

## MichMinnie's Cooperative Community Constitution

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### PRELIMINARY REMARKS

A brief history: In 1932, the Michigan Socialist House was founded by the University of Michigan Socialist Club (aka the Round Table club). This first house, a rental at 335 E. Ann St., was the first student housing cooperative in North America. 26 members lived in the home now zoned for six people. In 1939, the Michigan Socialist House was renamed the Michigan Cooperative House. In February 1947, the landlord posted an eviction notice, and the ICC purchased the current Michigan Cooperative House at 315 N. State St.

Next door to Michigan was a boarding house ran by a woman named Minnie Wallace. She and her son, Henry, lived in the basement. The history of what happened to Minnie and Henry is folklore. (They say she ran away with a nudist taxi driver). In 1970, the ICC purchased 307 N. State St., named it Minnie's Cooperative House, and painted it Dauphine Purple in honor of Minnie Wallace's favorite color (unconfirmed). In 2006, when Minnie's members repainted the outside, Dauphine Purple is no longer produced, so co-op was painted Super Violet with Purple Rain trim.

In April 2016, members of Michigan Cooperative House and Minnie's Cooperative House voted to rewrite a joint constitution and merge into a joint operating co-op.

### PREAMBLE

We, the members of MichMinnie's cooperative community, at 307 and 315 N. State Street, associate ourselves for the purpose of providing low-cost room and board cooperatively for students in the Ann Arbor area. As members of the Inter-Cooperative Council (ICC), a mutual housing association, we subscribe to the following cooperative principles and values:

- 1. Open Membership:** Membership in this co-op shall be voluntary and non-discriminatory. Members who agree to share in the responsibilities required to run the co-op shall be eligible to join. Specifically, but not exclusively, the Community will not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, political beliefs, sexual orientation, gender, national origin, age, or being differently abled.
- 2. Democracy:** Each member has exactly one vote. All members together control the house, and each member shares equally in Community duties and benefits derived through Community operation.
- 3. Education:** The Community will be a working example of cooperative living and will educate its members and the public in the principles and practices of all forms of cooperation.
- 4. Neutrality:** The Community itself shall remain neutral in all religious and nonpartisan in all political affairs.
- 5. Mutual Cooperation:** The Community shall actively cooperate on practical matters with other cooperates at local, national, and international levels to further serve their members and their communities.
- 6. Distribution of Economic Result:** The year-end savings of the Community may be distributed as a patronage refund to the members.
- 7. Continuous Expansion:** Through support of the Inter-Cooperative Council (ICC), the Community will further the cooperative movement in general, in order to best serve the community.

## ARTICLE I: General

1. The name of the houses which operates under this Constitution shall be called MichMinnie's Cooperative Community, hereinafter and hereinbefore referred to as "the Community"
2. The Community is a member of and abides by the rules of the ICC.
3. Standing Community Rules are the current operating procedure of MichMinnie's. They should not be considered part of the constitution. Standing Community Rules shall be passed or deleted by a majority vote of the members. No rule shall be made which is contrary to any part of the MichMinnie's principles enumerated in the preamble above or which would abridge the rights of any individual members as long as the exercise of such rights does not seriously interfere with the privacy, quiet, or well-being of MichMinnie's members.

## ARTICLE II: Membership

### 1. Membership in the Community requires

- 1.1. Acceptance by the ICC according to the rules and procedure set up by the Board of Directors;
- 1.2. Signing of an ICC contract and payment of a membership fee and purchase of required shares;
- 1.3. Assignment by the ICC
- 1.4. Non-Student Approval

### 2. Duties of Community members

- 2.1. Each member is personally responsible for work assigned to him/her/them by the work manager and/or by general agreement of the house. If a member is disabled or physically handicapped they may hire someone to do their work if accepted by a majority at a MichMinnie's meeting. Under no other circumstances may a member hire someone to do assigned work.
- 2.2. MichMinnie's members are responsible for payment of their charges as determined by the Community and the ICC.
- 2.3. MichMinnie's members must abide by this Constitution, Standing House Rules, ICC Bylaws, ICC Standing Rules, and any temporary rules passes at Community meetings.

### 3. Current Member Referral

- 3.1. A member may be put on referral:
  - 3.1.1. By the House Treasurer, House President and one other member, for non-payment.
  - 3.1.2. By the Work Manager, House President and one other member for non-work.
  - 3.1.3. For any reasons listed as grounds for expulsion defined in this constitution or grounds for current member referral as defined in the ICC Standing Rules, a 50% majority of the House must vote in favor at a House meeting or through a petition.
- 3.2. Any decision to put a member on referral may be appealed to a House meeting.
- 3.3. Any member put on referral will have his/her future contract automatically held for two weeks.

### 4. Expulsion

- 4.1. The grounds for expulsion shall
  - 4.1.1. Failure to pay debts
  - 4.1.2. Non work
  - 4.1.3. Uncooperative behavior, including any actions endangering the health and safety of other members or infringing of their rights in addition to those grounds established in the ICC By-laws and Standing Rules.
  - 4.1.4. Failure to abide by Permanent House Rules, ICC Bylaws, ICC Standing Rules, and any temporary rules passed at a Community meeting.
- 4.2. Quorum for an expulsion hearing shall consist of two-thirds of all MichMinnie's member

- 4.2.1. In case of a motion for expulsion, the House shall hear the evidence from interested parties, and a defense by the accused. Afterwards the accused shall leave the room. This will be followed by an open discussion, and then voting by secret ballot will occur.
- 4.2.2. Expulsion of a member requires two-thirds majority of all MichMinnie's members
- 4.2.3. Standard Community meeting procedure shall be followed, as stated in Section II Article III.

**5. Release from House Charges**

- 5.1. Please Refer to ICC Standing Rule 5.1.7 BOARDER RELEASES: "Boarders not residing in ICC houses are automatically released of responsibility for ICC charges if they are completely released from house charges. Under special circumstances, members who room and board within the ICC may be released from the boarding portion of their contract with approval from the boarding house." (21/05)
- 5.2. Under special circumstances
  - 5.2.1. All MichMinnie's members seeking release from house charges or to buy out of their contracts must fulfill the following:
  - 5.2.2. Notify the President prior to a Community meeting of their intention and desire to be released from House charges
  - 5.2.3. Make a good faith effort to find a contract replacement, including (as examples) posting the open spot on social media or classified web sites.
  - 5.2.4. Pay a release fee of \$50, intended to treat members to farewell ice cream
- 5.3. At the next Community meeting, members should vote on releasing the member on the above conditions. The leaving member may choose to offer an explanation for why they believe a release from house charges is justified.
- 5.4. Any member may call for discussion and a vote on releasing a member of the release fee based on the display of the leaving member's effort. This is a separate majority vote.

**ARTICLE III: Community Meetings**

**1. General Information**

- 1.1. Members are required to attend all meetings unless they notify one of the Presidents at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting, or unless otherwise announced that any particular meeting is non-mandatory.
- 1.2. Members with an unexcused absence for mandatory meetings will be fined work credit hours equaling the length of the meeting, rounded up to the nearest full hour.
- 1.3. Members with three or more unexcused absences during one academic term can be considered for referral or expulsion.
- 1.4. Prior to the first Community meeting of each semester each member shall be given an up-to-date copy of the MichMinnie's Constitution
- 1.5. A draft of the agenda should be released conspicuously several days prior to a Community meeting. Any member is allowed to request an agenda item to be discussed up to 24 hours before the meeting. The President should release a final version of the agenda 24 hours before the meeting.
- 1.6. Quorum for general Fall/Winter Community meetings shall consist of a majority of MichMinnie's members. (During the Spring/Summer term, quorum shall consist of 40% of members in consideration of vacation time) Decisions of Community meetings shall be binding on all members.
- 1.7. At the first Community meeting of every term, the following at minimum must be discussed and/or voted upon:
  - 1.7.1. Community Officers
  - 1.7.2. Work holiday date
  - 1.7.3. Open-house Semester Party date
  - 1.7.4. Quiet Hours for each house
  - 1.7.5. Days and times of Community dinners
- 1.8. The Presidents shall not vote except in the case of a tie, with the person tallying the votes voting last.
- 1.9. A secret ballot must be carried out at the request of any individual member.

- 1.10. Any member can request a neutral facilitator. The facilitator must be accepted by all to be considered neutral.
- 1.11. An absentee ballot may be cast by informing the President of the choice. Absentee ballots must be submitted prior to the meeting. Absentee ballots may be cast for:
  - 1.11.1. Elections
  - 1.11.2. Referral
  - 1.11.3. Room picks
  - 1.11.4. Constitutional Amendments

**2. Special Meetings**

- 2.1. Special Community meetings may be called by the President when necessary (and must be called if a petition is signed by 10% of MichMinnie’s members).
- 2.2. Only agenda items may be discussed during a special house meeting
- 2.3. A notice for a special meeting shall be posted no less than one day in advance
- 2.4. Attendance is mandatory unless otherwise stated by the Presidents
- 2.5. Quorum rules are the same as regular Community meetings.

**ARTICLE IV: Community Officers and Elected Positions**

**1. Community Officers include**

- 1.1. The officers shall consist of (2) Presidents, (2) Board Representatives, (2) Ministers of Operations, (1) Minister of Finance, (2) Maintenance Managers, (2) Groundskeepers, (1) Kitchen Czar, (2) Flight Attendants, (1) Official Scribe, (1) Sin Steward
- 1.2. Whenever possible for every position where (2) of that position are to be elected, but mandatorily for the positions of President and Minister of Operation, one member must be elected living in each respective house

**2. Elections**

- 2.1. Community officers (except the Presidents and Board Representatives) shall be elected at the first Community meeting of a new semester by a simple majority of members voting.
- 2.2. Any member of the Community shall be qualified to hold an office. Nominations may be made at any time prior to or at the election meeting. Members may nominate themselves. Members may run in absentia. When running in absentia a statement must be submitted to a community President anytime prior to the election.
- 2.3. The election process for Community officers shall be as follows: 1) Nominations, 2) candidate statements, 3) questions for the candidates, (4) discussion, during which the candidates shall have left the room, (5) voting (a simple majority of votes cast is sufficient to elect Community officers, but if there are three or more candidates and none receives a majority, there shall be a run-off election, dropping the candidate receiving the fewest votes until one candidate receives a majority of the vote.)
- 2.4. Each elected officer, except the Presidents and the Board Representatives, shall serve until the end of the semester in which they are elected.
- 2.5. The Presidents and the Board Representatives shall all serve one-year terms (including Spring/Summer when possible) and shall be elected at the new members’ meeting in April. Any attending person with a contract at MichMinnie’s, either current or for the following Fall/Winter terms are eligible for nominations and voting.

**3. Duties of the Community Officers**

- 3.1. The Presidents (2) shall:
  - 3.1.1. Receive 4 hours of work credit
  - 3.1.2. Serve as the official representatives of the Community (duties which include but are not limited to coordinating and conducting house tours to prospective members)
  - 3.1.3. Responsible for undertaking several critical ponderences as to whom might have best spirit suited for the continuation of cooperative values

- 3.1.4. Preside over all Community meetings
- 3.1.5. Serve as liaison between the ICC and MichMinnie's members
- 3.1.6. Be responsible for communicating seniority and handling the room selection process and the parking lot/street parking passes process
- 3.1.7. Maintain a list of person(s) banned from MichMinnie's
- 3.1.8. Hold and distribute all room keys, including their respective house's master keys.
- 3.1.9. Be in charge of Community communication channels including email & group messaging platforms
- 3.1.10. Serve as a general example of exemplar cooperativity to Community officers and general members including performing other duties as specified or necessitated by the Community
- 3.1.11. Act as automatic Interim Manager if s/he has a contract for the subsequent term. If this duty is not possible, the President is responsible for coordinating these responsibilities.
- 3.2. The Board Representatives (2) shall:
  - 3.2.1. Receive four work credits for his/her service.
  - 3.2.2. Serve on the ICC Board of Directors and an ICC committee, being a representatives of MichMinnie's interests as part of the interests of the greater co-operative community.
  - 3.2.3. Report back to the Community all actions of the ICC Boards of Directors
  - 3.2.4. Shall also be referred to as 'Out-of-House President,' and can be involved also in house affairs.
- 3.3. The Ministers of Operations shall:
  - 3.3.1. Receive four hours of work credit
  - 3.3.2. Distribute work surveys, create the work schedule, and assign jobs on it as necessary
  - 3.3.3. Organize one mandatory work holiday per semester, with additional to be added upon a majority vote of house members
  - 3.3.4. Be responsible for the work standards of house members
  - 3.3.5. Determine the need for cleaning supplies and inform the Ordering Steward as necessary
  - 3.3.6. Issue fines for non-work, when applicable
  - 3.3.7. Assign members to the Appointed Officer positions listed in Article 4 Section IV
  - 3.3.8. Make and post exam week and holiday work schedules
  - 3.3.9. Be referred to as "Work Manager" in legal matter
- 3.4. The Minister of Finance shall:
  - 3.4.1. Receive four hours of work credit
  - 3.4.2. Collect receipts for the house and reimburse members.
  - 3.4.3. Prepare a budget, keep an account of house money, and make a monthly report on the financial condition to the house.
  - 3.4.4. Attend all ICC Treasurer Training Meetings.
  - 3.4.5. Notify the house of delinquent bills and bill old members who have unpaid bills.
  - 3.4.6. Maintain a vigilant watch over the house funds and inform the membership if any aspect of the budget gets out of hand
  - 3.4.7. Be responsible for maintaining and distributing Partial Boarding Contracts
- 3.5. The Ordering Steward shall:
  - 3.5.1. Receive four hours of work credit.
  - 3.5.2. Be in charge of ordering food, kitchen, and house supplies.
  - 3.5.3. Collect balanced menus from the cooks and coordinate with them to prepare a dinner menu calendar.
  - 3.5.4. Report to members regarding the status of food use in relation to the budget appropriation.
  - 3.5.5. Take inventories as needed by the Treasurer with the help of the Kitchen Czar, usually at the start and end of each term.
  - 3.5.6. Order a sufficient supply of guff tampons
- 3.6. The Maintenance Manager shall: (2?)

- 3.6.1. Receive four hours of work credit.
- 3.6.2. Be responsible for repairs on the house and shall work with the ICC Maintenance Committee on major projects.
- 3.6.3. Help maintain the general condition of the house by keeping posted a list of needed work and advising members on room improvements.
- 3.6.4. Maintain and be responsible for a house tool room to be open to members at the Maintenance Managers' discretion.
- 3.6.5. Attend meetings of the ICC Maintenance Committee.
- 3.6.6. Receive a copy of the house master key for the purpose of member room maintenance work, entering member rooms only with reasonable advance notice or in case of emergency.
- 3.7. The Groundskeepers shall:
  - 3.7.1. Receive three hours of work credit
  - 3.7.2. Be responsible for the general care of the grounds and outside appearance of the houses, including the porches and gardens
  - 3.7.3. Remove snow and leaves from around the house
  - 3.7.4. Be responsible for the use of the garbage, recycling, and compost bins and their placement on the curb on the designated day
- 3.8. The Kitchen Czar (Tsar) shall:
  - 3.8.1. Receive two hours of work credit
  - 3.8.2. Be in charge of kitchen sanitation and organization.
  - 3.8.3. Inspect the kitchen and institute appropriate procedures or policies to keep the kitchen clean, sanitary, and organized.
  - 3.8.4. Work with the Work Manager to ensure that proper kitchen cleans are done.
  - 3.8.5. Be responsible for double checking that the Guff and Non-Guff refrigerator(s) are clean and organized.
    - 3.8.5.1. The Kitchen Czar may organize rotational kitchen cleans.
- 3.9. The Official Scribe shall:
  - 3.9.1. Receive 2 hours of work credits
  - 3.9.2. Keep minutes a Community Meetings and send a copy to the ICC Office.
  - 3.9.3. A majority vote will determine whether members want printed copies of meeting minutes in bathrooms and on the bulletin board. The Scribe may be reimbursed for printing charges through the Minister of Finance
  - 3.9.4. Create and hang members' door decks as soon to the start of their term as possible, or (if necessary) coordinate the project to someone with specific interest. That person may receive one hour for helping, per house.
  - 3.9.5. Forward mail to past members and maintain member forwarding addresses.
- 3.10. The Flight Attendants (2) shall:
  - 3.10.1. Receive one hours of work credits
  - 3.10.2. Arrange suitable social, educational, and experimental functions for the benefit of house members.
  - 3.10.3. Coordinate community relations and promote good relations with our neighbors.
  - 3.10.4. Have the following specific responsibilities with respect to house parties:
  - 3.10.5. Coordinate the design of common room decorations.
  - 3.10.6. In the case of open parties, design the party flier (or coordinate the flier's creation), disseminate the flier throughout the coop system at least 3 days before the party.
  - 3.10.7. Purchase any non-alcohol party supplies (to be billed to "soc ed"). Work with the Sin
  - 3.10.8. Steward for the purchasing of other beverages.
  - 3.10.9. Padlock the keg and beer tap. Manage the changing of kegs when guff beer runs out.
  - 3.10.10. Be designated sober monitor (or coordinate sober monitoring responsibilities)
- 3.11. The Sin Steward shall:

- 3.11.1.1. Receive two hours of work credit.
- 3.11.1.2. Keep the beverage machines full and purchase new supplies as necessary
- 3.11.1.3. Manage the sin fund.
- 3.11.1.4. Maintain a storage area for full and empty bottles/cans
- 3.11.1.5. Supervise the collection and return of empty bottles/cans.
- 3.11.1.6. Be responsible for supplying guff condoms, lube, and rolling papers for the house.
- 3.12. Interim Manager (2 recommended, 1 if necessary) shall:
  - 3.12.1. Be elected during the last meeting of a term when a President has no contract for the subsequent term
  - 3.12.2. Oversee all house operations, until the incoming House President is trained.
  - 3.12.3. Attend Interim Manager raining, which typically occurs two weeks before the last day of the University of Michigan semester.
  - 3.12.4. Communicate to members interim dates, deadlines, policies and procedures related to move-in and move-out.
  - 3.12.5. Distribute and maintain an interim work schedule by allowing members to sign up for chores For example work schedule, refer to Appendix 1.
  - 3.12.6. Maintain responsibility for conducting a house inspection when required by the ICC
  - 3.12.7. Supervise Move-in and Move-out and ensure that rooms-to-be-moved-into are free of dirt, debris and personal possessions.
  - 3.12.8. Coordinate with the [former] Ordering Steward to gauge willingness to help keep staying members' food supply from running dangerously low.
  - 3.12.9. Maintain responsibility for other House President responsibilities when and if necessary
  - 3.12.10. Be eligible to receive compensation from the ICC (details variable)

**4. Spring/Summer term officers' hours**

- 4.1. Presidents - 4 hours
- 4.2. Board Representatives - 4 hours
- 4.3. Ministers of Operations - 4 hours
- 4.4. Minister of Finance - 4 hours
- 4.5. Maintenance Managers - 3 hours
- 4.6. Groundskeepers - 4 hours
- 4.7. Kitchen Czar - 2 hours
- 4.8. Flight Attendants - 1 hour
- 4.9. Official Scribes - 1.5 hours
- 4.10. Sin Steward - 2 hours.

**5. Appointed Officers & Appointed Officers' Duties**

- 5.1. The Nerd Czar shall:
  - 5.1.1. Receive one hour of work credit
  - 5.1.2. Maintain and administer the networks, guff computers, printers, and video game systems and entertainment systems at MichMinnie's.
  - 5.1.3. Call the telecom provider to straighten out any bullshit they're trying to serve us
  - 5.1.4. Assist in house members' personal computing issues.
- 5.2. The Hunter-Gatherer shall:
  - 5.2.1. Receive two hours of work credits
  - 5.2.2. Get fresh produce for the house at the Ann Arbor Farmer's Market.
  - 5.2.3. Assist the Ordering Steward by making trips to the store for other groceries as needed.
  - 5.2.4. Assist the Ordering Steward with food storage and preservation tasks.
  - 5.2.5. Communicate with the Ordering Steward regarding budget and inventory.
- 5.3. The Guff Lover shall:
  - 5.3.1. Receive the gratitude and admiration of all house members, but no work credit for his/her duties

- 5.3.2. Be responsible for supporting house morale and high spirits by providing hugs and other forms of affection to the house members and performing random acts of kindness

## **ARTICLE V: Room Selection**

### **1. General policy**

- 1.1. The President shall be in charge of assigning rooms, where members requesting particular accommodations for medical or behavioral health issues have highest priority and first room choice, and where members with the highest seniority based on the rules below have the second highest priority and next room choice, going down the seniority list from there.
  - 1.1.1. The president should practice confidentiality regarding information shared about a member's needs for particular room accommodations.

### **2. Seniority is determined in the following order**

- 2.1. Current members of Michigan or Minnie's Houses which shall include ex-members who return after an absence of one year or less. These ex-members may not re-enter directly into a single.
  - 2.1.1. Number of terms in MichMinnie's. Spring/Summer shall each count as 1/2 of a term.
  - 2.1.2. Number of terms in the ICC co-ops or Boarding semesters at MichMinnie's, each counting as 1/2 of a term. Spring/Summer shall each count as 1/4 of a term. (Upcoming Spring/Summer term
  - 2.1.3. Number of terms in any other NASCO recognized co-ops, each counting as 1/4 of a term regardless of seasonal term.
  - 2.1.4. Date of contract signing for the semester for which room picks are occurring.
  - 2.1.5. If it is a tie, there shall be a sudden death room possession contest according to the following rules:
    - 2.1.5.1. Starting from a time determined by a President, all qualified members shall enter the room in question and the last one to leave gets the room.
    - 2.1.5.2. The contestants may not touch one another or attempt to force any other contestant from the room.
    - 2.1.5.3. The contestants may not bring any items into the room, including but not limited to: food, laptops, tablets, smart phones, book, cell phones, ect. (Though paper and writing utensils are allowed)
    - 2.1.5.4. There shall be no urinating or defecating anywhere in the room or out the window.
    - 2.1.5.5. If the Sudden Death Room Possession Contest lasts longer than 6 hours, an emergency pistol duel at 20 paces will occur.
      - 2.1.5.5.1. If no pistols are readily available, a both contestants must write a poem on the subject of the room. The poems will be anonymously judged by an odd number of at least 11 members, and the author of the winning poem receives both the room and a 15+ minute foot & back massage by the Guff Lover within 24 hours.
        - 2.1.5.5.1.1. If the Guff Lover does not make good on this stipulation (or if there is no residing Guff Lover), the winning contestant, while entitled to the room, must say the first thing that comes to mind.
          - 2.1.5.5.1.1.1. If nothing comes to mind, the winning contestant is entitled to both the room and one ice cream cone paid for by one of the residing Presidents.
- 2.1.5.6. Other ex-members
  - 2.1.5.6.1. i, ii, iii, iv as listed above
- 2.1.6. Other ICC members and members of other NASCO recognized co-ops
  - 2.1.6.1. i, ii, iii, iv as listed above
- 2.1.7. New members
  - 2.1.7.1. i, ii, iii, iv as listed above

### **3. Selection Procedure (April Meeting)**



- 3.1. A list of seniority ranking of all members who have signed contracts for fall semester, maintained by the Presidents, shall be finalized and released before the April meeting.
  - 3.2. Before the selection process begins, the Presidents (or other current member) shows interested members tour of all rooms in MichMinnie's
  - 3.3. Members according to highest seniority choose preferred room. Absentee ballots for room picks may be used, and if possible, members can submit their an ordered list of preferred choices in advance of the meeting.
  - 3.4. Room selections occur for Fall/Winter before Spring/Summer.
  - 3.5. When selecting a room, a person may select roommate(s). The roommate(s) shall be granted Squatter's Rights (see above) to the room for future room picks regardless of roommate(s)' seniority.
  - 3.6. In the case of contact cancellations during Spring/Summer, choice for the vacated space shall be made according to the seniority ranking at the end of the previous Winter semester. (i.e. in accordance with the seniority list produced in April, no Spring/Summer occupant may count their current Spring/Summer term towards their seniority)
    - 3.6.1. No President, Board Rep, or Work Manager shall be allowed to switch rooms in the middle of their elected term.
4. **Squatter's Rights**
- 4.1. No roomer shall be displaced from their room by someone having more seniority during the course of a semester or between Spring and Summer or Fall and Winter terms.
  - 4.2. If a member lives in a room for the complete Winter term, they have the right to stay in that room into the Spring term.
  - 4.3. If a member lives in a room for the complete Winter term, they have the right to choose to also live in that room for the following Fall term even if they do not live in MichMinnie's over Spring/Summer.
  - 4.4. However, if a member has lived in a single (does not need to be the same single) for four consecutive semesters (excluding Spring/Summer), they may not live in a single for the next two semesters
5. **Unintended Vacancies**
- 5.1. In case of room vacancies during a term, or between terms, members may choose to switch to the available space with priority given to members with highest seniority.

## **ARTICLE VI: Interim**

### **1. General**

- 1.1. *Interim* is the period of time between the University of Michigan semesters. Because the terms of the formally elected Community Officers may be over, oversight over coop operations may be potentially hindered. Interim may last several days.
- 1.2. An elected Interim Manager will assume duties reported in Article V, Section 3.12.
- 1.3. A template Interim Work Schedule is provided in Appendix A.
- 1.4. Food is a gray area. Hopefully the [former] Ordering Steward is willing to help. Otherwise, the Interim Manager is responsible for problem solving.
- 1.5. An inspection of Michigan and Minnie's is coordinated by the ICC to ensure over safety and compliance with code. Details will be provided to the Interim Manager during their training.
- 1.6. Members moving out are must return any stored furniture (desk, desk chair, mattress, dresser, [and box spring]).
- 1.7. Members moving out must clean room, including (but limited to): picking up rubbish, sweeping/vacuuming, removing personal belongings, putting newly guffed items into the designated guff pile(s), and returning their room key to the President or Interim Manager

## **Article VII: Banning Policy**

### **1. Explanation of Banning**

- 1.1. Grounds for banning include:

- 1.1.1. *Uncooperative behavior*, including any actions endangering the health and safety of other members or infringing on their rights in addition to those grounds established in the ICC Bylaws and Standing Rules.
- 1.1.2. Failure to abide by Permanent House Rules, ICC Bylaws, ICC Standing Rules, and any temporary rules passed at a House meeting.

2. **Banning process**

2.1. The banning process listed below is specifically for non-members, defined as people who do not currently have a contract at MichMinnie's (be it for housing or just boarding). All people banned from Michigan house are also banned from Minnie's and vice versa.

2.2. The types of bans shall be:

2.2.1. **Temporary Ban:**

2.2.1.1. *Description:* Under this ban, individuals can be asked to leave if a Community member is uncomfortable with their presence at the house, most likely if they are being inappropriate or belligerent. The ban is effective for 24 hours.

2.2.1.2. *Banning procedure:* If a Community member is uncomfortable with a guest of MichMinnie's, the member must simply express their discomfort to another Community member. House members in the area are then responsible for supporting the member and dismissing the offending guest from the house.

2.2.2. **Common Area Ban:**

2.2.2.1. *Description:* Under this ban, banned individuals are not allowed in common spaces and are allowed in member rooms only with the approval of all residents of the room.

2.2.2.2. *Banning procedure:* A member must get the approval of *any* two Community officers at MichMinnie's. With that approval, the ban becomes effective immediately, and the member (or someone else) should email the house with this decision. All Community members must stand by this decision. Community members who are friends of the banned individual will be responsible for notifying the person with the change in their status at the house.

2.2.3. **Permanent Ban:**

2.2.3.1. *Description:* Under this ban, banned individuals are not allowed on MichMinnie's property.

2.2.3.2. *Banning procedure:* A member must get the approval of *any* two Community officers at either MichMinnie's. With that approval, the ban becomes effective immediately, and the member (or someone else) should email the Community with this decision. All house members must stand by this decision. The president will notify the banned individual that they are no longer welcome at the house and that the ICC has been notified.

3. **Ban Duration**

3.1. With the exception of the temporary ban, which lasts for 24 hours, all bans will be reviewed at the first or second Community meeting of the semester. The president will have a list of all banned individuals and will go over the names and general reasons for banning in order to make sure everyone is aware of who is banned.

3.2. To reverse a ban, a member must add this to the agenda of the upcoming meeting and notify members that this will be discussed. If a member would like to speak to this issue but cannot attend, they should write down what they want to say and ask someone else to read it at the meeting. To reverse any ban or to change a permanent ban to a common area ban, 100% of those present must be in agreement.

4. **Record Keeping**

4.1. For Common Area Bans and Permanent Bans, the house president shall keep a record of:

- 4.1.1. The type of ban
- 4.1.2. The individuals banned
- 4.1.3. The grounds for banning
- 4.1.4. The member(s) who wanted the ban (provided these members consent to their names being recorded)
- 4.2. For all Common Area Bans and Permanent Bans, the ICC General Manager, the ICC President, the Director of Member Services, and all ICC In-House Presidents must be notified of the above record every time a change is made.

**Article VIII: Artwork Preservation**

**1. Matt Wimsatt’s Work/Play Mural**

- 1.1. Any decision made to modify in any way shape or form the mural painted by Matt Wimsatt in the Mich dining room must follow this procedure:
  - 1.1.1. a proposal must be passed at a Community meeting to modify it
  - 1.1.2. the same proposal must be passed with a 2/3 majority at a Community meeting during a different academic semester.
- 1.2. At least one of the these voting meetings should be either Fall or Winter semester.

**2. Restoration**

- 2.1. **Steps to restore or preserve all MichMinnie’s murals are encouraged and do not require house approval. Restoration should not modify the original design of the artist.**

**3. Artistic Oversight**

- 3.1. Work done on murals should have at least conceptual oversight by those artistically inclined members, and any issues or complications should be brought to the attention of the entire Community.

**ARTICLE IX: Amendment**

**1. General Policy**

- 1.1. An amendment proposal (or any change to this constitution) may be discussed and voted on at a Community meeting, if proposing member(s) ask a president to create an agenda item for this discussion item at least 24 hours before the scheduled meeting time.
- 1.2. Proposing member should prepare specific language to be voted on.
- 1.3. The proposal and its wording is be subject to change by a simple majority of members present at the Community meeting at which it is proposed.
- 1.4. Amendments and constitutional changes shall be considered passed with 2/3 majority approval.
- 1.5. Presidents should post changes in a physical and appropriately trafficked area of MichMinnie’s.

**Article X: Commitment to Native Plant Life**

**1. General Policy**

- 1.1. The Community should do its best to maintain native (when possible) and non-invasive (at minimum) plant life in gardens and in plantable soil surrounding the house.
- 1.2. The garden shall represent the Community’s commitment to sustainability and its respect for environmental education and awareness.

**ARTICLE XI: House Trivia**

**1. MichMinnie’s colors**

- 1.1. Michigan House: Blue
- 1.2. Minnie’s: Dauphine Purple

**2. House Bird**

- 2.1. Michigan House: Turkey Vulture
- 2.2. Minnie’s: Cold duck

3. **House Mascot**
  - 3.1. Michigan House: Dionysus
  - 3.2. Minnie's: North Campus Turkey
4. **House Motto:**
  - 4.1. Michigan House: Clean hands = Better sex.
  - 4.2. Minnie's: Pine trees are tall but they do not reach the sky.

## **MichMinnie's Standing Rules**

1. **General Policies**
  - 1.1. Smoking
    - 1.1.1. There is no smoking of tobacco products in the house. Except for hookahs.
  - 1.2. Pet Policy
    - 1.2.1. Members are not allowed to keep dogs, cats, or any other un-caged pets while living in Mich House. Caged pets are allowed with unanimous house approval. The current House may approve a pet for a future House. The President is responsible for notifying the ICC of the pet's presence. The House may at any time vote to remove a pet. Any damages (including odor) done by the pet will be charged to the owner of the pet. (Refer to ICC standing rule 8.4: Animal Policy for more details)
  - 1.3. Parking Policy
    - 1.3.1. All residents of the Community wishing to park in the lot must register their car and contact information on a master list at the start of each term, to be compiled by the Presidents.
    - 1.3.2. Parking spots in the lot (5-6 parked diagonally next to Minnie's, 1 parked parallel and as close as possible to Mich) will be assigned to members on the master list based on seniority, as defined by Article 5 Section II of the constitution
    - 1.3.3. Clause 1.3.2 is not applicable during the University of Michigan's academic breaks or ICC's interim period. These time periods shall follow the "First come, first served" rule, with no pouting or passive aggression ensuing for a loss of one's spot.
    - 1.3.4. Any members not assigned to park in the lot should request a street parking pass from the Presidents, to be processed by the ICC.
    - 1.3.5. No one should park in such a way that blocks in another car for more than 5 minutes unless said person alerts the Community via group message that they are parked egregiously. Said person should be available at a moment's notice to move their car if requested to do so by another member.
  - 1.4. Five Minute Rule (a.k.a. Fives)
    - 1.4.1. Any person who is currently occupying a piece of common room or porch furniture may when leaving their seat call "fives." Said person has 5 minutes to return to their seat during which time no person may take their seat without the scorn and ridicule of all house members. After five minutes said person shall have no more or less claim to said piece of furniture than any other person.
  - 1.5. Bikes in the Bike Shed
    - 1.5.1. All members are entitled to the code to the Bike Shed. Bikes should be placed in the bike shed or on a bike rack with consideration for other users. Bikes should not be attached to the porches, the side steps, or other parts of the buildings.
  - 1.6. Storage Room

- 1.6.1. Any member living at MichMinnie's can store any personal belongings in either of the storage rooms one term preceding and for the duration of their ICC contract at MichMinnie's (Spring/Summer counts as one term).
- 1.6.2. Items in the storage rooms must be labeled with the member's name and contract period.
- 1.6.3. Upon termination of their contract, said member has one additional term to remove any personal belongings from the storage room.
- 1.6.4. If said member has not removed their items from the storage room by this time, a concerted effort shall be made by the President and Work Manager to contact said member.
- 1.6.5. If unable to contact said member by the following work holiday, all remaining goods shall become guff.
- 1.7. Guests
  - 1.7.1. Members may have guests over to the house within reason. Guests are welcome to eat house food, use amenities, and sleep in member rooms or common spaces. Guest must clean up after themselves.
  - 1.7.2. If a guest is over to the house on a very regular basis/extended period of time, the guest shall either sign a boarding contract, contribute work to the house, or be told to limit their usage of house amenities and food. Any member may present an opinion about such a situation with the House Presidents or have it added to the agenda at a community meeting.
  - 1.7.3. If a guest is being uncooperative in their usage of Community resources and is not receptive to a discussion around their behavior, a ban may be put into place.
  - 1.7.4. If a member is a guest of the Community (e.g. a co-oper from out of town) the Community must approve the member as a guest by majority vote. The guest of the house should submit a short description of themselves and their reason for visiting Ann Arbor, which will be sent or read to the Community prior to voting. This vote can either occur at a Community meeting or via an online poll.
  - 1.7.5. All guests must have a host member who is responsible for them if they are not a guest of the house.
  - 1.7.6. Guests should never receive the house door codes. In the case of guests of the Community, a temporary door code can be created for them during their stay, to be deleted upon their departure.
- 1.8. Clothing Optional
  - 1.8.1. Clothing is optional in all common rooms of MichMinnie's. Any person exercising said option must use a towel when seating themselves upon any surface. Keep in mind that simply because a member is naked does not mean that they are guff. No meat on the chopping block.
- 1.9. Gas mileage reimbursement
  - 1.9.1. The Sin Steward and Hunter Gatherer may be reimbursed for trips where a car is necessary at a rate of \$3.50 per trip to pay for gas and strain on their cars. To receive reimbursement a member must turn in receipts from their trips to the Treasurer. The Treasurer is responsible for reimbursing these members at the end of each term.
- 1.10. Work Hour for Extended Absences
  - 1.10.1. If a house member is absent from the house for a period of time exceeding 14 consecutive days they are not responsible for regular missed work hours. Members must inform the Work Manager in advance of their absence so that suitable substitutions may be worked out. If the member is an officer they must either make plans to ensure their work is done ahead of time, made up afterwards, or they may resign their position. If the Work Manager feels that a member is trying to abuse the system they should bring the issue to the President.
- 1.11. Noise Policy
  - 1.11.1. As a general rule members should be respectful of other members with the amount of noise that they are making, especially during quiet hours established at the first house meeting of each term.

If a member feels another member is making too much noise they should speak to them about it. If the noise continues to be a problem the President should be informed.

1.12. Air Conditioner Charge

- 1.12.1. A charge of \$15 per month (amount to be re-assessed by the treasurer each year) will be assessed for each air conditioner in use. The Treasurer will be responsible for making sure that all members are assessed these charges appropriately.

**2. Member Rooms**

2.1. Clean-Up When You Leave

- 2.1.1. House members are responsible for cleaning up their room by the last day of the contract period. Failure to do so shall result in fines from the ICC Interim Committee.

2.2. Paint Policy for Member's Rooms

- 2.2.1. Members may paint their rooms any color and be reimbursed for paint costs subject to the following conditions:
- 2.2.1.1. The color chosen must have a rating of 60 or greater on the LRV or Light Reflective Value scale or must be approved by the Community beforehand.
  - 2.2.1.2. All mural designs or other modifications to the basic paint job must be approved by the house beforehand
  - 2.2.1.3. Any damage to the windows, carpet, paint tools or other parts of the room may be assessed to the member as a fine up to the cost to have the damage repaired. (House labor shall be assessed at \$7 per person hour).
  - 2.2.1.4. Oil based paints may NEVER be used.
  - 2.2.1.5. Rooms may not be painted more than once a year. The house Maintenance Manager shall be responsible for keeping a log of when rooms have been painted.

2.3. Mandatory Doubles

- 2.3.1. Rooms 1B, 2, and 9 in Mich House and Rooms 8 and 10 in Minnie's shall be designated mandatory doubles over the Spring and Summer terms. Minnie's Room 4 shall be at least a double if a triple is not feasible. Members will be given the chance to select these rooms in the same fashion as other rooms are picked, but they are required to either pick a roommate at room selection or to sign a roommate request form at the ICC office. The President will ensure that members living in mandatory double rooms by themselves have submitted roommate request forms to the ICC office.
- 2.3.2. Any member found to have not submitted a roommate request form will be fined an amount equaling house charges plus 4 work hours a week for the entire time they were living in that room without a roommate. These fines are to make up for the potentially lost house charges and work hours that would have come from having an additional member living in that room with them.

2.4. Beds, Bunk Beds, and Lofts

- 2.4.1. All lofts, bunk beds, and regular beds in a member's room may be removed by a member during their contract period, so long as these beds are replaced by the time they move out.
- 2.4.2. If a member confirms with the next resident of the room that they do not want a bed, bunk bed, or loft for that term, the bed does not have to be replaced, but the responsibility of the replacement is transferred to the new member. The Interim Manager must be informed of this agreement and make sure the information is passed on so the new member may be held accountable.
- 2.4.3. If a bed/loft/bunk bed is not replaced by the end of the term and the incoming member requests it be returned to its original state, the Interim Manager or another member appointed by the Interim Manager will be in charge of replacing or fixing the loft or bunk bed. The exiting member is responsible for the cost of replacing/repairing the bed.

**3. The Constitution and House Meetings:**

- 3.1. Annual Constitutional Updation Committee (CUAC)

- 3.1.1. Each year in the Winter Term the house *should* form a committee to review, revise, and update the Constitution and the Standing House Rules. The committee will be formed at a house meeting by the end of February and will bring proposals back to the house for approval as necessary.
- 3.2. Clipboard
  - 3.2.1. The Clipboard shall be posted in the dining room above the silverware cabinet. The Clipboard shall be used to register constructive comments, helpful suggestions, genuine concerns, rude remarks, groveling quips, sniveling low-blows, and petty snipes. The current entries shall be read aloud by the House President immediately following the minutes approval (or agenda review if there are no minutes to approve) at every House Meeting.
- 3.3. Meeting Attendance
  - 3.3.1. All members are required to attend all meetings. Valid conflicts must be reported to one of the house presidents a minimum of 24 hours in advance - members must make a valiant effort to make their excuse sound legitimate and concrete. Any member who misses a house meeting for any reason (excluding extreme circumstances) and has not notified one of the presidents 24 hours previous is responsible for work hours equivalent to the scheduled length of the meeting at the presidents' discretion.

#### 4. Administrative Issues

- 4.1. Orientations
  - 4.1.1. All new house members must go to the ICC New Member Orientation (NMO) and a casual MichMinnie's New Member Orientation organized by the House Presidents. All new officers must attend the ICC Cooperative Leadership Training (CLT). All officers must attend New House Officer Training (NHOT) for their specified role. All ICC trainings are mandatory, lest you be fined an outlandish amount determined by the ICC for your absence. Exceptions can be made only in extenuating circumstances.
- 4.2. Iterative Issues
  - 4.2.1. At the first House Meeting of each Fall, Winter, and Spring/Summer term, the house shall decide
    - 4.2.1.1. at what time and what days dinner will be served,
    - 4.2.1.2. quiet hours,
    - 4.2.1.3. when the semester party will take place, and
    - 4.2.1.4. when work holiday will take place
  - 4.2.2. For the benefit of any new members, the Presidents will explain basic house meeting process, community norms, parking etiquette, and any other pertinent information.
- 4.3. Keys
  - 4.3.1. The President shall be in charge of all house keys and will keep records of all keys issued. If a key is lost during a term, a \$5 stupid fee will be added to the member's charges for replacement of the key. Members shall return all keys to the President at the end of their contract period. If a key is not returned at the end of a contract period a \$10 fine per key will be assessed to that member.
- 4.4. Forwarding Addresses
  - 4.4.1. Before moving out, all members should submit a forwarding card to the Secretary or the Interim Manager. The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining a forwarding address file and insuring that the next Secretary receives said file.
- 4.5. Non-Student Approval Process
  - 4.5.1. If the prospective member is present for a house meeting they shall give a brief description of themselves and why they would like to live in the Community. House members will be given the opportunity to ask questions if there is a need for further information. The prospective member will then be asked to leave the meeting. The house will discuss the prospective member and vote, needing majority to approve the member.

- 4.5.2. If a member cannot be present for a house meeting the Presidents will email the prospective member's self-written description to the house and vote either at the next meeting or via an online poll, if waiting for the next meeting is impractical. Again, majority wins.
- 4.5.3. Current member who are becoming non-students will be voted on at a house meeting or via an online poll. If the current member is in good standing with the house, they should be approved. This is not to be confused as a method of expulsion. Members are obliged to handle interpersonal and other member conflicts through the referral process.
- 4.5.4. If a person has already been approved by a house vote for non-student status one time, a President and one other house officer may re-approve that person for subsequent terms. A person may not be re-approved by this method if they are on referral, if more than 1 year has passed since they were last a member, or if a house vote denies them approval.
- 4.6. Digital Votes
  - 4.6.1. Digital votes are permitted in place of traditional house meeting discussion and voting if it is impractical to wait for a meeting or to call a special meeting. A majority of current house members must vote affirmatively for the vote to pass.
  - 4.6.2. Changes to the constitution or House Standing Rules, member expulsions, and other important issues may not be put to a digital vote.
  - 4.6.3. If at least 10% of current members express concern to a President over a digital vote, the vote must be discussed and taken at an actual house meeting.

## 5. **Kitchen, Boarding, and Food**

- 5.1. Full Boarding
  - 5.1.1. Boarders who are not living at Mich House or Minnie's may sign a boarding contract if they are:
    - 5.1.1.1. A student as per ICC rules,
    - 5.1.1.2. A former member of Mich or Minnie's, or
    - 5.1.1.3. Approved by the house
  - 5.1.2. Full boarders will pay boarding charges, as determined by the Treasurer at the beginning of a term, and contribute 2 work hours a week to the house. Full boarders must sign official contracts at the ICC office in order to board.
  - 5.1.3. All money earned from boarders and partial boarders will be deposited into the house account and put towards the cost of food.
- 5.2. Partial boarding
  - 5.2.1. Partial boarding is offered at the house level for those people who do not wish to take all of their meals at the house. In order to partial board a person must have a preexisting relationship with the house. If a person is not a former member or a friend of a current member, they may not partial board.
  - 5.2.2. Partial boarding will be implemented and monitored by the Treasurer. Partial boarders must inform the Treasurer of their intent to partial board and establish a contract with them.
  - 5.2.3. MichMinnie's Treasurer shall distribute partial boarding contracts to each partial boarder prior to their start of boarding.
  - 5.2.4. Partial boarders will do 1 hour of work per week regardless of the amount of times they eat at the house.
- 5.3. Spring/Summer Boarding
  - 5.3.1. Michigan House provides boarding over the Spring and Summer terms. All roomers are required to board. Full and partial outside boarding contracts are offered.
- 5.4. Rotational Cleans
  - 5.4.1. The Work Manager can choose to assign mandatory rotational kitchen cleans during their officer term. If they choose to do so, all Community members will be required to contribute one hour of labor to the kitchen per term (1/2 hour for Spring or Summer Term). The schedule of rotational cleans shall be decided by the Work Manager.



- 5.5. Meals
  - 5.5.1. Cooks are responsible for making comprehensive, nutritious, and tasty meals from the ingredients provided by the Ordering Steward. The Ordering Steward shall do their best to ensure that a variety of appropriate ingredients are available for cooks to make dinner with. Cooks may submit special ordering requests for specific meals to the Ordering Steward at least a week in advance. The Ordering Steward should honor these requests as long as they are within the constraints of the budget.
  - 5.5.2. An appropriate meal for the house should consist of enough servings for every single Community member, including:
    - 5.5.2.1. a main dish with appropriate alternative for those in the Community with diet restrictions (i.e. vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free, Halal, etc.),
    - 5.5.2.2. side dish (vegetables, rice, potatoes, etc.),
    - 5.5.2.3. salad, and
    - 5.5.2.4. a dessert; or something with similar quality and nutritional value.
  - 5.5.3. The Kitchen Czar and Work Manager should monitor meals to ensure they meet these standards. If a meal is lacking in some area, it is the Work Manager's responsibility to give the cooks a warning, and the Kitchen Czar should help the cooks brainstorm ideas for improvement.
  - 5.5.4. 5.5.3 Cooks should use food appropriately and economically when preparing meals. If there are leftovers or food that will not keep for very long it should be incorporated into dinner when appropriate. The Kitchen Czar and Ordering Steward should keep cooks informed of food which should be considered top priority for use in dinner.
  - 5.5.5. 5.5.4 The number of meals per week shall be determined by the Work Managers from the number of person hours available to utilize.
- 5.6. Save Plates
  - 5.6.1. Any member may request a Save Plate by either signing up on the dining room chalkboard or via group messaging, as agreed upon by the house. At 9:00 A.M. the next day, all save meals in the guff fridge become guff.
- 5.7. Food Ordering Policy
  - 5.7.1. Michigan House commits to ordering food that is fair-trade, locally grown or produced, organic, and free range whenever possible and feasible. If the cost, availability, or logistics make it impossible or impractical the Ordering Steward may choose not to order a particular food or to choose a reasonable alternative.

## 6. **House Finances and Fines:**

- 6.1. Budgetary Issues
  - 6.1.1. The Treasurer will propose a budget for Michigan and Minnie's house at a special "Budget Meeting" between the first and second house meetings of each term.
- 6.2. Fines
  - 6.2.1. If a member misses a work shift, they shall be given a makeup hour. If makeup hours are not completed within 1 month of the date they were assessed the member shall be fined for them at a rate of \$15 per hour.
  - 6.2.2. If non-work becomes a serious problem a member may be expelled or placed on referral in accordance with ICC and house rules. The seriousness of the non-work problem is at the discretion of the Work Manager and house. It is not necessary for the member to advance through all other penalty levels listed above to receive referral or expulsion for non-work.
  - 6.2.3. If a member receives greater than \$90 worth of work fines in a single semester they are no longer eligible for officer positions for the next election.
  - 6.2.4. The Work Manager is responsible for informing the Treasurer on a regular basis of the fines that need to be assessed and the Treasurer shall ensure the fines are assessed to the member accounts

by the ICC office finance staff. The Work Manager shall keep the President and those being fined informed of all fines that are assessed.

6.2.5. The President has the authority to assign makeup hours and fines to officers as appropriate. Makeup hours/fines shall be assigned if there is work to do and an officer is continually not meeting their work-hour requirement, if assigned projects are not completed in a timely manner, or other situations deemed appropriate by the President. Makeup hours not completed within a month shall be assessed as fines at a rate of \$15 per hour. If an officer is continually given makeup hours or fined the section on officer recall should be referred to.

6.2.6. All fines and penalties may be disputed at a house meeting.

6.3. **Damage**

6.3.1. If a member causes significant damage to a room they may be fined by the Maintenance Manager and/or President subject to the approval of the house at a house meeting up to the amount required to fix the damage. This shall apply to damage outside of normal wear and tear, particularly in cases of Damage from Abuse, Misue and Neglect, outlined in Standing Rule 15.10

7. **Social Education**

7.1. **Publications**

7.1.1. Current publications shall remain in common rooms.

7.2. **TV Reservation**

7.2.1. Only members of the Community may reserve the television. Reservations shall be made via group message or email to the Community.

7.3. **Noise Violations**

7.3.1. A member who accepts a noise violation ticket resulting from a house event may be automatically reimbursed for the amount of the fine. This only applies to parties or other events that were voted on and approved at a house meeting. Any event resulting in a noise violation that was not approved at a house meeting is subject to individual consideration at a house meeting. The member who accepted the ticket must present record of payment of the fine to the house Treasurer to be reimbursed.

7.4. **Euchre Rules**

7.4.1. **Screw the Dealer:** The dealer must make a call on the second pass of bidding. A player may not defend alone on a screw.

7.4.2. **Farmer's Hand:**

7.4.2.1. A player with three nines may exchange those cards for the three bottom cards of the nest.

7.4.2.2. The other team is allowed to challenge a player's nine exchange for honesty, at which point the exchanged cards must be revealed. If their challenge is correct, the challenging team gets 1 point. If the exchanging player is revealed have made an honest swap, the team of the exchanging player receives 1 point. After a challenge, the cards are redealt.

7.4.3. A euchre is worth 2 points. A euchre sweep is worth 4 points

7.4.4. **Going alone:**

7.4.4.1. Players may go alone (the partner sits out), in which case that player's team receives 4 points for winning all 5 tricks.

7.4.5. **Dealing:**

7.4.5.1. Players must make two passes on a deal. In total, a player must receive 5 cards.

7.4.5.2. A misdeal occurs when a player receives a number of cards different than 5 or when a player's card is displayed. If a misdeal occurs before the top card of the nest is turned over the dealer may re-deal. If it occurs afterward the player loses the deal.

7.4.5.3. A dealer should offer the cut to the player to their right. The player cutting should cut towards the dealer and there should be at least 4 cards (the size of the nest) in each half of the cut.

- 7.4.6. No Intentional Reneging:
  - 7.4.6.1. Players may not intentionally renege. This is bad sportsmanship and super rude. In the event of an intentional renege, the opposing team shall be awarded two points. Unintentional renege also earns the opposing team two points, because determining intention can be difficult.
- 7.4.7. Stealing the Deal:
  - 7.4.7.1. is acceptable.
- 7.4.8. Previous Errors:
  - 7.4.8.1. Each time the top card of the nest is turned over all previous errors are considered legal and may not be changed. This includes stealing the deal, so legally the person who was skipped may not deal out of sequence to make up for the missed deal.
- 7.4.9. Changing the Card Played:
  - 7.4.9.1. Once a card has been played it may not be changed. The only exception is if a player does not follow suit with the original card and then changes cards to follow suit. This must be done before the trick is won, otherwise the player has reneged.
- 7.4.10. Table Talk:
  - 7.4.10.1. is evil.
- 7.5. Foosball
  - 7.5.1. General Rules
    - 7.5.1.1. Spinning is allowed
    - 7.5.1.2. Games are first to 10, win-by-two
    - 7.5.1.3. Hayden and Ryan rules are observed and should be determined prior to the first goal. If a goal is scored prior to the discussion, Ryan rules are observe
      - 7.5.1.3.1. Hayden Rules - after every goal, the ball shall be placed on the foot of a midfielder by the team most recently scored on. Ball must touch more than one player for a goal to count.
      - 7.5.1.3.2. Ryan Rules: Ball should always be served through the hole to start play. Goals may be scored immediately after serving - the ball does not have to touch multiple players or teams.
    - 7.5.1.4. Obscure foosball rules about having to keep the ball in motion and “shot clocks” do not apply, however, excessive noodling is discouraged. (Hit the ball already! What are yah, a sloth or somethin?!)
      - 7.5.1.5. Dead balls are re-served through the hole, unless the ball is between the defense and the goalie, where it should be tapped or blown to the nearest player.
      - 7.5.1.6. The ball must remain in the goal in order to count (so in-and-outs do not count), however, it is strict etiquette to tap the ball back in or let the attackers pass it back into the goal to officially count the point.
      - 7.5.1.7. Doubles teams may switch who is on offense/defense as many times as they like.
      - 7.5.1.8. Balls flying out of play:
        - 7.5.1.8.1. May be batted back onto the playing field by any player, so long that they do not close their hand over it or use their hand to throw it at the opponent’s goal.
        - 7.5.1.8.2. Are considered live until they hit the floor or come to a rest (so off the wall is OK)
        - 7.5.1.8.3. May be sent back into play via throw in, aiming for the center line, or by serving through the hole lithem)
          - Inebriated members are fair game.ke normal. (*Note - like soccer, throw-ins are considered indirect and must touch a plastic player before scoring, as determined by Ryan S. vs. Dan JV 1/7/2016*)

- 7.5.1.9. For MichMinnies members: if a game is won 10-0, the losing team must buy beers from the vending machine for the winning team. Only applies for reasonably matched games, i.e. no beginners on the losing team. Soda may be requested as an alternative
- 7.5.2. Regular Season Rules
  - 7.5.2.1. Players may challenge any other house member
  - 7.5.2.2. If the underdog loses, both ranks stay the same.
  - 7.5.2.3. If the underdog wins, the underdog takes the higher ranked player's position on the board, while the higher ranked player's position goes down one (and so on for the members below them)
  - 7.5.2.4. Inebriated members are fair game.