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PREAMBLE:

Be it hereby resolved, that the Glendale Evening Longhaven Lions Club hereafter referred to as the “Club” does approve of And agree to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of Multiple District 21 and Lions International. Be it further resolved that the Glendale Evening Longhaven Lions Club has abided by and will continue to abide by the “Standard Form Constitution and By-Laws as furnished by the International Association of Lions Clubs”. Since receiving our charter we have from time to time make slight changes in our By-Laws for clarification and so that, all our members may be aware of these additions and alterations, we list below and make a part of our Constitution and By-Laws the following.

CONSTITUTION

1. INCORPORATION

The Club is incorporated to protect the officers and Club from legal action. The Club is a 501 C4 Corporation.

2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 13 Board of Directors will consist of the elected officers as follows

1. President
2. First Vice President
3. Second Vice President
4. Secretary
5. Treasurer
6. Lion Tamer
7. Tail Twister
8. The 3 elected directors of the Club. 1, 2 & 3 year
9. The immediate Past President of the Club
10. The Membership Committee Director

The duties and responsibilities of each officer are defined by the Lion Clubs International Constitution Laws Article II.

3. REGULAR MEETINGS

A. The first regular meeting of the month will be held promptly at 6:00 pm on the second Thursday of the month at the Bitzee Mama’s Restaurant.

B. The second meeting of the month shall be held at 6:00 pm on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Bitzee Mama’s Restaurant. The fore going meeting will have an entertainment or educational program.

C. The Club may adjourn for the summer months of June, July and August when approved by a majority vote of the members.

4. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

The Board of Directors meetings will be held at Longhaven Estates, 5201 W. Camelback Rd. Phoenix, Arizona, on the first Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm. All members are invited to attend the Board Meetings.

5. CLUB WEBB SITE

A club Webb Site shall be kept up to date with all the information on the club and upcoming events.

6. SECRETARY'S FUND

The secretary will be furnished a Debit Card to use for Club supplies, such as postage, copying and other normal business expenses as the Club may incur.

- A. The receipts will be given to the Treasurer for all expenses charged on the debit card.
- B. The Secretary will have custody and keep and maintain general records of the Club including any money from the tail Twister and the sale of club supplies at the meetings, such funds shall be turned over to the Secretary at the end of each meeting or at the conclusion of a fund raising project. The Secretary and Treasurer will be responsible for all funds paid out.
- C. The Sunshine Chairperson (Hearts and Flowers) shall send out cards/flowers to club members or family in distress due to illness or bereavement.
 1. Sunshine Chairperson shall have a fund of \$50.00 maintained by the Treasurer from the Administrative Fund.
 2. The Sunshine Chairperson shall furnish receipts for all funds used to the Treasurer for payment.

7. EXPENSES PAID TO CLUB MEMBERS.

Wishing to promote attendance at the District, Multiple District sessions, such as cabinet meetings, the Club will:

- A. At the discretion of the board of Directors and adequate funds in the Administrative Account, the club shall pay the registration fee for club members for the aforementioned sessions.
- B. Pay the registration fee for the club's appointed delegates and alternates to all sessions.
- C. The Club shall pay for the "Officers Training Day" training session for those incoming officers of the club.
- D. When a Lion informs the club that he or she will attend a session and the club has paid that member's registration, that Lion has a responsibility to the club to attend the session. In the event the Lion cannot attend he or she is responsible to notify club secretary or president at the earliest possible time and explain the reasons for being unable to attend and ask to be excused. The board shall decide whether the club member's excuse is valid and whether the Lion should be billed for the registration fee.
- E. The Administrative Fund should have a minimum off \$1500.00

8. ENTERTAINMENT FUND

To promote outstanding programs for the Club. The Club shall establish an "Entertainment Fund from the Administrative Fund. The forgoing fund to be established at \$300.00 per year.

- A. The foregoing fund to be only disbursed when necessary to pay for refreshments and entertaining or educational programs for the club.
- B. All disbursements from the foregone fund must be approved in advance by the Board of Directors or the Club.

9. TREASURERS PERMISSION TO PAY LIONS BILLS

The Treasurer shall pay all bills from Lions District 21A, Multiple District 21 or The International Association of Lions Clubs on receipt. No prior action required. All other bills shall be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval.

10. SERVICE PROJECTS

A The Club may annually furnish American Flags for the first grade children as selected by the club.

B The club may annually sponsor a Peace Poster contest in the local schools as selected by the club.

C. The club will conduct sight and hearing test for the school children in to local schools and for other organizations as designated by the club.

11. LIONS CLUB CHARITIES

A. The club shall furnish eye glasses for qualified needy children that attend the neighborhood schools. The parents must pay for the eye examine.

B. The Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation

C. Lions Foundation of Arizona

D. Lions International Foundation

E. Melvin Jones International Memorial

F. Lion Camp Tatiyee

G. Leader Dogs for the Blind

LOCAL CHARITIES

1) Salvation Army

2) St Mary’s Food Bank

3) St Vincent DePaul Food Bank

4) YWCA Maricopa Glendale Senior Center Meals

5) Other local Charities as decided by the Club

12. PERMANENT FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

A) Barbecue November

B) Glendale Glitters December 2 week ends

C) White Cane 2 Saturdays a Year

D) Spaghetti Dinner March

E) Garage/Flea Market Sales

F) Pancake Breakfast February Foundation

G) Glendale Glow January Foundation

H) Texas Hold um Foundation

13. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

All prospective members shall satisfy the requirements of the Multiple District and Lions International Constitution.

BY-LAWS

1. MEMBERSHIP FEES AND DUES

A. Dues schedule

	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014
Active Member	\$72.00	\$76.00	\$79.00
At Large	\$72.00	\$76.00	\$79.00
Honorary	**	**	**
Life	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$14.00
Associate	NC	NC	NC
Affiliate	\$48.00	\$48.00	\$48.00
Privileged	\$48.00	\$48.00	\$48.00
** Paid by club			
Initiation Fee	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$30.00

B. The Club shall be empowered to pass onto the club members any dues increase enacted by Multiple District, District 21A or Lions International without Constitution or By-Laws change or Board action

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