall create a Proposed Budget for the calendar year, and have it approved by the Executive Board. At each meeting of the board, the treasurer shall present a detailed Income Statement and a summary showing the cash on hand. He shall also keep names of all current members and a record of who has paid GHIN and Club Dues.

An officer may be removed from office if the Executive Board determines cause exists for such removal. If the President resigns or is removed from office, the Vice-president shall immediately take over the office of President. If any other officer resigns or is removed from office, he shall be replaced by appointment of the Executive Board.

### ARTICLE VI: STANDING and SPECIAL COMMITTEES and THEIR DUTIES

**Rules Committee**—makes decisions regarding rules of play, and settles disputes not covered by these Bylaws or other rules; works with the Golf Professional, Handicap Chair, and Tournament Chair to promote knowledge of, and adherence to, USGA Rules of Golf. (See also Article VII).

**Special Committees**—these may be created at any time a need is determined by the Executive Board.

### ARTICLE VII: RULES OF PLAY/HANDICAPS

USGA *Rules of Golf* govern all play, along with local rules determined by the Twin Lakes Village Golf Professional. Both may be obtained from the Pro Shop.

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Participants must play to their most current GHIN Handicap. Any exception to this shall be decided by the Handicap Chair or Executive Board.

The USGA Handicapping Association's recommendation for Men's handicapping shall be used. A minimum of three 18-hole scores are required for a handicap to be assigned to a player, after which he shall be eligible for weekly competition and prizes. A new member transferring from another club must present his GHIN number.

All Club-sponsored play (weekly as well as Club-sponsored events) shall allow maximum course handicaps of 36.

Ties shall be determined by card offs except for Club Champion. The USGA handicap manual suggests the following procedure: matching scorecards to determine the winner based on the score for the last nine holes, last six holes, last three holes and finally the 18th hole. If there is still a tie, then the last six holes, three holes and final hole of the first nine holes will be considered in turn. If this process does not result in a winner, the Committee could consider the competition a tie.

## ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws shall be reviewed annually. These Bylaws may be amended by a majority of the members attending any scheduled meeting.