

REDWOOD EMPIRE TALL CLUB

BY-LAWS

(2003 REVISED)

A Registered Nonprofit Organization under Sec 501(c) (7) Social Clubs
Federal ID #94-3171854

The name of this club is the Redwood Empire Tall club, hereafter referred to as “RETC”. It was founded in October of 1982. This club is a non-profit mutual benefit club. The specific purpose of this club is to further social relationships between men and women of above-average stature, to promote the happiness and welfare of tall people by facilitating the exchange of information and ideas between members by fostering means for tall people to become acquainted with and enjoy the friendship and companionship of one another, by educating them to be undeterred in their outlooks and activities because of their height; and to inform the public as to the needs of tall people to obtain clothes, accommodations and facilities of adequate size and convenience

The mailing address of the club may be a post office box. The name and address of the club’s founders are Robert and Judy Hirsch, 1055 Montgomery Road, Sebastopol, CA 95472. The official club phone hotline number is 707-545-TALL and the home Website is <http://clubs.tall.org/cal/retc>.

ARTICLE I - Membership

Section 1: Classes of Membership

A. Charter Members

1. A charter member was involved in the original formation of RETC.
2. A charter member also meets the definition of “Regular Member” below.

B. Regular Members

1. Women must be a minimum of five feet, ten inches (5’10”) in height; men must be a minimum of six feet, two inches (6’2”) in height. All measurements shall be made in stocking feet with unadorned head by two officers of the club at an official club function.
2. The minimum age requirement shall be 21.
3. All dues-paying charter and regular members as of 1/14/89 are grandfathered into the club, as long as dues are kept current.

C. Associate Member

1. Any person who does not meet the height and/or age requirements who is married to a regular member may become an associate member upon paying dues.
2. Associate members may attend social functions of the Club with their spouse but shall have no vote in the affairs of the Club.

D. Honorary Members

1. Any person who has, by determination of a majority vote of the Board, contributed some significant aspect for the advancement of RETC and/or the concept of "Tall Awareness" may be an honorary member.
2. Honorary members shall be permitted to attend social functions of the Club, but shall have no vote in the affairs of the club.

Section 2: Transfer Members

A. Any member of an affiliated TCI (Tall Clubs International) club applying for membership shall meet all requirements and qualifications for regular members set forth in these by-laws. In the event that the affiliated member does not currently meet height requirements, he/she will be acceptable for membership in RETC upon written proof that they did meet height requirements as a regular member of a TCI club at one time.

Section 3: Suspension and Expulsion of Members

A. The responsibility and authority shall be vested with the Board of Directors to decide matters involving suspension and expulsion.

ARTICLE II - Board of Directors and Officers

Section 1: Board of Directors

A. The Board of Directors, hereafter referred to as "The Board" shall be comprised of the officers of the club.

Section 2: Powers of the Board

A. The Board shall conduct, control and manage the affairs of the club in accordance with these by-laws and the laws of the State of California. The Board is specifically responsible for controlling all club finances and making all financial decisions. Decisions about the club shall be made by the Board of Directors at a regular business meeting or at a special business meeting convened for that purpose. All officers must be notified one week in advance of any special business meeting.

Section 3: Officers

A. Defined

1. The officers of the club shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Coordinator, Social Coordinator, Publicity-Coordinator, Database Manager, Editor, and Webmaster. Other officers may be added or divided into co-officers during the current term of the Board. The decision to add more officers shall be made by the Board by a majority vote.

B. Elections

1. Any Regular member may nominate any other Regular member for office.

2. Nomination for office shall be made at the business meeting immediately prior to the October business meeting each year. The planned nomination and election of officers shall be announced in the September newsletter.

3. Voting for officers: All Regular members in attendance at the October business meeting may vote for the officers for the coming year. No absentee ballots will be accepted.

C. Term of Office

1. The term of office begins November 1 of each year.

Section 4: Qualifications for Officers

A. Any regular RETC member may be an officer of the club.

B. It is highly recommended that all officers be computer literate and have regular access to email.

Section 5: Duties of Officers

A. Duties of each officer are as follows, and shall be reviewed by the new slate of officers at the first business meeting following their election. Officers may delegate duties, but they are ultimately responsible for the completion of those duties.

1. President: Oversees the activities of the Board of Directors; Conducts business meetings; Prepares agendas with input from officers and/or members; Mediates problems; Coordinates club events; Attends business meetings.

2. Vice President: Fills in for the President, as needed; Plans and oversees the club's designated major annual "weekend" event; Acts as Sergeant-at-Arms; Attends business meetings.

3. Secretary: Takes minutes at business meetings; Prepares club correspondence; Notifies other officers to remind them of meetings; Presents editor with written minutes before the newsletter deadline; Attends business meetings.

4. Treasurer: Pays club bills; Provides editor with written financial reports before newsletter deadline; Deposits dues and other monies received into club bank account regularly; Reconciles checkbook monthly; Reports club's financial condition to the Board at meetings and upon request; Notifies both the database manager and the membership chairperson of new member information; Collects money at parties or appoints a representative; Keeps accurate records of all financial transactions; Attends business meetings.

5. Social Coordinator; Organizes all club social functions and provides the Board with a monthly written calendar that the Board will approve that also includes social activities of other regional clubs; Coordinates all planned social activities with the hosts/hostesses; Communicates Club social activities to other regional Social Coordinators and stays in touch with TCI Social Coordinators via email and/or TCI Website; Works closely with the Membership Coordinator to coordinate social activities with membership goals; Provides Editor with electronic versions of any necessary flyers and other information about social events before the Newsletter deadline; Uses email to remind members and prospects on a weekly basis of upcoming activities and events; Attends business meetings.

6. Membership Coordinator: Provides the Board with written updated membership report at business meetings; Contacts new prospects and members about upcoming social activities; Implements club's overall strategy for increasing membership; Oversees administration of the RETC hotline, ensuring that outgoing message is updated and messages are retrieved weekly; Sends newsletters to prospects; oversees mentoring of prospects and new members; Works closely with Social to develop Prospect/Social functions; Attends business meetings.

7. Publicity Coordinator: Advertises and publicizes RETC's social events in mass media; provides monthly written report to the Board of effectiveness and costs of advertising; Meets necessary advertising deadlines; Works closely with Social Coordinator and Membership Coordinator to publish activities and obtain results of advertising; Updates *Publicity Chairperson's Guidelines* booklet as necessary; Attends business meetings.

8. Editor: Produces the club's newsletter before the beginning of each period, as determined by the Board; Writes copy when necessary; Keeps newsletter expenses within budget boundaries as determined by the Board; Arranges for paper put-out; Provides Membership Coordinator with newsletters for mailing to prospects; Attends business meetings.

9. Database Manager: Maintains accurate computerized address, telephone, birthday, and membership status information on all members, former members and prospects, and TCI clubs; Updates and prints membership/prospect list monthly for distribution to officers; Prints and transports labels for newsletter to paper put-out; Performs other list management functions as necessary for the Board; Attends business meetings.

10. Webmaster. Maintains club website and updates site as needed; Attends business meetings.

Section 6: Vacancies of Office

A. Vacancies by expulsion, resignation, or otherwise, shall be filled by an appointment of a regular RETC member to the vacancy by the Board.

Section 7: Expulsion and Resignation of Officers

A. Any officer may be removed from office for failure to perform his/her duties by a majority vote of the members present at a business meeting.

B. Any officer may resign from his/her term of office by notifying the President in writing. If the President is the officer resigning, then he shall notify the Board of Directors as a whole, in writing.

ARTICLE III - Dues and Fees

Section 1: Dues

A. Dues shall be reviewed annually by the Board at a business meeting.

Section 2: Subscription Fee for Newsletter

A. There shall be an annual subscription fee for the newsletter for non-RETC members. Subscription fees are included in the membership dues for members. Subscription fees shall be reviewed annually by the Board at a business meeting.

B. Newsletter subscriptions shall be available to:

1. Members of other TCI clubs
2. Businesses approved by the Board
3. Other persons approved by the Board.

ARTICLE IV - Meetings

Section 1: Business Meetings

- A. At the earliest possible date after the election of officers, the annual business meeting of the Board shall take place.
- B. Other business meetings may be called by the president and/or three officers. Such meetings may be held at any time. Notification shall be given orally or in writing to all officers at least one week in advance of said meeting
- C. A majority of the board of directors shall constitute a quorum and lacking this, the Board may not transact any business.
- D. Business meetings shall be open to members.
- E. If necessary to expedite a decision, the Board may be notified and vote on an issue taken by email. A quorum must respond via email for the issue to be decided.

ARTICLE V - Newsletter

Section 1: Name

- A. There shall be a club newsletter, entitled: *The Redwood Empire Grapevine.*

Section 2: Content:

- A. The newsletter shall contain a listing of upcoming social activities and may contain other items of interest to members.

ARTICLE VI - Rules

Section 1: General Rules

- A. Charter and regular members shall have exclusive voice in the affairs of the club.
- B. In cases of conflict of the laws of the club, the decision of the Board of Directors shall be the governing rule.
- C. The regular RETC members have the right to appeal the decision(s) of the Board at any business meeting called for that purpose. A majority of the club membership is necessary to repeal a Board decision.

Section 2: Rules: Formation and Conduct of Committees and Subcommittees

- A. Formation. Committees shall be formed as necessary to conduct the planning of projects as determined by the Board. The Board shall appoint a Committee Chairperson, who shall be responsible for assembling said committee, and who shall answer to the Board. Any necessary subcommittee(s) shall be formed by the committee chairperson.

B. Responsibilities

1. Committees shall be responsible for planning a course of action and making recommendations to the Board. Recommendations to the Board should be made by the chairperson only after full information has been assembled by the committee. Committees may be responsible for conducting said project, as determined by the Board.
2. Subcommittees shall be responsible for details as directed by the chairperson of the committee. Subcommittees answer to the committee.
3. Neither committees nor subcommittees shall have any authority to commit club funds.

ARTICLE VII - Dissolution of the Club

Section 1: Procedure

- A. The club may vote to dissolve itself at any business meeting called for that purpose. A majority of the club membership must vote to dissolve the club.

Section 2: Disposition of Funds

- A. Upon dissolution of the club, remaining club funds shall be forwarded to the nearest TCI affiliated club.

ARTICLE VIII - Amendments to the By-laws

Section 1: The by-laws may be amended at any business meeting called for that purpose. The affirmation vote of majority of the Board members is required to amend the by-laws. Up-to-date by-laws will be available for review at business meetings.

ARTICLE IX - Emergency Amendments

Section 1: In case of emergency, the Board of Directors may make temporary amendment(s) to the by-laws by an affirmative vote of all current officers. Said emergency amendments shall be effective for no longer than sixty (60) days, at the end of which time they shall become null and void and of no effect. It shall be announced at the next business meeting.

ARTICLE X - Beauty Pageant

Section 1: The regular RETC membership may choose to support an entrant into the Miss Tall International Pageant, at its discretion. Decisions concerning financial support and obligations of all parties shall be made by the Board at a regular business meeting, and shall only pertain to that particular year.

Section 2: Candidate must be a current regular member of RETC.

ARTICLE XI - ARTICLE XI - Charitable Activities

Section 1: RETC recognizes the following community and/or charitable events. They are The RETC Scholarship Fund, National Marfan Foundation, and TCI Foundation.

Section 2: If an individual active regular member wishes to promote an event for the benefit of a non-profit charitable organization other than those listed above, it is understood that the Club does not sanction the event and that all planning and coordination for the event must be handled by the sponsoring member. Subject to the approval of the Board at a regular business meeting, publicity of the event may be available in the Newsletter.

ARTICLE XII - Article XII- Convention Delegate

A. The Board may choose a convention delegate and an alternate delegate from within the regular RETC membership, or a proxy from another TCI club. The Board may choose to direct said delegate how to vote at convention business meetings.

Revised By-Laws Respectfully approved and submitted,
2003 Officers

Date: January 23, 2003

Beth Perkins, President

Kay Meyer Co-Social Coordinator

Dick Bishop, Co-Vice President

Karen White, Co-Social Coordinator

Brett White, Co-Vice President

Bano Cummings, Membership Coordinator

Noreen Wahl, Secretary

Bob Hirsch, Founder – Publicity Coordinator

Joan Stamme, Treasurer

Dean Albertson, Database Manager

Rusty Bloomquist, Editor/ Webmaster