

Lone Star Nudist Group Guidelines, June, 2008

This is a compilation of the ongoing motions passed by the Steering Committee, and as such, can be changed in whole or in part simply by a majority vote by that body.

Membership and Duties

To become a member of the Lone Star Group:

- a. Must be a male, age 21 or older
- b. Must attend two (2) events as a guest. (After a person attends two (2) events as a guest, he will be required to join the group or be denied access to future events for that year.)
- c. Must fill out a Membership application and turn in to the Treasurer or the Liaison at a party with appropriate dues payment. Membership applications, new or renewal, will include questions to indicate which month the member wishes to co-host and whether or not they are willing to host a party at their home or other venue. Co-hosts will be contacted as soon as a date is set for the monthly event they are co-hosting. Those willing to host will be contacted by a Steering Committee member for scheduling.
- d. All members will host or co-host at least one event per year (July-June) to retain their membership. Members who do not volunteer to co-host in a specific month (on their yearly application) will be assigned a month. Co-hosting assignments will be made by a member of the Steering Committee and sent to the general membership. If a member does not fulfill his co-hosting responsibilities on his assigned month, he will be reassigned to a later event at the discretion of the Steering Committee.
- e. If there are any objections to a prospective member by a member of the Steering Committee, then the committee will vote on that membership.
- f. Renewing members who were members of the club within the past fiscal year (July-June) must pay the full annual membership dues regardless of when they renew. New members and former members that do not fall into the previous category pay prorated membership dues.
- g. Members will be assessed bank fees for any bounced checks.

Steering Committee

- a. The Steering Committee will have a maximum of nine (9) members elected in May of each year.
- b. Ballots for voting for the Steering Committee will include a face photograph (when appropriate) of each candidate as some members may recognize a face but not a name. Two ballots will be placed in the envelopes going to couples rather than having a separate mailing for each person. Excess ballots after the mailing will be destroyed. The ballots will be counted by two current Steering Committee members and a member of the general membership at the May party. A summary is to be prepared, signed and announced by the counters. In the event of a tie, a coin toss will determine the winner. The ballots will be destroyed after the results have been announced.
- c. If the number of committee seats equals or exceeds the number of candidates, no election will be held, and all candidates will become the Steering Committee.
- d. Steering Committee may fill an open seat by appointment of a member..
- e. Each Steering Committee member will be the liaison for at least one party a year and host (or coordinate) one prospective member party during the year.
- f. In recognition of the added responsibilities, Steering Committee members receive complimentary membership for the year in which they serve. If a member quits or is removed from the committee, he will pay for full annual membership.
- g. The Steering Committee may vote to remove a committee member for cause by a 2/3 majority vote.
- h. Steering Committee meetings will be chaired by the member at whose home the monthly meeting is held.
- i. Current and incoming Steering Committee members will attend a retreat to share information and arrange job duties.
- j. If an attendee needs to be confronted about behavior during an event, two (2) or more Steering Committee members must be present.

Events

Illegal drugs are never allowed at Lone Star functions. If someone is caught using illegal drugs at one of our club functions, they will be asked to leave and their membership revoked. This will be strictly enforced during party hours.

Steering Committee members need to watch out for problems caused by excessive drinking, especially if someone has already been drinking before they come to an event.

Prospective member potlucks take place every other month.

Regular parties will take place once a month. All parties will have a starting time and ending time. There will be no open-ended parties. Members and/or guests arriving early for a party are not to be admitted until the designated starting time for the party. If there is a limit to the number of RSVPs that can be accepted for an event. It will be announced on the invitation.

Full price for attending a party is \$10.00. If a member RSVPs by the deadline, he gets a \$3.00 discount. If a member RSVPs for a party and does not show up, he will be required to pay the full fee for that party. The money will go directly to the treasury. RSVPs must be received by the official person announced on the invitation.

Out of town guests will pay the same fee as one of our members would when attending one of our events, so long as they belong to a similar group in their home city. Out of town guests are held to the same membership rules as our members.

Each member may invite only one (1) guest or couple per party. Guests will pay \$10.00. The sponsoring member is responsible for his guest(s) and his financial obligations and actions. It is important that the party liaison has a guest fill out a guest slip. Guest nametags need to stand out so that guest are distinguished and are more noticed at parties.

There will be permanent nametags for members. Members who do not want their photograph taken will have that indicated on their nametag to give notice to the photographer.. Photos taken may be used in the Lone Star Nudist Group monthly newsletter and in the IMEN and GNI quarterly publications if they request permission to reprint a newsletter article.

In keeping with our representation as a non-sexual nude social club, video rooms or rooms set aside for sexual activity will not be allowed at parties. Anyone engaging in sexual activity at the party will be asked to leave. "After parties" will not be announced on invitations – if the host wants people to stay after the Lone Star Nudist Group party ends, it is up to him to personally invite them.

The best parties are those that have some kind of participation by the members. Hosts are encouraged to come up with some kind of activity for the monthly parties.

Individuals coordinating the party should try to limit expenses to \$5.00 per attendee. All receipts should be presented to the treasurer within one (1) week of the event. The liaison needs to reconcile the receipts and to organize them at the party before giving them to the treasurer.

We sometimes hold special events for members and their guests. These special events sometimes entail additional expense, and for this reason, it is necessary to increase the amount of the admission fee. A notice will be published in the newsletter and invitation to let the membership know that there is going to be a special event and that the admission fee is increased.

Our Media

Newsletter: A newsletter will be published monthly and will include an advance calendar and notices of scheduled parties for the next month. Our policy is that full names are not used in the newsletter. Where possible, the newsletter will be delivered to members as a PDF file attached to email. Our members (only) can place \$5.00 business card size ads in the newsletter, which must be paid for in advance.

Web site: The purpose of the web site is to solicit new members and keep current members informed of LSNG activities. The web site can include articles about related subjects. We can use photos on the website.

The Treasury

In the event that the Lone Star Nudist Group is disbanded, the members of the Steering Committee will determine which charities are to receive the remaining funds, with each member of the committee having an equal voice in the distribution.