

EARLY SPHEX CONSTITUTION
ORIGINAL APPENDED TO PAGES 196-198
OF "THE MINUTES OF THE SPHEX CLUB 1910-1930"
CONSTITUTION

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This might be the original constitution

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ARTICLE III. DEPARTMENTS. To facilitate promotion of its objective purposes, such departments as the Club may deem advisable may be organized from time to time. These departments may be declared by vote to be either temporary or permanent.

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forty.

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upon presentation of a candidate's name by the Nominating Committee, and three negative votes shall indicate exclusion,

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Section 5 :- Withdrawal shall be by written resignation addressed to the secretary, who shall offer it to the Club for formal action. But no resignation of a member whose dues are in arrears shall be accepted.

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THIRTY

10 JAN 1930

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CHANGED TO 50%
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NOV 27 1931
ATTENDANCE

13 MAY 1932
CONSTITUTION
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ONE BLACKBALL FOR MEMBER / 24 NOV 33 - RESOLUTION 50% ATT.

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Amendment by the incorporation of a new article may be made in like manner, the difference of procedure being merely that the proposed article alone has to be acted upon.

Amendments to the Bylaws shall be made in the manner prescribed for the Constitution, with the exception that in this case, there shall be but one reading before the Club.

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