



**BY-LAW**  
**of the**  
**CONCORDIA CLUB**  
**Founded on October 7, 1873**

The following text shall be interpreted to mean either the masculine or feminine member(s), as the case may be.

Because the English text is only a translation from the German, the German text shall prevail in case of any disputes.

- 1. NAME** Pursuant to the Charter granted by the Government of the Province of Ontario the Club carries the name "CONCORDIA CLUB" having its principal offices in the City of Kitchener, in the Province of Ontario. It is a German-Canadian organization devoted to work for the common good. Its business may be conducted in German or English.
- 2. PURPOSE** The purpose of the Club is to promote conviviality among (its members) (persons of German descent). It presents this opportunity to its members by means of gatherings, excursions and other events. Its groups attend to the cultivation of culture, sport, music and the sciences. Foremost (of all,) the Club is dedicated to the preservation of the German language, customs and traditions.
- 3. MEMBERSHIP** The Club is composed of active, supporting and honorary members.
  - a) An active member is one who has paid the predetermined fee in full for active membership for the business year and has the opportunity to belong to one or more of the (Club's) (Clubs) groups and to use the Club facilities at the appointed times. The use of the farm is also open to active members. The active member is bound by the By-law and all other Club rules, including those pertaining to the farm.
  - b) A supporting member is one who has paid the predetermined supporting membership fee in full for the current period. Supporting members are not entitled to belong to any of the (Club's) (clubs) groups or the use of the farm. A supporting member may merely use some of the (Club) (club) facilities at appointed times, as well as taking part in particular events. The supporting member must obey the decisions of the Club

management.

- c) An honorary member is one who because of special achievements or services rendered, has been selected and appointed as an honorary member by the Board of Directors. (see also under #18. b).

An honorary member comes from the ranks of active members. Only in special cases may someone else become an honorary member of the Club (e.g. a person holding public office such as mayors, (MPPs) M.P.'s or (MPs) M.P.'s, etc.) who have shown themselves to be dedicated to the well-being of the Club. Honorary members are exempt from paying the membership fee.

- d) Any person over sixteen (16) years of age with German background or (who is interested in the preservation of German culture and traditions) (German oriented,) may become a member. Applications for membership must be filled out on the preprinted membership application forms. The application must be sponsored by two (2) active members. The names of the applicants are announced and discussed at the following meeting of the Extended Board of Directors or the Board of (Directors') (Directors) meeting. Following discussion, the Board will decide on the acceptance of the applicant.

If an application is rejected by the Board, the (President) (president) must announce this at the next membership meeting and let the members decide on rejection or acceptance of the application. The decision is made by a majority vote. A rejected application may be re-submitted after six (6) months. The By-law of the Club must be brought to the attention of the applicant. With the acceptance into the membership, the applicant acknowledges and agrees to be bound by the By-law of the Club.

#### 4. MEMBERSHIP & INITIATION FEES

To establish the membership and initiation fees for active members, the following classifications apply:

##### I. (ACTIVE MEMBERS): (Active Members)

- a) Families(;
- b) Single Members(;
- c) Recently widowed female members will pay senior

rates(;

- d) Students (High school and University, College etc.) and

- apprentices whose parents are not members(;
- e) Members who can provide evidence of uninterrupted active membership for the preceding five (5) years and have attained the minimum age of 65 years(1988)(;)
- f) Spouses of honorary members(;
- g) Free membership. In special cases, the Board of Directors may upon application made by two (2)

Directors grant a person a free membership for one (1) year. The proposed recipient of such membership is required to complete and sign a regular membership application form before receiving a membership card.

The business year of the Club commences January 1 and ends December 31. Membership fees are due at the beginning of the year and (must be) (may he) paid no later than April 30 of the current year. (Also see Voting Rights under #6.)

The membership fees for all categories of members (are) (have to be) established at the Semi-annual membership meeting or at a special membership meeting for the following year.

All membership fees are used to cover current expenses. Children of active members do not pay membership fees while they are furthering their education. (Students and apprentices, who study on a full time basis).

## II) (SUPPORTING MEMBERS): (Supporting Members)

(To establish the membership and initiation fees for supporting members the following classifications apply:) Redundancy!

- a) Individuals(;
- b) Business and Companies(.) (1987)

## 5. MEETINGS

Several types of meetings are customary. The meetings of the entire membership of the Club or the groups of the Club are known as membership meetings.

Meetings of Boards and committees are known as committee meetings.

- a) The membership meetings are as follows:

Annual meeting (held in February);  
Semi-annual meeting (held in August);  
Special meetings (as required).

The invitations to the membership meetings are published in the Club (Bulletin) (bulletin). The invitation must state the date, time and agenda of the meeting and must be sent out at least (seven) (7) days prior to the meeting. In case of emergency (postal strike, etc.) the invitation may be published in the newspaper or announced on the radio.

The dates of all membership meetings are set in accordance with the decision of the Board of Directors.

b) Committee meetings.

The following committee meetings are customary:

I) Executive Committee Meetings (also called main (Board of Directors') (board of directors) meetings) are the meetings of the (thirteen) (13) members elected to the Board of Directors(;) (.)

II) Meetings of the (Extended) (Expanded) Board of Directors (also called the entire Board of Directors) see # 9.i)(;)

III) Committee meetings(;)

IV) Group directors' meetings(;)

V) Group committee meetings(.)

c) Voting is usually done by show of hands and only by secret ballot on special requests.

When a voting member moves to have a secret ballot and the motion is seconded by another voting member and is accepted by the majority of the voting members present, the vote will be held in secret. A simple majority vote decides in this case.

d) All membership meetings have to take place at the Concordia Club. Another location in the (Regional Municipality of Waterloo) (region) of Waterloo may be chosen only in case of emergency.

## 6. VOTING RIGHTS

Each active member who has paid his/her (membership) fee in full for the business year has the right to vote.

Dependents of active members, who are eighteen (18) years of age and still continuing their education, may vote. (This also applies to students and apprentices whose parents are not members.)

(Members who have been exempt by the Board of Directors from paying membership fees have full voting rights.)

Honorary members have (full voting rights) (the right to vote) (February 1995)

## 7. ELECTIONS

a) Only active members who have been accepted by the Board of Directors at least (twelve) (12) (months) (month) prior to the closing of nominations may be elected to the Board of Directors. In case of a dispute(,) the minutes of the meeting are governing.

b) Members (who) (that) are on the Board of Directors of another German Club may not be elected to the Board of Directors.

Members of the Board of Directors (who) (that) allow themselves to be elected to the Executive Committee of another German club, must resign from the Board of Directors of the Concordia Club.

c) At every annual meeting the six (6) candidates for the Board of Directors with the most votes are elected to the Board of Directors for a two (2) year term.

All other candidates for the Board of Directors who are elected to fill the required (thirteen) (13) positions are elected for a period of only one (1) year.

The membership elects the (President) (president) by simple majority vote (from) (out of) the Board of Directors for a period of one (1) year.

A candidate for (President) (president) must have been a member of the Board of Directors for at least one (1) year.

All other executive positions are filled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

d) The swearing in ceremony must take place in the presence of the membership. The Board members promise to do their best for the Club in accordance with the (Club's) (Clubs') By-law.

The swearing in must take place within four (4) weeks following the election and is done by the (Past President) (past president) or a person appointed by (him/her) (him).

e) Should a director resign before (his/her) (his) term is up, the Board of Directors has three (3) alternatives:

I) The (director's) (directors) position will be filled by election at the next membership meeting.

II) The candidate for the Board of Directors who received the most votes at the last election but was not elected can be approached to fill the vacated position until the next annual meeting.

III) The Board of Directors continues working, without by-elections with no fewer than (eleven) (11) members of the Board of Directors until the next annual meeting.

The decision must be made by a quorum of at least (ten) (10) members of the Board of Directors.

f) Four (4) auditors elected by the membership audit the books of the Club. At each annual membership meeting the members elect two (2) auditors respectively.

A person (must) (has to) be an active member for at least one (1) year before he/she may be elected (as) an auditor.

The election by show of hands is established by a simple majority vote. Auditors may not be elected for two (2) consecutive terms.

In case of an early resignation of an auditor, the Board of Directors must arrange for a timely by-election.

The auditors must before each semi-annual meeting and annual meeting and (,)if necessary(,) with the help of the chartered accountant of the Club, compare all financial decisions of the Board of Directors with the Club's books and audit them for accuracy. As a committee they also have the right to inspect all (Club) (club) books and other pertinent documents at any time.

They also audit the (groups') (group's) books.

They are obliged to present a written report at the membership meeting and may propose improvements at this time.

They move, if everything has been found to be correct, that the membership absolve the Board of Directors of their obligation.

- g) The (Nomination and By-law Committee) (nomination and by-law committee) consists of the active (Presidents) (presidents) of the groups, the (Club's President and Vice-Presidents) (Clubs president and vice-presidents) currently in office, as well as the past (Presidents) (presidents).

This committee accepts nominations for candidates that run for the Board of Directors as well as candidates for the position of auditors as of December 1 of each year.

Nominations must be submitted to the (Nomination and By-law Committee) (nomination and by-law committee) in writing by an active member and be seconded by another active member. The proposed candidate must consent in writing to let his/her name stand for election.

- h) Nominations are closed thirty-six (36) days before the beginning of the annual membership meeting at 12 o'clock noon. (Aug. 1999)

All candidates are to be introduced to the members through the Club's (Bulletin) (bulletin) before the annual membership meeting(.

- i) The (Nomination and By-law Committee) (nomination and by-law committee) is further responsible for dealing with and working out proposals for amendments to the By-law.
- j) The position of (Chairman) (the chairman) of the (Nomination and By-law Committee) (nomination and by-law committee) is held by the immediate past (President) (president) of the Club.
- k) Re-election of Board members is permissible.

## 8. NUMBER OF BOARD MEMBERS

The Board of Directors consists of thirteen (13) members.

## 9. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The order of executive positions is as follows:

President  
1<sup>st</sup> (Vice-President) (Vice-president)  
2<sup>nd</sup> (Vice-President) (Vice-president)  
1<sup>st</sup> Secretary  
1<sup>st</sup> Treasurer

2<sup>nd</sup> Secretary  
2<sup>nd</sup> Treasurer  
Six (6) Directors.

- a) The (President) (president) presides over all Club affairs. He/She accepts all group and (committee) (committee) reports and signs all legal directives.

He/She is a(n advisory) member of all committees by virtue of his/her position.

It is his/her duty to represent the Club to Canadian as well as foreign authorities. Such representation may be delegated by him/her to other members of the Board.

He/she has the deciding vote in case of a tie (on the Board of Directors).

The meetings of the Board of Directors and the (Extended) (Expanded) Board of Directors are convened by the (President) (president) or his/her representative.

The (President) (president) appoints the (Chairmen) (chairmen) of the committees (excluded is the nomination and by-law committee) from the ranks of the Board of Directors and consults with them on the composition of their committees. (Excluded from this is the Nomination and By-law Committee).

The (President) (president) has the right to establish new committees and to dissolve existing ones. (Excluded from this is the Nomination and By-law Committee). (The nomination and by-law committee is excluded.)

A club member who does not serve on the Board of Directors may only be appointed to the position of a chairperson of a committee with the consent of the majority of the Board members.

The (President) (president) has the duty to inform the Board of Directors of all matters pertaining to the Club.

In addition, the immediate Past President of the (Club) (club) may, as (Ex Officio) (Exofficio) in an advisory capacity without voting rights, belong to the Board for no longer than one (1) year. (2008)

- b) The (Vice-Presidents) (vice-presidents) represent the (President) (president) in (his/her) (his) absence.



- c) The (1<sup>st</sup> Secretary) (first secretary) must keep proper records of the minutes of the membership meetings, handle all correspondence as requested by the Board of Directors and when required(,) assume the duties of the (2<sup>nd</sup> Secretary) (second secretary).

He/she must ensure that an attendance list is being kept of each membership meeting, which must be attached to the minutes of the meeting. Upon termination of his/her office(,) he/she must (deliver) (forward) the minute books and all relevant documents in good order to his/ her successor.

(In the absence of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Secretary he/she will assume these duties.)

- d) The (2<sup>nd</sup> Secretary) (second secretary) must keep proper records of the minutes of the main Board of (Directors') (Director's) and (Extended) (Expanded) Board of Directors' meetings.

In the absence of the (1<sup>st</sup> Secretary) (first secretary) he/she carries out his/her duties and also assists him/her wherever possible.

Upon termination of his/her office, he/she must (deliver) (forward) the minute books and all supporting documents in good order to his/her successor.

- (e) The (1<sup>st</sup> Treasurer) (first treasurer) must manage the Club assets conscientiously. He/she supervises the bookkeeping and reviews the receipts and disbursements.

He/she prepares an annual budget which must be submitted at the annual membership meeting.

The (1<sup>st</sup> Treasurer) (first treasurer) submits a statement at the annual as well as the semi-annual meetings, as prepared by a chartered accountant.

During the fiscal year, it is his/her duty to inform and advise the Board of Directors on all current financial matters.

The (1<sup>st</sup> Treasurer) (treasurer) must be bonded with the Club as the beneficiary. The cost of the (bond) (bonding) is to be paid by the Club.

- f) The (2<sup>nd</sup> Treasurer) (second treasurer) controls payroll, gratuities, commissions and membership fees. He/she assists the (1<sup>st</sup>

Treasurer) (first treasurer) wherever possible.

- g) Bank signing authority. All cheques and financial documents with the exception of pay cheques must be signed jointly by the (President) (president) or one of the (Vice-Presidents) (vice-presidents) and one of the (Treasurers) (treasurers).
- h) The Board of Directors conducts the Club business. Its decisions are binding.

Seven (7) members of the Board of Directors represent a quorum. All decisions are made by majority vote. In case of a tie, the (President) (president) casts the deciding vote. (See also #9.a)

Capital expenditures in excess of \$60,000.00 (Sixty Thousand Dollars) must be approved by a membership meeting. (2005)

The club committees submit proposals (for ratification) to the Board of Directors (for ratification). The committees or their members do not have the right to carry out their decisions without the Board of Directors' approval.

The Board of Directors is responsible for the Club during its term of office.

- i) The (Extended) (Expanded) Board of Directors consists of all members of the Board of Directors, members of the (groups') (groups) Board of Directors and committee chairmen.

The groups may send up to three (3) representatives of their group to the meeting of the (Extended) (Expanded) Board of Directors preferably the (President) (president), (Vice-President) (vice-president), (Treasurer) (treasurer) or (Secretary) (secretary). Only the Board of Directors has a vote, however, the (President) (president) has the prerogative to (extend) (extent) this right at his discretion to all members of the (Extended) (Expanded) Board of Directors.

All those present at a meeting may participate in discussions of the (Extended) (Expanded) Board of Directors.

It is the responsibility of the Board of Directors to inform the members of the (Extended) (Expanded) Board (of Directors) on all current Club matters.

The representatives of the groups or the committee chairmen are to inform the (Extended) (Expanded) Board (of Directors) on all

group or committee affairs.

- j) The past (Presidents) (presidents) should serve as advisory council to the Board. This council is not part of the (Extended) (Expanded) Board (of Directors) and does not send any members to the (Extended) (Expanded) Board meetings.

This council meets only at the request of the (Club President) (club president) or at least two (2) past (Presidents) (presidents) or two (2) members of the Board of Directors. The recommendations of this council must be put on the agenda of the next Board meeting, discussed and voted on.

- k) (Upon termination or resignation of their term in office) (All) (all) members of the Board, group Boards of Directors and committee chairmen are required to forward all Club related documents to their successors before the next meeting(.) (upon the termination or resignation of their term in office.)

- l) Real Estate owned by the Club cannot be sold or traded by a simple decision of the Board of Directors.

Proposals of this kind have to be placed on the agenda of a membership meeting and voted on by the members. A (two-thirds (2/3)) (two third) majority of paid up members present is necessary to sell or trade real estate.

A minimum of one hundred (100) members (entitled to vote has) (have) to be present at a membership meeting before a decision concerning a sale or a trade can be made.

## 10. COMPLAINTS, SUSPENSIONS, EXPULSIONS

- a) Complaints on the part of a member must be submitted to the Board of Directors in writing.

- b) A club member who has acted in a disorderly manner (drunkenness, fighting, etc.) may be punished by the Board of Directors by being suspended from the Club. The duration of such suspension is established by the Board of Directors.

The suspended member has the right to appeal the suspension in writing within ten (10) days. This appeal must be dealt with at the next meeting of the (Extended) (Expanded) Board. If the member does not appear at this meeting, the suspension becomes effective immediately.

The decision of the meeting of the (Extended) (Expanded) Board (simple majority) is binding.

The suspension may be in relation to Clubhouse facilities and surrounding property or the Club farm or both but should be decided by the Board of Directors prior to suspension.

Such suspension is recorded in the membership file by the chairman of the membership committee. (Three (3) suspensions will result in automatic expulsion of the member.)

- c) A member who purposely violates (the Club By-law) (club by-laws), openly runs down the Club, ruins the reputation of the Club or inflicts any damage to the Club, may have expulsion proceedings started by the Board of Directors. The reasons must be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors by an applicant. The member must be informed in writing of the particulars leading to expulsion proceedings.

- I) An accused member has the right to appeal therecommendation (,) in writing, within (twenty) 20 days of the decision and commencement of expulsion proceedings. An accused member must be given the opportunity to defend himself at the next meeting of the (Extended) (Expanded) Board.

The meeting of the (Extended) (Expanded) Board (then) discusses the case (subsequently) in the absence of the member and arrives at a decision.

(An expulsion must be decided by a two-thirds (2/3) majority.)

- II) If the member does not agree with the decision of the (Extended) (Expanded) Board, (he/she) (he) may write a letter to the Board of Directors requesting to be heard at the next membership meeting. This request must be granted by the Board of Directors.
- III) The membership meeting may nullify the expulsion decision with a (two-thirds (2/3) (two-thirds) majority of the members present by secret ballot.
- IV) Expelled members may not recover their Club membership even at a later date.

d) A motion of non confidence may be submitted in writing by at least three (3) members, against a member of the Board, a member of the (Extended) (expanded) Board, or a committee chairman, who has allegedly harmed the Club.

- I) The (President must) (president should) put the motion on the agenda of the next meeting of the (Extended) (Expanded) Board. The accused director must be given the chance to defend himself at that meeting. In the absence of the director, the matter is to be discussed and put to a final decision.
- II) If the motion is accepted by a (two-thirds (2/3)) (two-thirds) majority of the (Extended) (Expanded) Board, the member must vacate his position until the next membership meeting.

(If elections are held at that membership meeting, the case must be dealt with before the voting begins.)

- III) The accused member must be given the right to defend (himself/herself) (himself) at the next membership meeting.
- IV) The membership decides by secret ballot(,) if the accused director may retain (his/her) (his) position or must resign. A dismissal as director requires the support of two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members present.
- V) The member may resign (his/her) (his) position before the meeting of the (Extended) (Expanded) Board of Directors or before the membership meeting. The motion of non-confidence is terminated upon resignation.

**11. BENEFITS** In case of unemployment or illness, a member may upon application be excused from paying his/her fees. (The Board of Directors will decide this.)

## **12. CHANGES TO THE BY-LAW**

Changes to the (By-law) (by-laws) must be proposed during a membership meeting. (1<sup>st</sup> reading) (1.reading). The proposed changes must appear in the Club (Bulletin) (bulletin) following that membership meeting.

In a second meeting, the proposed changes are read again (2<sup>nd</sup>

reading) (2. reading). After the second reading a motion to accept the changes may be made. A (two-thirds (2/3)) (two-thirds) majority vote of the voting members present is needed to pass the proposed change.

**13. FACILITIES** All active members, as well as honorary members, have the use of all Club facilities.

**14. DISSOLUTION** The Club may not be dissolved as long as five (5) members, (whose) (their) membership fees (have been) paid in full, are still active.

### **15. CLUB GROUPS**

- a) If several active members wish to establish a Club group, they must apply to the Board of Directors for approval.
- b) Each group of the Club may establish its own (By-law) (by-laws) as long as this (By-law) (by-laws) does not contravene the (By-law) (by-laws) of the Club or the laws of the country and are not directed against any other Club group. Such (By-law) (by-laws) must be (submitted) (given) to the Board of Directors for approval.
- c) A Club group must elect its own Board consisting of at least three (3) active members: (President, Secretary and Treasurer) (president, secretary and treasurer).
  - I) Every member of a (Club) group (sub-group of the Club,)
  - II) ((eg. sub group of the club) must be a paid(-)up member of
  - III) the Concordia Club(.)
- d) The financial books of the groups may be examined at any time by the Club (Treasurer) (treasurer).
- e) Expenses that are in excess of the sum established by the Club Board of Directors need to be approved by the Board of Directors before being incurred.
- f) The property of all groups is the property of the Club. If a group dissolves, the property of the group remains the property of the Club.
- g) The (Treasurers) (treasures) of the groups are required to submit an accurate financial report to the (Extended) (Expanded) Board at each monthly meeting.

- h) The financial books of the groups must be audited before each annual and semi-annual membership meeting by the elected Club auditors, the result of which is reported to the membership meeting.
- i) In the area of youth work, the groups are allowed to accept people under sixteen (16) years of age.

## 16. MISCELLANEOUS

- a) (eliminated)
- b) No member or his/her guest(s) may take alcoholic beverages into the Club house. Violators may be expelled immediately.
- c) Games of chance or other gambling in the (Club) (club) rooms are strictly prohibited, unless licensed (by) (be) the proper authorities.
- d) Every member should consider it (his/her) (their) responsibility not to discuss (Club) (club) information outside (of) the Club.
- e) Club employees cannot be elected to the Board.
- f) The wife or husband of a member of the Board of Directors cannot be employed by the Club. (Oktoberfest days are an exception). The same rules apply to common law couples.
- g) A member of the Board cannot (also) be an employee of the Club (at the same time ) except for the duration of Oktoberfest. If a Board member is asked to take the position of an employee and accepts, this person has to take leave of absence or resign from the Board of Directors.
- h) (Standing Orders). Applications, interpretations and definitions to (various) (certain) points of (the Concordia Club By-law) (these by-laws) may be found in the STANDING ORDERS of the Concordia Club.

## 17. DESIGNATIONS

When the designations active member, supporting member, honorary member, Board of Directors, (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer) (president, vice-president, secretary treasurer) and membership meeting are used in this (By-law) (by-laws), they denote: active members, supporting members, honorary members, Board of Directors, (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer) (president, vice-president, secretary,

treasurer) and membership meeting of the Concordia Club and should not be confused with the same designations in the groups.

## 18. HONOURS

a) (Having been a member for a certain number of years) (The) (the) following honours are bestowed (when a member has attained a certain number of years):

I) The silver pin to active members, who have been members of the Club for (ten) (10) consecutive years.

III) The silver pin with an oakleaf wreath to active

IV) members, who have been members of the Club for (twenty-five) (25) consecutive years.

III) A pin as well as a gift of appreciation (will be awarded) to (active members, who have been members of the Club for) (a member with) (forty) (40) (consecutive) years(.) (of continuous active membership). (2010)

V) A ring with the Concordia Insignia to (active)

VI) members, who have been members of the Club for (fifty) (50) consecutive years.

b) After careful consideration and stating reasons for doing so the Honorary membership committee and members of the Board may propose a member to be nominated (as) an honorary member.

The proposal has to be tabled at a meeting of the Board of Directors and the Board members may elect to accept, defer or reject the proposal.

At least eleven (11) Board members have to be present before voting on this matter can take place.

For a member to be appointed an honorary member at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Board members present must vote in favour of the motion. (1989)

A person named as an honorary member receives a gold pin with an oak leaf and a certificate. (see also under #3. c)

c) Membership of under age family dependants do not qualify as



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**SATZUNG(EN)**  
**des**  
**CONCORDIA CLUBS**  
**Gegründet am 7. Oktober 1873**

Der Text soll notwendigerweise mit dem zutreffenden Artikel für männliche oder weibliche Mitglieder gelesen werden.

Da der englische Text nur eine Übersetzung aus dem Deutschen ist, soll in Streitfragen immer der deutsche Text maßgebend sein.

· ENGLISH TEXT PAGE (19-32) (18-???)

**1. NAMEN**

Der Klub führt laut Charter der Ontario Regierung den Namen "CONCORDIA CLUB" mit dem (Haupt) (Sitz) in Kitchener, Ontario. Der Klub ist eine Deutsch - Kanadische gemeinnützige Organisation. Deutsch oder Englisch ist die Geschäftssprache.

**2. ZWECK**

Der Zweck des Klubs ist die Förderung der Geselligkeit (seiner Mitglieder (deutschstämmiger Personen) beiderlei Geschlechts. Der Klub gibt seinen Mitgliedern dazu Gelegenheit(,) durch Zusammenkünfte, Ausflüge und sonstige Veranstaltungen. Außerdem fördert er durch seine Gruppen die Pflege der Kultur, des Sportes, der Musik und der Wissenschaften. Vor allen Dingen ist er bemüht, um die Aufrechterhaltung der deutschen Sprache, deutscher Sitten und Gebräuche.

**3. MITGLIEDSCHAFT**

Der Klub besteht aus aktiven, fördernden und Ehrenmitgliedern.

- a) Ein **aktives** Mitglied ist eine Person, die den festgesetzten Beitrag für aktive Mitgliedschaft für das Geschäftsjahr voll bezahlt hat. Ein aktives Mitglied hat die Gelegenheit, einer oder mehreren Klubgruppen anzugehören(,) (und) die Klubräume zu den festgesetzten Zeiten zu benutzen. Auch die Benutzung der Farm ist dem aktiven Mitglied offen. Das aktive Mitglied hat die Verpflichtung, sich nach der Satzung(en) und (den) sonstigen Regeln des Klubs(,) sowie nach den Farmregeln(,) zu richten.

### 3. Fortsetzung...

- b) Ein **förderndes** Mitglied ist eine Person, die den festgesetzten Beitrag für (eine) fördernde Mitgliedschaft für den laufenden Zeitabschnitt voll bezahlt hat. Sie hat nicht das Recht, (mehreren oder) einer Gruppe des Klubs anzugehören oder die Concordia Farm zu benutzen.

Das fördernde Mitglied kann lediglich einige der Klubräume zu den festgesetzten Zeiten benutzen, sowie an bestimmten Veranstaltungen teilnehmen.

Das fördernde Mitglied hat sich nach den Bestimmungen der Geschäftsleitung zu richten.

- c) Ein **Ehrenmitglied** ist eine Person, die vom Vorstand auf Grund besonderer Leistungen oder Verdienste zum Ehrenmitglied ernannt worden ist. (Siehe auch Punkt 18 b)

Das Ehrenmitglied kommt aus den Reihen der aktiven Mitglieder. Nur in Ausnahmefällen können außenstehende Personen Ehrenmitglieder des Klubs werden. (z.B. Personen des öffentlichen Lebens, wie Bürgermeister, Abgeordnete der Provinzial- oder Federalen Regierung usw., wenn sie sich besonders für das Wohlergehen des Klubs eingesetzt haben.)

Ehrenmitgliedern ist (das Zahlen des) der jährliche(n) Mitgliedsbeitrag(es) erlassen.

- d) Mitglied kann jede deutschstämmige (Person) sowie (Personen mit Interesse an der Pflege der deutschen Kultur, ihrer Traditionen und Geselligkeit)(deutschgesinnte Person) ab (dem) sechzehn(ten) Lebensjahr(en) werden. Anträge zur Aufnahme in den Klub müssen auf den dazu bestimmten Vordrucken gestellt werden. Der Antrag ist von zwei aktiven Mitgliedern zu befürworten. Die Namen der Antragsteller werden bei der Sitzung des erweiterten Vorstandes oder in der Hauptvostandsitzung bekannt gegeben und diskutiert. Anschließend entscheidet der Vorstand über die Aufnahme.

Sollte ein Antrag beim Vorstand abgelehnt werden, so muß der Präsident den (selben) (Antrag in) der darauf folgenden Mitgliederversammlung zur Entscheidung vorlegen. Die Entscheidung wird mit einfacher Stimmenmehrheit getroffen. Ein abgelehnter Antragsteller kann erst nach sechs Monaten einen neuen Antrag stellen.

Die Satzung(en) des Klubs (sind)(ist) dem Antragsteller zur Kenntnis zu bringen. Mit der Aufnahme als Mitglied hat der Antragsteller die Satzung(en) des Klubs anerkannt.