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## Caldwell County Republican Men's Club Constitution

As Adopted 2008

### ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Caldwell County Republican Men's Club, hereinafter referred to as the Club.

### ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

**Section 1:** The purpose of this organization shall be:

- a. To advance and safeguard the best interests of the people in our county, state, and nation;
- b. To promote harmony, goodwill, and understanding among its members;
- c. To encourage the exchange of ideas and knowledge for the purposes of improving the effectiveness of the Republican Party;
- d. To acquaint the public with the philosophy and goals of the Republican Party; and
- e. To assist in the accumulation of funds to assist in the campaigns of Republican candidates for local, state, and federal offices.

**Section 2:** The club shall not participate in any dispute within the Party, and will not, as an organization, endorse any candidate in the Republican primary or use Club monies for the support of any individual running in a primary.

### ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Club is open to any male in Caldwell County registered Republican. An annual membership fee of \$10 is required of each member.

### ARTICLE IV – REVENUE

**Section 1:** Revenue shall be raised through donations. At no time will the Club's balance exceed \$2999.99

**Section 2:** Disbursement of funds:

- a. The President, through the Treasurer, may disburse funds, not to exceed \$50 at a time, at his discretion.
- b. Any amount of funds may be dispersed by a majority vote of the membership present.

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#### **ARTICLE V – ELECTED OFFICERS**

**Section 1:** The elected officers of the Club shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. All elected officers shall serve a one year term, with the elections being held in February, prior to the County Convention. All officers are eligible to be re-elected for subsequent terms.

**Section 2:** Duties of elected officers:

- a. The President is the chief executive of the Club and shall preside over all meetings and exercise general supervision of all Club activities. He shall appoint all committees he deems necessary or advisable. The President is also an ex officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.
- b. The Vice-President shall perform all duties of the President during an absence, in addition to other duties as may be assigned by the President. The Vice-President is an ex officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.
- c. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings. He shall be custodian of all Club records not specifically assigned to others, and shall submit minutes of each meeting.
- d. The Treasurer receives all monies and shall expend and account for all funds of the Club. At each regular meeting, he shall make a report of income and disbursements. He shall present a written report annually in January or February, prior to election of new officers. This yearly report will be signed by the Treasurer and the President.

#### **ARTICLE VI – ELECTIONS**

**Section 1:** Elections will be held at the February meeting and before the County Convention

**Section 2:** The President shall preside over the elections unless he is a candidate. In that case, he shall appoint a temporary Chairman.

**Section 3:** The President will appoint a Nominating Committee during the November meeting. Anyone seeking one of the elected offices will notify the Nominating Committee no less than 10 days prior to the February meeting. The Committee will nominate a slate of officers after which nominations will be taken from the floor. Floor nominations require seconds.

**Section 4:** Any registered male Republican may vote.

**Section 5:** A majority of the votes cast shall be required for election of officers. If no candidate receives a majority, the candidate receiving the smallest number of votes shall be eliminated and additional votes taken until one candidate receives a majority.

**Section 6:** The Secretary will tally all votes and shall appoint tellers as necessary to assist.

**Section 7:** If a vacancy occurs in any office between annual meetings, the remainder of the Executive Board shall nominate a successor to serve until the next annual meeting. At the next regular meeting, such nominations, along with nominations from the floor, must be voted on as the first order of business.

**Section 8:** Officers elected will assume responsibility and take office at the adjournment of the meeting at which they were elected.

#### **ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS**

**Section 1:** The Club will hold a minimum of eight monthly meetings within a calendar year. The Club will not hold regular meetings during July and December.

**Section 2:** Time, date, and place for each regular meeting shall be determined by the membership.

**Section 3:** Special meetings for any purpose may be called by the Club President.

**Section 4:** Notice of all meetings, whether special or regular, shall be made in such a manner to assure membership 5 days notice.

**Section 5:** The purpose of a special meeting must be clearly stated in the notice and no other action requiring a vote of the membership may take place at said special meeting.

**Section 6:** Guests may be permitted to speak on any matter on the floor for consideration, debate, or vote, with the approval of the President.

**Section 7:** No proxy votes will be allowed.

#### **ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION**

This constitution may be amended by submitting a written amendment to the Club Secretary at a regular scheduled meeting. If seconded, the amendment will be open for comment until the next scheduled regular meeting at which time it must be voted on. The amendment will require a two-thirds vote of members present to be adopted. Filing will then be required as in Article X.

#### **ARTICLE IX – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

“Robert’s Rules of Order, Revised” shall govern the Club in all cases where applicable.

#### **ARTICLE X – EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Constitution for the Caldwell County Republican Men’s Club, voted in regular meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May 2007, where all registered males present constituted a quorum,

was adopted, and will be filed with the Caldwell County Register of Deeds office. Any amending hereto shall also require filing at said office.

This 20 day of July, 2009.



Ronald J. Roukema  
President  
Caldwell County Republican Men's Club