

Durham Region Folk Circle
Constitution (Sept. 02)
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1.0 Purpose

The **Durham Region Folk Circle (DRFC)** is a non-profit community organization whose purpose is the following:

- 1) To promote and encourage folk music in the Durham region.
- 2) To provide a forum for musicians to develop their skills in performing folk music both instrumentally and vocally.
- 3) To provide as a resource to the area a talent pool for entertaining at community and charitable functions.

2.0 Membership

The DRFC will consist of people living or working in the Durham Region or people willing to represent the Durham Region as a member of the DRFC.

The DRFC shall be open to people of all ages and talent level. Additionally, the DRFC shall not discriminate against membership based on sex, race, religion, creed, abilities or any other political or social criteria.

Annual membership dues will be set to a token flat rate as follows:

Adults - \$20, Students and seniors - \$15, Families (>3) \$50

Visitors and those who feel they will not be able to attend regularly - \$2 per meeting

Only Annual paid members will have a vote at the Annual General Meeting

3.0 Meetings

The DRFC will meet monthly from September to August on an evening agreed upon by the members at a location agreed upon until a permanent place can be established. The meeting will be informal and relaxed. They will start with an informal jam session taking suggestions from the circle. There will be a break for announcements and light refreshments followed by the "Song of the Month" taught to us by one of the members. We will then return to an informal jam for the rest of the time. Other ideas that could be implemented from time to time are: a performance time where we can perform for each other and some workshops where we can improve our playing skills.

4.0 Public Performances

It is our intention, in the future, to be able to exchange our performances for a permanent home for our folk nights from one or more sponsors such as the Towns of Ajax, Whitby, Pickering, Oshawa or possibly a business such as a bar or restaurant. The DRFC need not be paid for their performances however out of pocket expenses shall be compensated.

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Paid performances will also be sought after. Ten percent of any paid gig resulting from a referral from the DRFC will be added to the club funds.

It is our intention to have an annual fund-raising concert and/or other non-musical functions to promote and grow our club and to maintain a steady bank balance.

5.0 Executive

As a minimum there will be a president, vice president, past president, treasurer, secretary and refreshment coordinator. These positions need not be mutually exclusive. These positions will be nominated and voted on either by closed vote or a show of hands with a 75% quorum each year (usually in August). Future positions will be created as needed. The September

Meeting will be the Annual General Meeting. All members should try to be at that meeting.

5.1 President's Duties

The President shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the DRFC and the Annual General Meeting, and shall be charged with the general management and supervision of the affairs and operations of the club. During the absence or inability of the President, the Vice President may exercise the duties and powers or such other members appointed by the executive.

5.2 Vice President's Duties

The Vice President should be able to take over the general management and supervision of the affairs and operations of the club in the absence or inability of the President.

5.3 Past President's Duties

The Past President should provide continuity/support and advise the new executive.

5.4 Secretary's Duties

The Secretary shall attend all meetings and record attendance and any items of business discussed at the meetings. The secretary is also responsible for all records, correspondence and transporting and signing in and out of club owned music books and materials.

5.5 Treasurer's Duties

The Treasurer shall attend all meetings and keep full and accurate amounts of receipts and disbursements. The treasurer is to receive all monies payable to the DRFC. The Treasurer is to disburse funds of the club under the direction of the executive. The Treasurer and President shall be co-signers for all cheques. The Treasurer will be responsible for the general banking for the club. The Treasurer shall prepare and submit a fully detailed statement for the Annual General Meeting and will provide updates as required by the executive.

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5.6 Refreshment Coordinator's Duties

The Refreshment Coordinator shall be responsible for providing refreshments for the meetings. Receipts for purchases to be given to the Treasurer for reimbursement.

6.0 Personal Gain

The DRFC's business shall be carried out without purpose of gain for it's members and any profit to the club shall be used in promoting the clubs purposes.

7.0 Liability

The DRFC assumes no liability or responsibility for damages or personal injuries incurred by a member of the club, or damages to the member's equipment or instruments, while that member is at or in transit to or from a DRFC meeting or event.