

CHEERS BOOSTER CLUB
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

ADOPTED: September 9, 1996

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Cheers Booster Club
Constitution

ARTICLE I – NAME

SECTION 1. The name of this group shall be CHEERS, hereinafter referred to as “The Club.”

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES

SECTION 1. To give aid in areas that might require assistance toward realizing the objectives of the Deer Park High School Cheerleader program.

SECTION 2. The activities of the club shall not conflict with the policies of the Deer Park Independent School district and shall be sanctioned by the school authorities.

SECTION 3. The club shall be a non-profit organization and shall be non-share holding, non-commercial, and non-bargaining organization.

SECTION 4. To promote better understanding of the students’ obligation within the cheerleader program.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

SECTION 1. Member – any person that is not a current high school student is eligible for club membership and shall constitute the voting body of the club upon payment of dues.

SECTION 2. Patrons – any person or company making a substantial annual contribution to the club shall be designated as a patron and shall be acknowledged in printed programs and/or by letter of appreciation.

SECTION 3. Dues – dues shall be \$30.00 per active family per year and shall be payable at the member’s first meeting of the school year.

SECTION 4. Honorary membership – upon graduation, each student shall be offered a one (1) year honorary membership in the club with full membership privileges except voting rights.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The officers of this club shall be:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Historian(s)
6. Squad Liaison(s)
7. Publicity Chairman
8. Ways & Means Chairman
9. Fundraiser Chairman
10. Special Event Chairman
11. Committee Service Chairman

SECTION 2. The officers shall form the executive committee and will serve from the time they are elected within 30 days of new squads being named or April 1st through the following twelve consecutive months or March 31st. The sponsor(s), high school principal(s), and other school administrators are members serving in an advisory capacity.

SECTION 3. When there is occasion for the club to be represented at any function, the president shall be the club's representative, or delegated in chain of command to the other officers.

SECTION 4. In case of a vacancy occurring in an elected office during the year, the executive committee will make a nomination to be voted on by the membership.

ARTICLE V – ELECTIONS

SECTION 1. The elections shall take place within 30 days of new squads being named or April 1st. Installation of new officers shall be held 30 days after election at the next regular Cheers Booster Club meeting..

SECTION 2. The nominee receiving the majority of votes cast shall be elected.

SECTION 3. Officers shall be elected for a period of one year. Only voting members shall be eligible to hold office.

SECTION 4. Any vacancy occurring in an office shall be filled by election at the following regular meeting with the exception of the president. The vice president shall fill any vacancy in the office of president.

ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. This constitution may be amended as follows: by a two thirds majority vote of the members presents; provided the proposed amendment(s) have been submitted in writing to the membership at a regular meeting and submitted for formal adoption at the next regular meeting, or submitted electronically (via email, or posted on the Cheers' website)

CHEERS BOOSTER CLUB BYLAWS

ARTICLE I – QUORUM

SECTION 1. The presence of at least three of the elected officers and five other members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE II – DUTIES OF OFFICERS (Executive Committee)

SECTION 1. The president shall preside at all meetings of the club and the executive committee. The president shall appoint all committees and in other ways see that the affairs of the club are conducted in a business-like manner.

SECTION 2. The vice president shall take the place of the president in that person's absence. The vice president shall arrange, organize and carry out any/all fund-raising activities and shall be responsible for all funds raised, properly documented and turned in to the treasurer.

SECTION 3. The secretary shall be responsible for making a record of all meetings of the club and shall make a full report at monthly meetings. The secretary shall also be responsible for any correspondence of the club (i.e. mailing notices of monthly meetings and any other notices required for mailing). The secretary shall also assist the publicity chairman with membership.

SECTION 4. The treasurer shall keep a record of all money collected. The treasurer shall also give a full written report at each meeting of the club which clearly describes all types of funds received and monies expended.

SECTION 5. The publicity chairman shall be responsible for the membership drive and keeping any accurate listing of membership information. The publicity chairman shall also be responsible for public relations, public awareness for cheerleader's events, and recognition through various media.

SECTION 6. The historian shall keep a scrapbook of all cheerleader and booster club activities. This book shall belong to the club and shall be kept in the high school cheerleader room upon completion.

SECTION 7. The liaisons shall establish a line of communication between the board of officers, the membership, and the sponsors by contacting each member before monthly meetings to encourage participation.

SECTION 8. The ways & means chairman shall be responsible for forming a committee to choose items to sell at events designated by the booster club. The ways & means chairman will be responsible for transferring items to the events and a storage facility.

ARTICLE III – MEETINGS

SECTION 1. The regular meeting of the CHEERS Booster Club shall be held on the first Monday of each month of the year when possible.

SECTION 2. The president will call the meetings of the executive committee as needed to plan for activities and general membership meetings.

SECTION 3. A special meeting may be called by the president at any time if it becomes necessary.

SECTION 4. A valid meeting shall consist of a quorum. (see BYLAWS ARTICLE I. SECTION 1.)

ARTICLE IV – PROJECTS

SECTION 1. Fund raising projects and/or solicitations shall be conducted in compliance with school policy, municipal ordinances and be cleared with the cheerleader sponsor(s), school administrators and the club.

SECTION 2. All monies raised by the club shall be deposited in the CHEERS Booster Club activity and/or scholarship account.

SECTION 3. All scholarships will be governed by the attached guidelines, and approved by the membership outlined in Article V; Section I. All changes go into effect immediately

ARTICLE V – AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. These bylaws may be amended as follows: By a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided the proposed amendment(s) have been submitted before being presented to the club at a regular meeting; (see ARTICLE III) and provided the vote on the amendment(s) is taken at the regular meeting following their presentation to the club.

ARTICLE VI – CHEERLEADER SPONSOR

SECTION 1. The high school cheerleader sponsor and/or school administrators shall approve/veto all projects and activities of the club. The sponsor shall be notified of all official meetings and executive meetings of the club. (see ARTICLE I, SECTION 1) The cheerleader sponsor and/or the school administrators have the right to require dissolution of the club if, in their opinion, the club is not working toward its objectives (see CONSTITUTION – ARTICLE II).

ARTICLE VII – DISSOLUTION

SECTION 1. The club may be dissolved by the same process as amending the bylaws. (ARTICLE V – AMENDMENTS)

SECTION 2. Should the club be dissolved, the funds in the treasury less any outstanding obligations of the club shall be forthwith delivered to the Cheerleader fund of the Deer Park High School.

ARTICLE VIII – AUTHORITY

SECTION 1. The rules obtained in Robert’s Rules of Order (Revised) shall govern this club in all cases in which they do not conflict with the rules of the club.

ARTICLE IX – FISCAL YEAR

SECTION 1. The fiscal year shall start on June 1 and end on May 31.

ARTICLE X – AUDITS

SECTION 1. An audit shall be performed once each year of the financial records prepared and maintained by the club treasurer prior to new officer installation.

SECTION 2. The audit shall be performed by a qualified person(s) that are not officers of the club, members of the club or affiliated with the Deer Park ISD school district