

# BY-LAWS OF THE HOHOKAMS

*Adopted by a vote of more than 75% of those members present  
and eligible to vote on May 6, 2014.*

I. **MEMBERSHIP:** Membership shall be divided into the following classifications:

- A. Active Members.
- B. Life Members.
- C. Ex-Officio Members.
- D. Honorary Members.

A. **ACTIVE MEMBERS:** Shall be limited to one-hundred twenty-five (125) in number

The names of candidates for membership may be presented in writing to the Sachem by an Active or Life Member who is in compliance with attendance requirements or by the Membership Committee as hereinafter provided. The Sachem shall present the names submitted by the membership to the Big Ho. The Big Ho shall select a membership Chairperson who shall select a committee as hereinafter provided. The Membership Committee shall then select the candidates to be presented for consideration by the members present at a meeting called for that purpose. The Council may limit the number of vacancies available. Additional elections for membership may be held at the discretion of the Council.

A meeting of the members to consider candidates for memberships shall be called by the Council. A favorable vote of a majority of the active and life members eligible to vote present at such meeting will be necessary for any candidate into active membership.

At the conclusion of the first ballot the candidates receiving a majority vote shall be declared elected to membership. In the event all vacancies have not been filled, the balloting shall continue among the remaining candidates until sufficient number have received a majority vote in any ballot, then in that event, the candidate receiving

the lowest number of votes shall be eliminated from balloting and the balloting shall continue as herein provided.

**Any person elected to be an Active Member shall be required to attend 75% of all spring training games. All Active Members who meet this requirement shall have full voting rights and the right to hold office. Active Members who do not meet this requirement, and who are not otherwise excused either by their Committee Chairman and approved by the Little Ho shall have their voting rights and right to hold office suspended until such time as they are in compliance with this requirement.**

**It shall be the responsibility of the Little Ho to keep and maintain records of attendance throughout the season. After the season is over, but before June 1st, the Little Ho shall report to the council the names of those Active Members who have failed to meet the attendance requirement, together with any extenuating circumstances which may explain this failure.**

- B. LIFE MEMBERS:** Any member shall achieve Life Member status after 15 years of service (service defined as working 75% of spring training games per season). Life Members shall have the privilege of attending such games as they desire and participate in such events as they may desire. Any person who has attained Life Member status may choose to attend 75% of all spring training games. All Life Members who do so shall have full voting rights and the right to hold office.

**Life Members who do not and are not otherwise excused either by their Committee Chairperson and approved by the Little Ho shall have their voting rights and right to hold office suspended until such time as they attend 75% of the scheduled spring training games during a season.**

**It shall be the responsibility of the Little Ho to keep and maintain records of attendance throughout the season. After the season is over, but before June 1st, the Little Ho shall report to the council the names of those Life Members who have failed to attend 75% of spring training games together with any extenuating circumstances which may explain this failure.**

- C. EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:** The Council, at their discretion may appoint Ex-Officio Members without the right to vote. Ex-Officio Members are persons holding a position in the community such as officers of organizations, (i.e. Chamber of Commerce, East Valley Partnership) and elected officials, (i.e. City Council Members)

City Officials (i.e. Park Directors). Membership will cease upon the expiration of that service. Council at its discretion may appoint to honorary status.

D. **HONORARY MEMBERS:** Honorary Members may be selected through the vote of the Council and shall have the privileges of membership other than the right to vote. Honorary Members shall not be expected to participate, but may if they desire in the Spring training games.

E. Upon election to membership, each new member shall take the following pledge:

I pledge myself to aid my community through the work of the HoHoKam and to this end I also pledge my efforts and time to further the projects of this club.

I agree to work earnestly and not to shirk my share of the work of the Club when called upon and to cheerfully devote myself to the success of this body without thought of personal gain.

To the best of my ability, I agree to attend 75% of the Spring Training games and to abide by the wishes of the majority of my fellow workers so that all may work in unity.

Finally, I believe in the future of Mesa and I desire to do my part in achieving its continued success as an outstanding community.

## II. **TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP:**

A. Membership in the HoHoKams may be terminated by a 75% vote of the entire HoHoKam Council when an active member fails to attend 75% of the scheduled games without receiving an excused absence, or

B. When any member is delinquent for a period of 60 days in the payment of the annual dues prescribed by the HoHoKam Council.

C. Any member may be dropped from membership by an 80% vote of the active membership for failure to abide by the spirit of the HoHoKam pledge.

III. **DUES:** Annual dues shall be set by the Council. Members other than honorary shall be required to pay those dues within thirty days of billing date.

Newly elected members will pay an initiation fee set by the Council.

IV. **UNIFORMS:** Uniforms shall be adopted and only worn as directed by the HoHoKam Council.

V. **OFFICERS:** HoHoKam officers shall be as follows:

**BIG HO,** whose duties shall be to conduct all meetings and preside as the official head of the club.

**LITTLE HO,** who shall preside in the absence of the Big Ho. This member is responsible for supervising and monitoring the operation of all committees. This member will, on a daily basis when there is a game, receive detailed attendance records from all committees on the form provided to the Chairperson for that purpose. After the spring training season, but before June 1st, the LITTLE HO shall report to the COUNCIL, the names of all members of all classes who have not met the attendance requirement.

**WAMPUM,** who shall be in charge of the finances and act as treasurer of the Club and who shall preside in the absence of the Big Ho and the Little Ho.

**SACHEM,** who shall keep the minutes of meetings of the Club and of the meetings of the Council and act as secretary of the Club.

**COUNCIL.** The Council shall consist of the officers herein above set forth, the immediate past Big Ho, six Active or Life Members, and any Emeritus Council Member. The duties of the Council shall be to sit as an Executive Committee, conduct all business of the Club, pass upon matters in the event of an emergency, and to make recommendations to the membership. The six Council members will serve for two years.

**EMERITUS COUNCIL MEMBERS.** The Council may annually appoint active or life members to the Council in order to benefit from their past experience and expertise without the right to vote on Council matters.

Every officer position, Officers or Council, shall serve no more than two consecutive terms in their elected position.

**VI. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** The Big Ho, the Little Ho, Wampum and Sachem shall be elected annually and shall serve for a term of one year. The six council members will serve for terms on a staggered basis.

Vacancies in any office may be filled by the council for the unexpired portion of the term or until the next officers election.

**VII. COMMITTEES:** The memberships of committees shall be selected by the BIG HO and shall be of such number as the Council and the BIG HO determines necessary to carry on the affairs of the Club Committee. Chairpersons shall be appointed by the BIG HO and shall serve at the discretion of the BIG HO.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:** Consisting of a minimum of three (3) members shall be selected by the Membership Chairperson and known only to him/her. The Membership Committee shall meet prior to June 10th of each year to review voting privileges of Active and Life members. It shall be the duty of the Membership Committee to carefully consider the names of all candidates for membership presented to it by the Big Ho. It shall be the further duty of the Membership Committee to continuously investigate the eligibility of possible candidates for membership in order to present outstanding citizens of the community for candidacy.

**ELECTIONS COMMITTEE:** Shall have the duties of running the election of officers and members, and the counting of votes. They shall also encourage outstanding members to run for the Council. This committee shall be chaired by a past Big Ho.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE:** Consisting of a Chairperson who is appointed by the Big Ho.

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE:** Consisting of a Chairperson ("Kam") who is appointed by the Big Ho and a committee selected by the Chairperson. The Committee will be in charge of social activities, entertainment, and social activities.

**VIII. MEETINGS:** Meetings shall be held upon the call of the Big Ho or upon the call of the Council. A simple majority of the Active and Life membership eligible to vote, shall constitute a quorum. Once a quorum is established,

business will continue until completion unless the meeting is adjourned by the Big Ho.

**IX. AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS:** The foregoing By-Laws may be amended or revised after review by the Council and presented at a meeting for action and approval by a 75% vote of the voting members present. Amendments approved by such a vote shall be in effect immediately.