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## Stone Lake Community Club

## Policy on Divorced and Separated Members

Effective 01 January 2008

**General.** This policy is intended to clarify the rules for membership in situations of divorce or legal separation of pool members and is effective as of 01 January 2008.

**Definitions.** For purposes of this policy, a couple shall be considered married until such time as a final divorce settlement, or a final order of separate maintenance and support is reached.

**Membership Responsibilities.** It is the responsibility of each member to notify the board of directors upon changes in their marital and pool membership status at <u>membership@stonelakepool.com</u>.

**Background.** Our bylaws form the basis for this policy. Specifically, the following relevant excerpts relate to this issue:

## • Article 5 – Memberships and Rights There Under

- Section 1: An "Inactive Membership" is one in which the holder thereof, having applied and been approved for membership of the club, voluntarily terminates said membership in a written notification to the Board of Directors. An Inactive member can become active without paying an initiation fee if membership is reactivated within 3 years. If membership is at stated capacity, an inactive member who wants to become active will be placed at the top of the waiting list.
- **Section 4:** The joint ownership of an active membership interest by husband and wife with right to survivorship shall be permissible; otherwise, membership must be owned and controlled by one person who shall also meet the other criteria for membership set forth in these By-laws.
- Section 5: Each membership shall entitle the holder thereof and the members of his immediate family living in his home to use of the pool and other facilities of the Club, subject to the rules and By-Laws of said Club.
- Article 9 Annual Dues and Assessments:
  - Section 1: Annual dues to support the operation and maintenance of facilities and to permit the creation of reasonable reserves for contingencies shall be set by the Board of Directors. Dues must be paid by May 1st of each year or become a "Suspended Member" as defined in Article 5, Section 8.

**SLCC Policy.** The following paragraphs detail the SLCC policies adopted by the board governing married couples that are divorced or issued a final order of separate maintenance and support.



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**Children of Members under the age of 21 and/or full-time students living at home.** All children under the age of 21 and/or full time students living with a member shall be considered entitled to use of the pool provided one or both parents maintain a membership in good standing.

## Members.

- Separation. Married couples holding a joint ownership of an active membership as described in Article 5, Section 4 of our bylaws, may continue to hold joint ownership until the divorce settlement is finalized, or until a final order of separate maintenance and support is reached, provided that dues and other financial obligations to SLCC are met in full and that the joint membership remains in good standing.
- Final Divorce or Final Order of separate maintenance on or before May 1st. If the final divorce settlement or final order of separate maintenance and support is reached on or before May 1st, joint owners of a membership shall be automatically considered individual members and incur separate membership billings for dues and maintenance fees as well as any capital assessments in effect at that time. Initiation fees will not be assessed against either of the joint members. Any outstanding fees owed by the joint account at that time must be paid before either individual membership will be considered in good standing. Further, either of the joint members may elect to go "inactive" under the provisions of Article 5, Section 1 of the Bylaws provided that all current monies due to the club by their previous joint account are paid in full at the time of their written request. The SLCC Board may, at their discretion, grant a joint membership for the current season if membership dues were paid before May 1st, and will consider each request on a case by case basis.
- Final Divorce or Final Order of separate maintenance after May 1st. If the final divorce settlement or final order of separate maintenance and support is reached after May 1st, joint owners of a membership shall be automatically considered individual members, however they will not incur separate membership billings for dues, maintenance fees, and capital assessments until the next swim season. Initiation fees will not be assessed against either of the joint members. Any outstanding fees owed by the joint account at that time must be paid before either individual membership will be considered in good standing for the next season. Further, either of the joint members may elect to go "inactive" under the provisions of Article 5, Section 1 of the Bylaws provided that all current monies due to the club under their previous joint account are paid in full at the time of their written request.

Changes to this Policy. Changes, or exceptions to this policy may be made by a majority vote of the SLCC pool board members.