

DOLLARD WATER POLO CLUB BY-LAWS

November 2010

1. Name

1.1 The name of the Dollard Water Polo Club will be CLUB DE WATER-POLO DE DOLLARD DES ORMEAUX or DOLLARD DES ORMEAUX WATER-POLO CLUB. The Club may be known informally as the Dollard Water Polo Club, Dollard Water Polo or DDO Water Polo.

2. Objectives

2.1 To promote the sport of water polo in the West Island area of Montreal in general, and the borough of Dollard des Ormeaux/Roxboro in particular.

2.2 To provide the necessary facilities, equipment and coaching so that interested West Island teenagers, with the requisite swimming skills, may have the opportunity to practice and play water polo indoors during the autumn, winter and spring seasons.

2.3 To produce elite water polo teams which can compete provincially and nationally at all levels, from bantam to senior, for both men and women.

2.4 To attempt to inculcate a sense of discipline, responsibility, team work and other such positive values in the young people who come to the Dollard water polo Club as a by-product of their participation in the sport of water polo.

3. Board of Directors

3.1 The Dollard Water Polo Club shall be directed by a Board of directors, which shall consist of a minimum of three (3) and up to a maximum of twenty (20) members. Also included on the Board of Directors as ex-officio members are: the Aquatic Director of the AADD (Aquatic Association of Dollard des Ormeaux), the Head Coach of the men's and women's water polo programs and the immediate Past-President of the Dollard Water Polo Club.

3.2 The Board of Directors shall elect from among its number each year at the Election General Meeting: a President, secretary and Treasurer. The duties of these members are outlined in Appendix "A". A Vice-President and other officers may also be elected at that time.

3.3 All members of the Board of Directors will be either a parent of a player or a player at the senior level. A non-parent may serve on the Board if their role is approved by the remaining members. If this is the case the AADD must be notified, in writing, of the decision.

3.4 The term of office of the Board of Directors is one (1) year, terminating at the Election General Meeting; however, the mandate of all members of the Board is renewable each year. If a member of the Board resigns before his mandate expires, the Board shall name a replacement from among the voting members to complete his term.

3.5 A quorum for Board of Director's meetings is three (3) voting members or one third (1/3) of the members of the Board, whichever is greater.

3.6 The Board of Directors will meet as it deems necessary for the proper running of the Club, but in any event, no less than three times in the year. The Board may call a General Meeting of all members at any time, but in any case, will call an Annual General Meeting and an Election General Meeting once each year.

4. General Meeting

4.1 A voting member is a parent of a cadet (16U), juvenile (18U), or Junior (22U) player or a player at the junior (22U) or senior level. Voting privileges will be granted on the basis of one (1) vote per player. Voting privileges will not be granted to players or parents of players not registered or who are in arrears in their fees or other accounts owing to the AADD0 or the Dollard Water Polo Club.

4.2 A quorum for any General Meeting will be ten (10) votes or ten (10) percent of the total possible votes; whichever is less.

4.3 Notice of a General Meeting will be sent by letter (e-mail) to each voting member at least eight (8) days prior to the meeting date. The notice will include an agenda for the meeting. The notice and agenda will also be posted on the Club's website.

4.4 If any amendments to the Bylaws are to be presented to the members at a General Meeting, those proposed amendments will be posted on the Club's website at least eight (8) days prior to the meeting where any interested party can read them. In that case, the notice of the meeting e-mailed home must mention the intent to amend and the location on the website where the members may find posted the proposed amendments.

4.5 The Annual General Meeting of members will take place as soon as possible after the registration of players in September of each year, but in any event, no later than ninety (90) days after the end of the fiscal year.

4.6 An annual report on the events of the previous year will be presented at the Annual General Meeting by the President and the financial statements covering the previous fiscal year will be presented by the Treasurer.

4.7 An Election General Meeting, the purpose of which is to elect a new Board of Directors, will take place at the end of the Club's season, but in any case, prior to the end of the Club's fiscal year.

5. Nominating Committee

5.1 The Board of Directors will elect a Nominating Committee each year from among the voting members of the Dollard Water Polo Club for the purpose of soliciting volunteers to serve on the Board.

5.2 The Nominating Committee shall be composed of three (3) people of whom at least one (1) shall be the parent of a male player and one (1) of a female player and at least one (1) cadet (16U) player and one (1) juvenile (22U) player.

5.3 The Nominating Committee will present the proposed Board of Directors to the Secretary twenty-one (21) days prior to the Election General Meeting. This slate will be included as part of the notice calling the Election General Meeting. The notice and the proposed slate will be sent by letter (e-mail) to the members. It will also be posted on the website.

5.4 Any additional nominations must be received, in writing by the secretary, no later than 48 hours prior to the election general meeting. Any such nominations need only have a proposer

who may be the same person who is volunteering to serve on the board of directors. Any nominations made by a third party must have the prior approval of the person being nominated.

6. Fees

- 6.1 The fee structure for the Dollard Water Polo Club is established by the AADD0 in consultation with the Board of Directors.
- 6.2 The Club Affiliation fee is established by the Board of Directors.
- 6.3 All costs associated with going to tournaments may be assessed against players by the Club at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

7. Affiliations

- 7.1 The Board of directors will affiliate the Dollard water polo club to such regional, provincial, national or international associations as it deems in the Club's best interest. However, in the event the Board does not wish to affiliate the Club with the recognized provincial and/or national water polo associations, it must call a special General Meeting to explain the decision and have its decision ratified by the membership.

8. Relationship of Dollard Water Polo Club and the AADD0

- 8.1 The Dollard Water Polo Club operates under the auspices of the AADD0.
- 8.2 The AADD0 considers the Dollard Water Polo Club to be a duly constituted group and, as an official part of its program, places at its disposal, according to its means, human and physical resources.
- 8.3 The AADD0 coordinates external relations that may have a financial or legal impact on the Dollard Water Polo Club, in consultation with the Board of Directors.
- 8.4 The Board of Directors assumes responsibility for the internal financing of the Club. Internal financing includes all monies from any sources that are intended for the sole use of the Dollard Water Polo Club.
- 8.5 Coaches of the Dollard Water Polo Club will be hired by the AADD0 on the recommendation of, and in consultation with the Board of Directors.
- 8.6 Should the Board of Directors wish to recommend that the Dollard Water Polo Club disassociate itself from the AADD0, it will call a general meeting to explain its decision and have its decision ratified by the voting members.