

Greater Saginaw Rose Society

Saginaw, Michigan

Article I

Section 1. This society shall be known as the "Greater Saginaw Rose Society."

Founding Members:

Dr. & Mrs. Dalton Allen	Miss Geraldine H. Snyder
Mr. Alex R. Alaxander	Mr. Robert A. Thornton
Mr. Ray J. Ambrasas	Mrs. Samuel E. Vitale
Mrs. Arthur C. Beckert	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Wagner
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond L. Bourdow	Mr. & Mrs. S. Gifford Zuehlke
Mr. Walter T. Burdick, Jr.	
Mr. & Mrs. Luther M. Burt	
Mrs. Leo T. Hendrick	
Mrs. Carl A. Huebner	
Mrs. Franklin J. Jackson	
Mrs. Daniel M. Kenel	
Mrs. Doris A. Leever	
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert C. Lovejoy	
Mrs. Ruth H. Moore	
Mrs. Ella Noble	
Mr. Arthur Ochmann	
Mr. Wallace F. Pelon	
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur K. Poole	
Mr. Curtis E. Pressler	
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas J. Ryan	
Mr. & Mrs. Fred C. Schultz	
Mr. Donald Shuler	
Mr. & Mrs. Lynn B. Snyder	
Mrs. Andrew C. Struthers	

Section 2. This society shall not operate in any manner resulting in pecuniary profit or gain to its members.

Article II

Objects

Section 1. The objects of the Society are to encourage interest in and cultivation of the rose, to be affiliated with the American Rose Society, and to spread the love of the rose whenever and wherever possible. A specific aim is a municipal rose garden.

Article III

Memberships

Section 1. All persons who are in any way interested in the rose shall be eligible to apply for membership. All applications must be signed by the applicant and two members who are in good standing in the society. Applications must be accompanied by dues as specified by Article III, Section 2.

Section 2. Membership dues shall be \$2.50 per person for each calendar year.

January thru June \$2.50

July thru October \$1.50

November and December free

All members not having paid their dues by the March meeting shall be considered delinquent and will be dropped from membership.

Section 3. Each member shall be entitled to one vote on all matters brought before the society and any such member may vote by proxy.

Section 4. An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the membership shall require to elect Honorary Life Members.

Section 5. You must be an active member in good standing with the society in order to take any property belonging to the society, trophy's etc... You must also be a member the year before and the year **OF** the rose show being held by the society. This does not apply to new members who join the society the year of the rose show. The rose show is held Bi-annually, normally in June.

Article IV

Government

Section 1. Officers – The officers of the society shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. Officer's address must be in Saginaw County.

Section 2. Committees – There shall be six regular committees: Nominating, Publicity, Membership Historian, Program and Projects. Other committees shall be appointed as necessary.

Section 3. Board of Directors – The officers of the society viz: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer plus the immediate past president and the chairman of each standing committee shall direct the business of the society.

Section 4. Officers and Directors of the society must be dues paying members.

Article V

Meetings

Section 1. Annual Meetings – At the regular meeting in the month of November the reports of the Secretary, Treasurer and the regular committees, for the year, shall be read and when approved by the society shall be made part of the permanent record of the society. At this meeting the election of the officers for the ensuing year shall be held.

Section 2. The installation of officers shall be held in the month of January.

Section 3. Regular meetings – The regular meetings of the society shall be held monthly or when called by the Board of Directors. Members shall be duly notified of meetings by the Secretary and of the nature of the business to be acted upon when there is such. Thirty-five per cent of the membership including two elected officers shall constitute a quorum at the regular meeting. The Board of Directors shall meet monthly. A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

Article VI

Elections and Voting

Section 1. A Nominating Committee of three members shall be named at the October meeting, one member of which shall be appointed by the President, the remaining two shall be elected from the floor.

Section 2. The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected at the November meeting and installed at the January meeting, to serve until the installation of their successors.

Section 3. Election of officers shall take place by secret ballot. The majority of votes cast shall elect.

Section 4. At the discretion of the presiding officer, a vote of ayes and nays, or show of hands shall be sufficient when voting on routine business, a majority vote being required.

Article VII

Official and Committee duties

Section 1. The duties of the Officers shall be those usually incumbent upon Officers in similar organizations.

Section 2. The duties of the Committee shall be specified by the President who will choose the Chairman of all committees and who will help select committee members.

Article VIII

Funds

Section 1. The funds of the society shall be expended only by signed order of the President with the approval of the Board of Directors. No appropriation shall be made in excess of the funds on hand, and no member or group of members shall incur any indebtedness in the name of the society.

Section 2. The funds shall be deposited in a commercial account and checks shall be signed by either the Treasurer or by the President of the society.

Section 3. The President shall appoint a Special Auditing Committee who will meet with the Treasurer and audit the books and records prior to the annual reports. (See Article V, Section 1)

Article IX

Amendments

Section 1. This constitution can be amended or altered or repealed by the Membership of the society at any annual, regular or special meeting by an affirmative vote of two-thirds, provided a quorum is present, and provided a written notice is sent to each member at least twenty days prior to the meeting at which such proposed amendment is to be voted on.

Amendments Inducted

Several changes have been made to the By-laws since they were written in the early sixties.

Article III, Section 2.

Dues have been appropriately increased over time. They are now \$7.50 per person. National dues are \$32.00.

Article IV, Section 1.

“The officers shall be President, Vice-President.” We had difficulty getting one person to take this office so we have recently had six persons work at a committee

“Officers address must be in Saginaw County” was changed to “Officers address may be in the general Saginaw area.”

Article V, Section 3.

“The Board of Directors shall meet monthly” Over time because of the gas shortage and other factors, we not have an open Board Meeting at the January meeting, and other times during the year when the Board deems it necessary.

Entered by Bunny Skran, Vice-President, May 19, 1996

Article III, Section 2.

Dues have been appropriately increased to \$10.00 per person per year OR \$17.50 for a two year membership. National dues are \$70.00

Article I, Section 1.

“This society shall be known as the Greater Saginaw Rose Society.” Over time we have had to rename the society to draw more interest, we have renamed the society “The Saginaw Rose & Garden Society”.

Entered by Clint Bremer, Secretary, November 16, 2008

Article IV, Section 1.

“The officers shall be President, Vice-President.” We had difficulty getting six people assigned this task. The ARS (American Rose Society, so named ARS here-out) asked local societies to maintain one President and two vice presidents. This was adopted to our society during the November 2008 meeting.

Entered by Clint Bremer, Secretary, November 24, 2008

Article III, Section 5.

Voted on and passed was a law stating you **MUST** be a member the year of and the year before a rose show (Being they are held bi-annually now) in order to take a trophy home. This rule doesn't apply to **NEW** members who may join the society the **YEAR OF** a rose show.

Entered by Clint Bremer, Secretary, November 24, 2008