

Brandywine Heights Cheerleader Booster Club Bylaws

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Article I- Name

The name of this club shall be the Brandywine Heights Cheerleader Booster Club, hereinafter referred to as BHCBC.

Article II- Offices

The principal offices of the BHCBC in the state of Pennsylvania will be at: (no fixed location).

Article III- Objectives

The objectives of the BHCBC shall be:

A. To arouse and maintain an enthusiastic interest in the various facets of all Cheerleading in the Brandywine Heights Area School District.

B. The BHCBC supports all cheerleading in the youth, middle and high school divisions.

C. To work in cooperation with the other parents and coaches within the club.

Article IV- Membership

The membership of the BHCBC shall be open to anyone interested in the progress and development of the cheerleading program within the school district.

Article V- Governing Board

The affairs of the BHCBC shall be managed by the governing board of officers elected by the general membership. Officers shall be nominated and elected to serve a one year term. The governing board (if deemed necessary), shall consist of two Co-Presidents, a Vice President, a Treasure and a Secretary. Officers will be elected in November, with their term starting immediately. All members who wish to be on the Governing Board must attend at least 6 meetings in the year prior to nominations. In addition to the powers and duties set forth in these bylaws, these officers shall have such powers and duties as are usually related to his/her office and as the Board may determine by resolution.

ARTICLE V NEW AMENDMENT

The governing board must consist of 5 officers..1 from Tiny Tots, 1 from Youth, 1 from MS/HS and 2 additional. Officers are not permitted to be on any committees that are addressed in the bylaws.

Article VI- Duties of Officers

A. The CO-PRESIDENTS shall preside at all meetings of the organization, appoint all committees, and shall be an ex officer member of all committees.

B. The VICE PRESIDENT shall assume all duties of the co presidents in their absence. He/She shall serve as chairperson to the general membership and assume all duties that are deemed necessary.

C. The SECRETARY shall keep the records and minutes of all meetings, attend to correspondence and perform such other duties as are deemed necessary.

D. The TREASURE shall receive all funds due to the organization, deposit the same and pay all bills as determined by the governing board. Maintain accurate individual accounting system for all cheerleaders.

Article VII- Elections and Terms of Office

Elections by nomination will be held every November, with the term of office beginning immediately. Elections are for a one year term. Any officer may resign at any time by delivering a written resignation to the Secretary. Vacancies will be filled by nomination from the current Governing Board, if deemed necessary.

Officers shall not be compensated for their services.

Each member of the governing board shall attend at least 6 meetings in the prior year to be eligible for re-nomination.

Article VIII- Committees

Certain activities of the BHCBC will be carried out by committees, which shall be appointed or disbanded, with such powers, duties and subject matter, as the governing board determines. Any member of the Governing Board may attend any meeting of any committee.

FUND-RAISING COMMITTEE

A. FUND-RAISING Committee shall be responsible for researching fund-raisers and presenting information at general membership meetings.

B. Coordinate all necessary fund-raiser materials from the Fund-raising company.

C. Present fund-raiser to cheerleaders, distribute materials and set dates.

D. Complete necessary paperwork due for submission to treasure.

E. Supply accurate report of funds due and funds paid.

F. Provide personnel for distribution of fund-raiser.

G. Coordinate these activities with coaches.

H. Confirm accuracy of all orders receive before distribution.

I. Give committee report to governing board.

CLOTHING COMMITTEE

A. Coordinate with coaches any necessary clothing purchases for the upcoming season as it is related to camp, competition or practices.

B. Size all cheerleaders personally to ensure proper fit.

C. Prepare order forms, place order and distribute to cheerleaders in an organized manner.

D. Confirm accuracy of all orders received before distribution.

E. Help coaches with uniform distribution at the beginning of the year.

F. Give committee report to governing board.

YOUTH DIVISION COMMITTEE

Any cheerleader who is not competing at the middle school/high school level is considered part of the youth division. A committee shall be put in place to coordinate the youth division, as far as fund-raising and ordering clothing. The committee chair shall report to the Governing Board and keep in contact with the fund-raising committee.

Any cheerleader that resigns or is dismissed for any reason forfeits the money in their account. All funds will then be transferred to the general account. One exception to this rule would be if there is a sibling in the current program, the money could then be transferred to that account.

The youth division committee shall work with the youth division coaches and plan fund-raising activities accordingly. Any fund-raising money in youth accounts will carry over from year to year until the cheerleader graduates or is no longer part of the squad.

SPIRIT COMMITTEE

The SPIRIT committee shall be responsible for promoting spirit amongst the cheerleaders and fans at sporting events or any competition. This committee shall also be responsible for coming up with new ideas to promote spirit.

ARTICLE IX- Individual Accounting System

Through many fund-raising efforts, cheerleaders may raise as much money as they wish. The cost of camp, all clothing, gymnastics and any necessary equipment may be fund-raised. Money raised will be credited to the cheerleader's individual account. Money in your account can carry over from year to year until you graduate. At that time any unused money in your account will go into the general fund account. If you do not make the squad or do not wish to try out, the money also goes to the general fund. One exception to this rule would be if there is a sibling in the current program, the money could be transferred to that account.

ARTICLE X- General Fund Account

A General Fund Account is set up to include all monies that are collectively raised by the cheerleaders. This fund benefits all cheerleaders and may cover anything the coaches may request such as competition fees, equipment, lodging fees, music, clothing, awards, etc. Because this account benefits everyone on the squad, all cheerleaders are responsible to raise a set amount. This amount may change from year to year depending on the activities the coaches have planned. The amount will be determined at the beginning of the year and you will be notified of the amount you are expected to contribute. You may make a direct monetary contribution or you may fund-raise this money. Every year 2 or 3 fund-raisers will be set up to specifically raise money for this account.

ARTICLE X NEW AMENDMENT

Coaches must submit an estimate of their budget, so the fund-raising committee can be addressed. Anything over their “budget” will need to be voted on by the Governing Board before money is issued.

ARTICLE XI- Meetings

General membership meetings will be held monthly at such place and such hour as shall be determined by the Co-Presidents. Special meetings may be called by Co-Presidents as deemed necessary. Governing board members shall meet on a monthly basis to manage the affairs of the BHCBC. All General Membership meetings will be scheduled at the previous month’s meeting.

ARTICLE XII- Miscellaneous

A. No committee or member can contract for more than \$10.00 indebtedness of the club unless approved by the governing board.

B. Upon dissolution of the BHCBC, all held assets shall be returned to their current original contributors in proportion to their contribution.

C. Issues will be discussed at general membership meetings and will be voted upon by the general membership at meetings.

D. The Governing Board shall have the power to make necessary decisions in the event one is needed before the next scheduled general membership meeting.

ARTICLE XIII- Amendments of the Bylaws

These bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed by the governing board at any meeting with less than two-thirds officers. The amendments must be approved by a majority of the governing board.

Amendments, alterations and repeals shall be submitted in writing and read at three consecutive meetings prior to their inclusion.

ARTICLE XIV- UNIFORMS

BHCBC will buy back the recreational uniforms at a discount.

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION:

Articles of Association of the undersigned, a majority of whom are citizens of the United States, desiring to form a Non-Profit Association under the Non-Profit Association Law of Pennsylvania, do hereby certify:

First: The name of the Association shall be **Brandywine Heights Cheerleader Booster Club.**

Second: Said Association is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, Foster National or International Amateur Sports, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501©)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Third: No part of the net earnings of the association shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article Second hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the association shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the association shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. “Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this association shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purpose of this association.”

Forth: Upon the dissolution of the association, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt within the meaning of section 501©)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or state or local government, for public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principle office of the association is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organizations,

as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.
In witness whereof, we hereunto subscribed our names this _____ day of _____,
20_____.