

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE GOPHER DAIRY CLUB**  
**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA**  
**DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, 1982**  
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**Article I- Name**

The name of the organization shall be the "Gopher Dairy Club" of the University of Minnesota.

**Article II- Objectives**

The objectives of this organization are:

- First: To promote a higher scholastic standard among students interested in the dairy industry.
- Second: To promote dairy interest, especially among students at the University of Minnesota.
- Third: To bring about a closer relationship among the students and faculty exhibiting interest in the dairy industry.

**Article III- Membership**

- Section I Student registered at the University of Minnesota with an interest in agriculture shall be eligible for active membership.
- Section II Active membership shall consist of members who have all dues paid, have attended at least two meetings during the preceding semester, and have actively participated on at least one standing committee during the year. Exception to this shall be new members.
- Section III Inactive membership shall consist of members who have become delinquent yearly dues, have not attended at least two regularly scheduled meetings or served on at least one standing committee during the year.
- Section IV Inactive members can participate in all club-sponsored activities, but can receive no compensation from the club treasury of funds for costs to these activities. Inactive members cannot vote.
- Section V Active membership with all rights and privileges shall be restored to any inactive members at the start of the next semester after that in which he/she pays all dues, attends two regular meetings, and serves on one committee.
- Section VI Due shall be set by a majority vote at the first meeting of the academic year, and shall be paid by the third meeting of the year.
- Section VII Membership is open to all students without regards to race, religion, color, sex, national origin, disability, age, veteran status, marital status, public assistance status, or sexual orientation.

## **Article IV- Officers**

- Section I      The officers of the club shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, and COAFES Student Board Representative. They shall be eligible for re-election.
- Section II     The term of the office for all officers shall be two semesters. All officers shall be elected by secret ballot at the second to last meeting of the spring semester. Only active members shall hold office.
- Section III    Any vacancy shall be filled by an election at the first business meeting after such vacancy occurs, and the successor shall assume the duties of the office immediately upon election, except for the office of President, which shall be filled by the Vice-President.
- Section IV     a.    The President shall preside at all meetings of the club, call meetings of the Executive Council, enforce rigid observation of the Constitution and By-laws, see that the officers and chairpersons perform their official duties, have the power to appoint necessary committees, and in general, supervise all affairs of the club.
- b.    The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in the absence of the latter, and be responsible for academic programs and activities after the meetings.
- c.    The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings and keep a permanent record of attendance and membership.
- d.    The Treasurer shall receive all money due to the club, keep an accurate account of all finances of the club, collect all dues and assessments, and pay all orders that he/she is instructed to pay.
- e.    The Reporter shall conduct all correspondence of this club and be responsible for all meeting notices and publicity, and serve as co-ADSA liaison.
- f.    The COAFES Student Board Representative shall attend all Ag Board meetings, report on the meetings to the club, and serve as co-ADSA liaison.
- Section V      The Executive Council shall consist of the officers plus the advisors. The council shall have jurisdiction of all matters not especially delegated to some other committee and shall approve all committees.
- Section VI     The club shall have two advisors to advise and guide the club.

## **Article V- Appointed Positions**

- Section I Appointed positions shall be Dairy Bar Managers, Yearbook Editors and Gopher Dairy Camp Chairs.
- Section II
- a. There will be four dairy bar co-managers. Two will be selected every year to two-year terms by the Executive Committee and the current holders of the positions.
  - b. There will be two yearbook co-editors. One will be selected every year to a two-year term by the Executive committee and the current holder of the position.
  - c. There will be two Gopher Dairy Camp co-chairs.
  - d. These appointments will be made and announced before the last club meeting in the month of April.

## **Article IV- Amendments**

This constitution of its By-laws may be amended at any regular business meeting by a two-thirds vote of the active members present after being proposed in writing at one previous regularly scheduled meeting.

## **By-laws**

- Article 1 Prior to each election, the Executive Council shall nominate a slate of officers. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.
- Article 2 Regular meetings shall be held once each month. Special meetings shall be called by the President or by petition signed by ten active members.
- Article 3 The social activities of the club shall consist of such events as the club may, from time to time, wish to promote.
- Article 4 Standing committees shall be organized during the fall semester of each year under the supervision of the Executive Council.
- Article 5 Candidates must have fifty-one percent of the vote of those members present and voting in order to be elected to office.
- Article 6 A quorum shall consist of a majority of the voting members.
- Article 7 This club shall not provide monetary gain, incidentally or otherwise, to its directors, officers, or membership, except the payment of wages, salaries or incentives by the organization for services rendered.
- Article 8 If this club is disestablished, the funds shall be given to the University of Minnesota Animal Science Department with the provision that they be used to initiate a new club if the interest is expressed within five years. If there is no interest expressed, the money shall then be donated to the Animal Science Department for animal research.

Article 9        The title of Honorary Advisor may be bestowed upon a retired faculty member by a majority vote of the members present at any regularly scheduled meeting. The Honorary Advisor will be welcome at all club meetings and activities.

Article 10      The President shall be responsible for standing committees.

Article 11      Committee chairs must submit a report at the end of the academic year that contains committee activities and problems to the President.