

LANSING LUGNUTS BOOSTER CLUB BYLAWS

As Amended
December 10, 2002

ARTICLE I—NAME

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Lansing Lugnuts Booster Club, with headquarters in Lansing, Michigan.

Section 2. The Lansing Lugnuts Booster Club shall operate as a not-for-profit association under Section 501(c)(7) of the US Federal Tax Code.

Section 3. Upon dissolution of the organization, the Club's assets shall be distributed to the Lugnuts Charities.

ARTICLE II—MISSION

The mission statement of the Booster Club is:

The Lansing Lugnuts Booster Club is an exuberant group of fans dedicated to enhancing the experience of the players while they are in Lansing. We provide assistance to the team as a whole and to the individual players through activities and involvement with Lugnuts baseball. We strive to make each and every player, coach, and trainer feel welcome and comfortable in our city.

ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Active membership shall consist of dues paying members who are interested in upholding the mission of the Booster Club.

Section 2. There shall be two classes of membership, Individual and Family. A Family membership shall be comprised of one or more adults and children living in the same household.

Section 3. All memberships will be maintained on an annual basis for the calendar year beginning January 1 and ending December 31. If a member has not renewed his or her membership by March 1, he or she shall be in arrears and may be dropped from the membership list. If a new member signs up after August 1, his or her dues will be credited to the following year.

Section 4. The annual membership fee shall be determined by the Executive Committee. The dues for a Family Membership shall be less than twice the dues for an Individual Membership. Delinquent members may regain active status by payment of the current year's dues.

Section 5. Members in good standing 18 years of age and older shall have the privilege of the floor at meetings of the Booster Club, the privilege of voting, the privilege of holding office, and serving as a committee chair.

Section 6. The Officers of the Booster Club may bestow an Honorary Membership upon a deserving individual who has exhibited dedication and meritorious service to, and on behalf of the Booster Club. Any member may recommend someone for Honorary Membership to the Officers of the Booster Club through a written proposal. This proposal will be presented at a regular business meeting for a vote of approval. The proposal shall pass upon a 2/3 vote of a quorum of Active Members present. Honorary Memberships will be reviewed and automatically renewed on an annual basis by the Officers of the Booster Club unless extenuating circumstances suggest that the Honorary Membership status should be revoked.

1. An Honorary Member may:
 - a. Have the privilege of the floor at meetings of the Booster Club
 - b. Participate in all Social Functions of the Booster Club
 - c. Serve or Chair a Standing or Special Committee
2. An Honorary Member may not vote.

ARTICLE IV—OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Booster Club shall consist of a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.

Section 2. The term of office shall be one year, commencing on October 1.

Section 3. No person shall be elected to the office of president for more than two consecutive terms. This section shall not apply to the person holding the office of president at time this section is adopted.

Section 4. One person may hold the offices of secretary and treasurer simultaneously.

ARTICLE V—DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section 1. President—The president shall preside at all meetings of the Booster Club and all meetings of the executive committee, act as the principal executive officer of the Booster Club, and enter into agreements in the name of the Booster Club.

Section 2. Vice President—The vice president shall perform the duties assigned by the president. In the absence of the president, the vice-president shall assume the duties of the president.

Section 3. Secretary—The secretary shall take charge of all the papers of the Booster Club, shall keep a record of all members of the Booster Club, and shall inform the membership of the affairs of the Booster Club; shall issue membership cards to members and shall attend to all necessary correspondence to carry out the business of the Booster Club.

Section 4. Treasurer—The treasurer shall take charge of all financial records of the Booster Club and shall receive and disburse the funds of the Booster Club. The treasurer shall prepare the Booster Club's financial statements and shall, at the beginning of a calendar year, prepare a budget for the Booster Club for the year.

Section 5. In the event of a permanent absence of the secretary or treasurer, the president—or his or her appointed delegate—shall take charge of the monies, papers, and other properties and shall discharge the responsibilities of the office until such time as a new secretary or treasurer is duly elected and installed into office.

Section 6. In the event of a permanent vacancy in the office of president, the vice president shall assume the office of president. In the event of a permanent vacancy in the office of vice president, secretary, or treasurer, the executive committee shall elect a replacement.

Section 7. Officers and committee members shall serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual expenses incurred in performing their responsibilities of the Booster Club, except that travel, meal, or admission ticket expenses shall not be reimbursed.

Section 8. An officer may be removed from office for cause upon vote of two-thirds of the total membership of the Booster Club.

ARTICLE VI—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The executive committee shall consist of the officers, the immediate past-president and the chairpersons of the standing committees.

Section 2. The executive committee shall have complete control and management of the affairs, funds, and property of the Booster Club.

Section 3. A simple majority of the executive committee attending meetings shall constitute a quorum. Regardless of the number of offices and chairmanships held, no person shall have more than one vote on the executive committee.

ARTICLE VII—STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. In the event of a vacancy in the chairmanship of a standing committee the president shall appoint a replacement with the approval of the executive committee.

Section 2. There may be the following standing committees:

- a. Membership Committee
- b. Public Relations Committee
- c. Host Family/Sponsor Committee
- d. Banquet Committee
- e. Travel Activities Committee
- f. Fund Raising Committee

Section 3. Duties of Standing Committees:

- a. Membership Committee—To initiate and coordinate efforts to increase the membership and maintain contact with current members
- b. Public Relations Committee—To promote and publicize the Booster Club and its purposes and to specifically arrange publicity for all functions and activities of the Booster Club.
- c. Host Family/Sponsor Committee—To organize procedures for obtaining and matching host families and/or sponsors with Lugnut team personnel.

- d. Banquet Committee—To plan and carry out the details of the annual banquet and organize any other banquets or parties throughout the year.
- e. Travel Activities Committee—To arrange and coordinate trips to out of town games.
- f. Fund Raising Committee—To devise plans to raise money for the Booster Club. This could include working with the public relations committee, banquet committee and perhaps private businesses.

ARTICLE VIII – SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Section 1. There shall be the following special committees to be appointed by the president each year:

- a. Nominating Committee—No member of this committee may, at the time of appointment, hold office in the Booster Club.
- b. Review Committee

Section 2. Duties of the Special Committees:

- a. Nominating Committee—To present to the Booster Club membership a slate of one or more nominees for each office for the coming year.
- b. Review Committee—To consider additions and amendments to the bylaws and insure compliance of same. The committee shall also review the financial records prepared by the treasurer and report on the same to the membership.

Section 3. The president shall be empowered to appoint other committees, which, in his or her judgment, would appear to assist the Booster Club in realizing its objectives.

ARTICLE IX—MEETINGS

Section 1. There shall be an annual meeting of the Booster Club to be held during the month of September, at such time and place as designated by the president with the approval of the executive committee. New officers shall be elected at the meeting.

Section 2. There shall be a minimum of five additional business meetings of the Booster Club each year.

Section 3. The Booster Club shall host social events, at least one of which shall be held during the baseball season to which the players, the coaching staff, the trainer, and Lansing Lugnut officials shall be invited. No Booster Club business shall be conducted during a social event. There shall be no charge to invited guests to attend such social events, but the Booster Club may invoke an entry fee for non-members to attend a Booster Club social event.

Section 4. All other meetings shall be called at the discretion of the president as the need arises. The president shall call a meeting of the executive committee if one-half or more of the executive committee members petition for a meeting, or at any other time at the discretion of the president.

ARTICLE X—ELECTIONS

Section 1. Officers shall be elected at the annual September meeting and assume office on October 1 of the same year.

Section 2. At the August meeting, but at least two weeks before the annual September meeting, the Nominations Committee shall submit to the membership the slate of nominees for the Booster Club offices, along with an absentee ballot.

Section 3. At the annual September meeting, additional nominations will be accepted from the floor. No person shall be nominated unless that person has given his or her consent and willingness to serve. After nominations are closed, the Booster Club shall vote for the offices in this order: president, then vice president, then secretary, then treasurer. The person receiving the highest number of votes of those voting at the meeting, combined with the absentee ballots received before the elections begin, shall be elected to the office. A member who has submitted an absentee ballot is not eligible to vote from the floor.

ARTICLE XI—INDEMNIFICATION

Section 1. Elimination of Certain Liability of Officers—An officer of the Booster Club shall not be personally liable to the Booster Club or its members for monetary damages for a breach of fiduciary duty as an officer, except for liability:

- a. For any breach of the officer's duty of loyalty to the Booster Club or its members;
- b. For acts of omissions not in good faith or that involve intentional misconduct or knowing violation of law;
- c. For a violation of Section 55(1) of the Michigan Business Corporation act; and
- d. For any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

Section 2. Indemnification of Officers—The Booster Club shall indemnify a person, to the fullest extent permitted by Michigan law, against all judgments, payments of settlement, fines, and any other reasonable costs and expenses (including attorney fees and amounts paid in settlement) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with defense of any action, suit, or proceeding, which is brought or threatened in which such person is a party or is otherwise involved because he or she was or is an officer, and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, personal representatives, and administrators of that person.

ARTICLE XII—AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the active members present and voting at a regular meeting of the Booster Club. All proposed amendments are to be submitted first to the Review Committee for its recommendation and shall be submitted to the membership at the meeting preceding the meeting at which they are voted upon. Such amendments as voted under this process shall have immediate effect otherwise specified. The secretary shall provide printed copies to the membership.

ARTICLE XIII—SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR ANY BUSINESS MEETING

1. Introduction of new members and/or guests
2. Roll call
3. Reading and approval of minutes and financial report
4. Appointment of Nominating and Review committees
5. Report of officers
6. Report from Lugnuts representative
7. Report of executive committee
8. Report of standing committees
9. Report of special committees
10. Unfinished business
11. New business
12. Report of audit committee
13. Report of Nominating Committee
14. Election of officers
15. Adjournment



Previous amendments to these bylaws:

May 9, 2000
November 13, 2001