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**Van Tan Club**  
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## **CONSTITUTION and BY - LAWS**

### Schedule A Constitution:

#### Article 1

##### Name:

The full name of the Club shall be the “Van Tan Club”.

#### Article 2

##### Object:

The object of the Club shall be to provide a private, secluded and safe location for recreation and the practice of social nudism.

#### Article 3

##### Location:

The operations of the Club are to be chiefly carried on, on the property owned or leased by the Club, designated under the following legal description:

The pieces of land situated in the Municipality of the District of North Vancouver in the Province of British Columbia, known and described as:

Lots A and two of Block Nine AND Lots one, fourteen, sixteen and seventeen of Block Four, District Lot – One Thousand two hundred and sixty-five “A”, Group – One, New Westminster District Plan 3090

Including any other pieces of land immediately adjoining the before mentioned lots which the Club may consider to purchase or lease at a future date.

### Schedule B

#### By-Laws:

#### Article 1

##### Affiliation:

The Club shall be affiliated with the Federation of Canadian Nudists. And be a supporting club to the American Association of Nude Recreation.

#### Article 2

##### Membership:

a) Membership in the Club is open to all persons wishing to participate in the practice of Social

Nudism and who are acceptable to the general membership of the Club, regardless of color, creed, and/or nationality.

b) The maximum number of adult members in the Club shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting.

This maximum number must allow for all members in good standing who wish to rejoin the Club to do so.

c) Membership shall be composed of the following categories:

- i) Basic
- ii) Retired - available to all persons 65 and older.
- iii) Student - available to full time students from age 18 to age 25 who offer proof of age and student status.
- iv) Long Distance – available to all persons that live more than 100 kilometers from the club property.

### Article 3

#### Membership Dues & Extraordinary Earnings/Gifts:

a) i) Extraordinary Earnings/Gifts to maintain a Reserve Account to cover major capital expenditures or costs as authorized at the General Meeting

ii) The membership fees shall be divided into two categories:

1) Regular Annual Club dues to cover ordinary expenses.

2) 5% of yearly dues to maintain a Reserve Account as described in a) i.

b) The membership shall determine at the Annual Meeting the schedule of:

i) Annual dues

ii) Tent or RV Fee

iii) Visitor's fees

iv) Due date of all dues and fees

c) This schedule shall remain in force unless changed in whole or part at an Annual General Meeting.

d) Member's delinquent in their dues shall automatically have all membership privileges suspended until such dues are paid in full, unless prior arrangements have been approved by the Executive.

e) The dues are to be paid to the Treasurer, or in his/her absence, to another member of the Executive, or may be mailed to the Club's postal address.

### Article 4

#### Terms of Admission:

a) Applicants shall complete the Club's application form and submit same to the Club.

b) Applicants shall be interviewed in person by a member of the Club's Executive or any other member(s) approved by the Executive.

c) The Club shall consider all applications equally.

d) The Executive may, at their discretion, after applicant references have been verified by the Executive, accept applicant(s) after two trial visits to the Club grounds, for a one year probationary membership, subject, however, to re-confirmation by the general membership at the next General Meeting.

e) Single applicants under the age of 19 (nineteen) must have the application completed by their legal guardian and submitted to the Executive Board for unanimous approval by the Board.

#### Article 5

##### Rights and Obligations of Members:

- a) Probationary members shall have the same rights and obligations as full members; however, they shall not be entitled to exercise voting privileges, nor shall they be eligible for nomination to any Executive position.
- b) Probationary members, however, may serve on the Executive by special Presidential Appointment with no voting privileges.
- c) At the end of the probationary period, acceptance of the probationary member shall be by a secret ballot taken at a General Meeting. One dissenting vote will cause the acceptance to be withheld, pending an investigation and decision by the Executive Board. If the reason(s) in writing is not received by the Executive Board, within seven days after the meeting, a dissenting vote(s) shall be rendered invalid. Upon receipt and examination of such written objection resulting from a dissenting vote, the Executive shall decide whether or not full membership shall be granted. In the event of a negative decision by the Executive, membership for the probationary member in question shall automatically be terminated.
- d) In special circumstances, the Executive may approve Honorary Membership in the Club. Honorary Members will have all the rights and privileges of ordinary members. Honorary Members shall not be required to pay the regular Club dues. They may, however, be responsible for paying their own affiliation fees, such as AANR, if so determined by the executive.
- e) Probationary members will pay full annual dues the year they join regardless of date joined. In the second year of the membership annual dues will be adjusted to reflect any overpayment from their first year.

#### Article 6

##### Conditions Under Which Membership Ceases:

- a) Membership ceases if dues are unpaid two months after due date, unless prior arrangements have been approved by the Executive.
- b) Members suspected of violating the dignity and peace of the Club shall be held in suspension by the Executive and shall be advised to this effect by the Secretary. The member so notified shall have the choice of either having the suspected violation dealt with by the Executive or a Court of Enquiry consisting of three Executive Officers and two full or probationary members (one chosen by the defendant and one chosen by the complainant). Their findings shall be binding and their decision shall have the full authority of the Club. The Secretary shall advise the member in question of the final ruling.
- c) Immediate Expulsion: Any two members in good standing, unrelated by family or marriage ties, may order, and if necessary, carry out the expulsion from the grounds of any person whose conduct is such that the action is deemed warranted by two or more members in attendance. Those members who may have occasion to exercise this provision will be held fully accountable to the Executive. Onus of proof that the action was necessary will rest with them. They will present such proof verbally and if so directed by the Executive, in writing, within a time limit, which will be set in each instance by the President or his/her appointee. The manner in which the

dispute is dealt with will be according to paragraph (b) above.

#### Article 7

##### Meetings:

- a) The Van Tan Club shall hold an Annual Meeting before the end of February of each year. Exact date, time and place are to be fixed by the Executive (with due notice as provided in Article 7c).
- b) In addition to the Annual General Meeting, two other general meetings shall be held during the year. The exact meeting time and place to be set by the Executive. Additional general meetings may be called at the discretion of the Executive with due notice as provided in article 7(c).
- c) Notice of meeting shall be mailed or emailed to reach each member seven days in advance of the meeting.
- d) The presence of seven voting members shall constitute a quorum.
- e) The Executive will meet at least three times a year at an appointed time and place. Other meetings may be called by the President as required to ensure the orderly running of the club.
- f) All meetings shall be held under the chairmanship of the President, or in his absence the Vice-President. If both should be absent, a chairman pro-tem shall be chosen from the Executive Committee, or failing that, from the membership present.

#### Article 8

##### The Executive:

- a) The Executive of the Club shall be: President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer, Camp Manager, Sports Director, Public Relations Officer and Host(ess). These officers shall be elected annually by secret ballot of the General Membership. The President may appoint an Assistant Camp Manager; who would exercise voting powers in the absence of the Camp Manger.
- b) The immediate past President may serve as a non-voting member of the Executive if he/she so wishes, without being elected.
- c)
  - 1) The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee by the end of November of each year, who will submit for each executive position names of candidates who have agreed to serve if elected. These names must be included in the written notice of the Annual Meeting as provided in Article 7(c). Additional candidates may be nominated from the floor provided the candidate nominated agrees to serve if elected.
  - 2) The election of executive officers shall be by secret ballot taken among voting members in good standing present at the Annual Meeting.
  - 3) Voting ballots to be tabulated by a two - member committee appointed by the chairman at the meeting.
  - 4) The chairman shall announce the results of the election and the new president shall then take over as chairman of the meeting.
- d) If for any cause a vacancy occurs on the Executive, a new member shall be elected at the next General Meeting to fill the vacancy for the balance of the unfinished term. If the vacancy cannot be settled by election, the President may appoint any full or probationary member in good standing to serve as a full Executive member for the balance of the unfinished term.

- e) It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all Executive Board and General Meetings. He/she must be thoroughly conversant with all affairs of the Van Tan Club.
- f) The Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, perform the duties of the President.
- g) The Recording Secretary shall keep records and minutes of all General and Executive meetings. The Recording Secretary shall conduct all correspondence of the Club and shall have custody of the Club's papers and records.
- h) The Treasurer shall keep a complete record of all receipts and disbursements, rendering an account when required and will submit the records and books of account to the Finance Committee at least 30 days prior to the Annual General Meeting. The Treasurer will pay all bills and will be one of two (Executive Board) signatures (as determined by the board) on all cheques. The Treasurer, in conjunction with the Finance Committee, will submit at the Annual General Meeting the financial statements of the Club for the preceding fiscal year.
- i) The Camp Manager shall supervise the proper use and care of the Club's property, including buildings and other facilities. He will furthermore organize and supervise all maintenance work, and submit a report at the General Meeting.
- j) It will be the duty of the Club Host\ess to perform introductions. He/she will also attend winter functions in the same capacity.
- k) The Membership Secretary, will contact all prospective members, arrange interviews and arrange trial visits to the Club grounds. The Membership Secretary will also make recommendations on the suitability of applicants (having checked application references) to the Executive.
- l) The Public Relations Officer (PRO) will be responsible for promoting the interests of the Van Tan Club through the media of press, radio, television or any other possible way.
- m) The Executive shall prepare an annual operating budget to be voted on by the membership at the Annual General Meeting. Upon approval, the Executive will be empowered to administer the Club's finances within the framework of the budget. Significant variances must be approved at a General Meeting prior to their expenditure.
- n) The Executive will be responsible and answerable to the membership at large for the performance of its duties. It will have full authority to act upon any matters between meetings within the scope of Club policies.
- o) A non-confidence motion in the Executive as a whole or any member of this committee will be handled in the same way as stipulated by By-law 12(c), except that it will require a simple mail ballot majority instead of 75% as under By-law 12(c). If motion is carried, the person(s) will automatically be released from the Executive position.

## Article 9

### Exercise of Borrowing Power:

The borrowing power of the Club will be limited to the total value of its real assets. The only authority to exercise it will be by the membership as a whole and this authority can only be affirmed with a three quarter majority at the General Meeting after notice has officially been brought to the floor at the preceding General Meeting.

Article 10

Finance Committee:

- a) There shall be a Finance Committee, which shall consist of one (1) and not more than three (3) members of the Van Tan Club in good standing. The President, subject to approval by the Executive, shall appoint the Committee.
- b) The duties of the Committee shall be:
  - i) To receive the records and books of account from the Treasurer and to conduct such examination, as they may feel necessary in the circumstances, preliminary to the preparation of the financial statements, in conjunction with the treasurer, for the preceding fiscal year, which are to be presented at the Annual General Meeting.
  - ii) To make such recommendations, as required upon examination, to the Executive as to the recording of the financial affairs of the Van Tan Club.

Article 11

Custody and Use of the Seal of the Society:

The seal will be in possession, at all times, of the duly appointed Recording Secretary of the Club and will only be used when instructed by the Executive or General Assembly at a General Meeting. It must be accompanied by the signatures of the President and Recording Secretary and in the case of financial documents, also the signature of the Treasurer.

Article 12

Alteration of By-laws by an Extraordinary Resolution:

The by-laws of the Club can only be changed by fulfilling the following three special conditions:

- a)
  - 1) Notice of motion of proposed changes must be submitted in writing to the Recording Secretary 45 days prior to meeting for distribution to members 30 days before a General Meeting.
  - 2) Request can be made to the Executive Board to strike a committee who will review and submit in writing to members, the committees' recommendations 30 days prior to a General Meeting
- b) After discussion of motion at the General Meeting, at least a simple majority of eligible voting members present must agree that changes are to be made.
- c) By-law changes will become effective at the next General Meeting, provided there is at least a three quarter majority of votes in favor of the motion at that General Meeting.

Article 13

General Rules:

- a) No group or individual photographs may be taken without the consent of all interested parties.
- b) Except with special permission of the Executive, the right to carry or use cameras on Camp Grounds will be restricted to members.
- c) Persons damaging Club property or environment will be held duly responsible for making good the damage.
- c) There will be no dogs allowed on Club property on weekends except under special circumstances, permitted by the Executive.
- d) Members bringing minors to the Club grounds other than their own children and for whom

they are not the legal guardian will be responsible for securing permission in writing from the legal guardian. This written permission will be left with a member of the Executive.

e) Members bringing minors to the Club understand that it is their responsibility to have visual contact of the minor(s) at all times. The only exception being the member can give permission to another adult member who has expressed agreement to take responsibility for the safety of the minor for a specified period of time.

f) Portable radio's, tape recorders, or other electronic devices may not be played so as to cause annoyance to other members.

g) No public displays of intimacy of a sexual nature are permitted and will be subject to application of Article 6 b) & c) as interpreted by the Executive Board. Any questions of interpretation on this rule to be voted on by the Executive Board and then submitted as a motion to be included at the next General Meeting for membership vote.

h) The Club will not be liable in any way whatsoever for loss/damage to personal property of and/or personal injuries sustained on the Club grounds by members or visitors.

i) The Executive reserves the right to request any person or persons to leave the Club grounds. If such action involves a club member, the dispute will be dealt with as outlined under Article 6.

j) These By-laws are equally applicable regardless of the use of singular instead of plural terms, male or female reference, and will be interpreted accordingly.

k) To become effective, motions, unless otherwise stated in the By-laws for specific purposes, must be passed with at least a simple majority of eligible voting members present at a meeting and casting ballots/votes in favor of a motion.

l) Members of other bona fide nudist clubs will be welcome provided they abide by the Club rules – such visits to be arranged with the Executive. Club members may bring non-nudist visitors to camp for two visits provided arrangements have been made with the Executive in advance.

m) Any dispute connected with the Club, not covered by these by-laws is to be forwarded to the Executive in writing. If not settled to the satisfaction of the member lodging the dispute, it will be included in the agenda at the next General Meeting and decided by motion and vote by the members.

n) If at some future date the assets of the Club are liquidated on account of the dissolution of the Club, the proceeds from such liquidation will be distributed to the surviving members, pro rata according to the number of years each member has contributed his dues.