

**KREWE OF TERREANIANS  
BY LAWS  
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ARTICLE I                      MEETINGS

- SECTION I. The Krewe of Terreanians will have at a minimum one Annual Membership Meeting. Notification of meeting shall be done at minimum of two weeks before the meeting is to take place. The meeting will be called by the President of the Club.  
The Board of Directors and Float Captains shall meet as provided for in the Articles, however no more than 60 days shall elapse between meetings.

ARTICLE II                      MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

- SECTION I. A New Membership Application shall be presented to the Board of Directors with a minimum deposit as determined by the Board of Directors.
- II. Prospective members must be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
- III. Membership of the organization shall be limited to a number determined by the Board of Directors.
- IV. Dues shall be paid in full by July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to accept dues from July 1<sup>st</sup> through November 1<sup>st</sup>, accompanied by a late fee determined by the Board of Directors. Approval of Membership Applications after November 1<sup>st</sup> are to be approved at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- V. A member in good standing is one that has all dues, fines, and/or debts paid to the Krewe of Terreanians by deadlines set for such dues, fines, and/or debts.  
Also, the said member is not on probation or suspended from the Krewe of Terreanians.
- VI. Legacy Memberships will be nominated and voted on by the Board of Directors on a case by case basis. Dues assessed upon Legacy Memberships shall be set by the Board of Directors, or may be waived at the discretion of the Board. The Board of Directors shall likewise set a due date annually for the payment of assessed dues. Legacy Membership will be a Non-Riding Membership limited to past or present Krewe of Terreanians members. Criteria to determine eligibility will be as follows:  
Must have been a member of the Krewe of Terreanians for a minimum of 25 years.  
Must have been a past King, Board Member, Captain, Float Captain of the Krewe of Terreanians, or a regular riding member who had contributed greatly to the growth and success of the Krewe of Terreanians.

ARTICLE III                      BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- SECTION I. The Board of Directors shall consist of 19 members.

- II. Election of the Board of Directors shall be conducted at the April General Membership Meeting in accordance with procedures set forth by the Board of Directors.
- III. Vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled by the Board of Directors.  
A list of the unsuccessful candidates for each election to the Board shall be kept by the Secretary after each election. The Board of Directors may elect from this list of members or any other member of the Krewe of Terreanians in good standing to fill unexpired terms of seats vacated.
- IV. A member of the Board of Directors shall have no more than three (3) Unexcused Absences from regularly scheduled Board Meetings during any term year, being May 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- V. If a Director has committed misfeasance, malfeasance, or has conducted his affairs in a fashion unbecoming a member of the Board of Directors, said member may be removed by a vote of the Board with no less than 14 members voting yes to remove said member.
- VI. A motion previously passed by the Board of Directors can only be changed by a vote of the board with no less than 14 members voting yes to overturn the previous decision.
- VII. The Board of Directors shall approve all contracts. Executive Board and a person designated by the Executive Board will be responsible for negotiations of all contracts.
- VIII. All forms for participation shall be approved by the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE IV                      COMMITTEES

SECTION I. The President may appoint any or all of the following standing committee chairmen(s), and any other committee chairmen(s) as needed:

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| A. Membership             | I. Tableau Seating         |
| B. Board Nomination       | J. City Hall and Reception |
| C. Costume                | K. Captain of the Ball     |
| D. Den Chairman           | 1. Court Selection         |
| E. Promotionals           | 2. Presentation            |
| F. Entertainment          | 3. Ball and Tableau        |
| G. Float Captain Chairman | L. Captain of the Parade   |
| H. Special Events         | M. Budget                  |
| 1. Fishing Rodeo          | N. Disciplinary Chairman   |
| 2. Golf Tournament        | O. Membership Meetings     |
| 3. Raffle                 | P. Catering                |

## ARTICLE V

## KING, QUEEN, MAIDS, DUKES, AND PAGES

- SECTION I. There shall be a Court Selection Committee composed of the President and Captain of the Ball. The Committee shall have sole knowledge of the names which correspond with the numbers in the numerical draw. The Captain of the Ball shall notify the King of his selection.
- II. There shall be one (1) King of the Krewe of Terreanians per year.  
There shall be one (1) Queen of the Krewe of Terreanians per year.  
There shall be a maximum of eight (8) Dukes of the Krewe of Terreanians per year.  
There shall be a number of Maids equal to the number of Dukes per year, with a maximum of eight (8).  
There shall be a maximum of six (6) Pages of the Krewe of Terreanians per year.  
There shall be no other positions on the Royal Court of the Krewe of Terreanians.  
The King may appoint a valet. The valet shall not be a member of the court but shall be a member in good standing.
- III. The King of Terreanians shall be a member in good standing for no less than three (3) preceding consecutive years. A member who has served as King shall not be eligible again. The King shall be selected by a numerical draw of the candidates, conducted by the Board of Directors, when there is more than one candidate seeking to become King.
- IV. The Queen of Terreanians shall have reached her sixteenth (16<sup>th</sup>) birthday by November 1st in the year in which she is selected as Queen and shall not be over twenty-three (23) years of age by Mardi Gras. She must be single, and she must not be the daughter or sister of the King. The father or guardian of the Queen must have been a member in good standing for a period of no less than three (3) preceding consecutive years. A person who has served as Queen shall not be eligible again. The Queen shall be selected in the same manner as the King and her reign shall be announced at the Presentation Dance.
- V. The Dukes shall be selected by the King and shall be members in good standing for no less than two (2) preceding consecutive years.
- VI. The Maids shall be selected according to Presentation seniority, upon acceptance by the Maid's sponsoring member. Each Maid or Maid candidate shall be single and the same age limit as the Queen shall apply to the Maids. In the event a Maid candidate is selected but passed over due to an inability to fit Court costumes, the Maid candidate shall have the option to pay for a costume compatible with the Court costumes. If this option is not exercised, the candidate shall have first selection the following year. No one shall serve as Maid twice. Each Maid must be a resident of the household of the sponsoring member. The father or guardian of the Maid must have been a member in good standing for a period of no less than two (2) preceding years. Maids shall be notified of their selection at the Presentation Dance.
- VII. Pages to the King and Queen shall be between the ages of six (6) and ten (10) as of Mardi Gras, shall be the sons and daughters of members, or their guardians are members, in good standing for no less than two (2) preceding consecutive years, and shall be selected by the King, Queen, or by the Court Selection Committee. No one shall serve as Page twice. Their selection shall be announced at the Presentation Dance.
- VIII. The Board of Directors may modify the qualifications for the King, Queen, Dukes, Maids and Pages by vote of the majority present based on the circumstances presented by the Ball Captain.

## ARTICLE VI

## TABLEAU, BALL, AND REVIEWING STAND

- SECTION I. The annual Tableau and Ball shall be held the Saturday evening preceding Mardi Gras Day in Terrebonne Parish.
- II. All activities of the club shall be by invitation only.
- III. Only members in good standing and their guests, the Queen and Maids and their Escorts, the previous year's Queen and Maids and their Escorts, guests of the King and Queen, and guests of the club will be allowed to attend Tableau and Ball and the King and Queen's Party. Guests of the King, Queen, and club remaining for the Ball must be a minimum of 21 years of age, with the exception of the escorts of members being a minimum of 18 years of age and escorts of Maids being a minimum of 16 years of age.
- IV. Dress for the Ball. Membership – shall be costume, ladies – shall be formal full length gown and male guests and those designated by the proper committee shall be white tie and black tates (Piquet). Full military dress is acceptable for members of the military in lieu of Piquet.
- V. Only unmarried past Queens whose father is a member in good standing, the Queen and her escort, the Maids and their Mothers, guests of the King and Queen, guests of the club including Past Kings who are current members of the club and their guest and those designated by the proper committee, will be allowed attend the City Hall Reviewing Stand. Guests of the King, Queen, and club attending the Reviewing Stand must be a minimum of 18 years of age.

## ARTICLE VII

## ANNUAL PARADE

### SECTION

- I. In the event Law Enforcement cancels the parade on that date, then the parade shall be held on the substitute date provided by Law Enforcement.
- II. The parade shall take place at the discretion of Parish Officials. The Court shall parade at the discretion of the President.
- III. Float riders must wear facial masks and costumes, neither of which shall be removed during the parade. Costumes shall not be altered in any way.
- IV. The Board of Directors, at its discretion, may determine that certain items shall not be allowed on the floats or thrown as favors from the floats including, but not limited to, any items or actions prohibited by Parish Ordinance.
- V. Only members in good standing shall be passengers on the floats.
- VI. Float riders, once the parade has begun, shall not leave the float, except in the event of an emergency or upon approval prior to the parade by the Captain of the Parade.

## VIII. FLOATS

- A. No float other than those designated by the Terreanians Carnival Club shall be allowed in the parade. All floats shall be owned or leased by the Krewe of Terreanians.
- B. The Board of Directors may determine that the cost of certain repairs to floats shall be the responsibility of said float.
- C. Construction, repairs and additions to floats, which are reimbursable by the club, must be approved by the Den and Float Captain Chairman and the Board of Directors prior to the start of such activities.
- D. For float construction, a contract shall be executed by the Float Captain and the Board of Directors detailing the terms of the agreement and the budgeted funds to be reimbursed for the construction of the float.

## IX. FLOAT CAPTAINS

- A. Shall be elected by a majority vote of the members assigned to each float. A Board Member must be present at this meeting. Said Captain must be approved by the Float Captains Committee and ratified by the Board of Directors.  
Float Captains shall serve until removed.
- B. A Float Captain may be removed by the Board of Directors for cause.
- C. A Float Captain may be removed by a 2/3 vote of the membership of his float, provided that notification be given to the Executive Officers, 30 days in advance, to hold such a vote. The Executive Officers shall designate a member or members of the Board of Directors to attend said meeting, who shall report back to the Board of Directors on the outcome. The Secretary shall notify the Captain in question at least 10 days prior to the meeting.

## ARTICLE VIII            BUDGET

- SECTION I. The Budget Committee shall present the proposed Annual Budget to the Board of Directors prior to the April General Membership meeting. The proposed Annual Budget shall be presented to the General Membership for ratification at the General Membership Meeting.
- II. Committee Chairmen shall be responsible for the expenditure of monies authorized for their committee in the budget. Chairmen shall have no authority to expend monies of this corporation not budgeted to his committee. The Board of Directors may, at its discretion, amend the budget.
  - III. The Treasurer shall present a complete Financial Statement to the Board of Directors prior to the April General Membership meeting. The Financial Statement shall be presented to the General Membership at the General Membership meeting.

## ARTICLE IX            RULE OF ORDER

SECTION I. All business of the annual meeting and meeting of the Board of Directors shall be conducted under the provisions of Robert's Rule of Order unless otherwise expressly provided for.

ARTICLE X                      DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

SECTION I. A Disciplinary Committee shall be appointed by the Duly Elected President at the same time as the other standing committees. The Disciplinary Committee shall investigate all complaints of member violations of rules and procedures of Terre Carnival Club, Inc. or other misconduct and shall report findings to the Board of Directors, along with recommendations for disciplinary action. The Disciplinary Committee shall be composed of the following:

1. The Chairman of the Float Captains Committee
  2. The Parade Captain
  3. One Board member who is also a Float Captain
  4. One Float Captain who is not a Board member
  5. One krewe member who is neither a Board member nor a Float Captain
- II. Fines and penalties for violation of Terre Carnival Club, Inc. rules shall be levied as per the Violations of Fines & Penalties document, which is available for viewing on the Terreanians website, at the discretion of the Disciplinary Committee and subject to approval by the Board of Directors.
- III. Unpaid/Outstanding Fines shall render a perspective/current member ineligible from participating in any Terre Carnival Club, Inc. function. Fines must be paid by due date stated on notification letter.
- IV. The following procedures shall be established regarding disciplinary actions against Krewe Members:
- A. Accusations brought forth from the Public, Krewe Members, Board Members, Float Captains or otherwise shall be brought before the standing Disciplinary Committee for review and recommendations to the Board of Directors for disciplinary action.
    1. Official parade video shall be reviewed by the Disciplinary Committee within 30 days following the parade.
  - B. Upon receipt of complaint, or after review of the parade video, the Disciplinary Committee shall notify the accused within 20 days after receipt of the complaint, or review of the video, that he is under investigation and shall set up a hearing to hear all sides of the complaint. This hearing will be held within 30 days of the giving of notice to the accused. The accused shall have the right to appear at the hearing and present evidence on his behalf.
  - C. The Disciplinary Committee will provide all data and make written findings and recommendations to a member of the Executive Board for review and

recommendations of disciplinary actions within 15 days following the hearing. Should these findings and recommendations not be given to the Executive Board within that 15 day period, the complaint shall be dropped.

- D. The Board of Directors shall act on the findings and recommendations within 30 days of receipt of the Disciplinary Committee's recommendations and shall reach a decision within 30 days of the receipt of recommendations of the Disciplinary Committee. The Board of Directors shall then notify the accused person, in writing, of final disciplinary action within 10 days. Should Board fail to take action within the 30 days, the complaint shall be dropped.