# Operating Procedures Northwest Ohio Model Investment Club

## **Club Officers**

The club officers will consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer whose responsibilities are outlined below:

### **President**

- 1. Shall preside at all regular and special meetings of the Partnership and oversee all Partnership activities.
- 2. Shall ensure that all resolutions passed by the Partnership are carried out.
- 3. Shall appoint members to the Audit Committee.
- 4. Shall coordinate the research activities of the Partnership of which all partners are part.
- 5. Shall sign some checks issued against the Partnership brokerage account.
- 6. Shall be authorized to make trades in the Partnership brokerage account if the treasurer is not available.
- 7. Shall prepare agenda for regular and special Partnership meetings.

## Vice President

- 1. Shall take the place of the President when the President is absent or incapacitated.
- 2. Shall coordinate the portfolio management function of the Partnership for which all partners are responsible.
- 3. Shall keep a file of all stock selection reports made by the partners.
- 4. Shall coordinate the education program of the Partnership.
- 5. Shall sign some checks issued against the Partnership brokerage account.
- 6. The vice president will assume the president at the end of the current president's term.

# **Secretary**

- 1. Shall keep minutes of all regular and special Partnership meetings.
- 2. Shall notify partners of regular and special meetings.
- 3. Shall keep a record of attendance for regular and special Partnership meetings.

## **Treasurer**

- 1. Shall maintain a complete set of books.
- 2. Shall prepare and present a valuation statement to be used whenever necessary to conduct club business.
- 3. Shall prepare and file any necessary annual Partnership federal and state tax returns and distribute the appropriate K-1 form to each member.
- 4. Shall reconcile partnership accounting records against partnership financial account statements monthly and report to the partnership.

- 5. Shall deposit member contributions into the partnership financial accounts in a timely manner.
- 6. Shall sign/countersign some checks issued against the Partnership brokerage account.
- 7. Shall issue reimbursement checks from the brokerage checking account to partners (including the treasurer) for all approved, reasonable and customary expenses.
- 8. Shall act as Agent, placing all buy and sell orders authorized by the partners at regular or special Partnership meetings.
- 9. Checks over \$250 drawn on the brokerage checking account shall have a second signature of an officer.

### **Terms of Office**

- 1. Term of office shall be one year.
- 2. The offices of President, Vice-President and Secretary shall be limited to two consecutive years in an office. They may serve in that particular office again after one year.

## **Duties Of Members**

In addition to any officer duties, each member of the club has the following responsibilities to the club.

- 1. Shall set up automatic bill pay from their personal bank account to make their monthly contributions no later than the 4<sup>th</sup> of the month directly to the club brokerage account.
- 2. Shall attend Partnership meetings on a regular basis.
- 3. Shall, from time to time, serve on the Partnership Audit Committee.
- 4. Shall participate in the stock selection and portfolio maintenance functions of the Partnership.
- 5. Shall participate in the Partnership education and research activities.
- 6. Shall agree to take on an officer position on a regular basis.
- 7. Shall agree to complete training necessary to understand the Stock Selection Guide (SSG) club investing methodology.
- 8. Shall have access to and the ability to use a computer and the Internet. Members who plan to attend online must have a high-speed Internet connection and a headset.
- 9. Club communications will be via email. Members must have a working email address and regularly check their email.
- 10. Agree to abide by all items in the Partnership Agreement and Operating Procedures.

## **Meetings**

- 1. Regular meetings of the Partnership shall be held at 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at an agreed upon location or "virtually" over the internet. Members may attend in person or using online meeting software.
- 2. A meeting **QUORUM** shall consist of at least half the members of the partnership.
- 3. In the month of April, the annual meeting shall be held immediately following the regular business meeting. At this "annual" meeting officers will be elected for the coming year and a full and complete annual accounting of the financial condition of the Partnership shall be made to the partners.
- 4. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President. Also, any three (3) partners may request a special meeting (in writing or via e-mail) to the President. The president shall call such a meeting before the next regular meeting. In all cases, special meetings shall be limited to the stated purpose. This must be communicated in advance to all partners.
- 5. Meetings will be open to guests for observation and education. Guests are encouraged to attend regular meetings.

## Voting

Voting may be by voice vote or roll call at the discretion of the Officer chairing the meeting. (President or the Vice-President)

## **Elections**

- 1. Elections for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer will be held at the annual meeting in April each year.
- 2. Nominations for officer positions will be taken at the March meeting each year. After election, the President may appoint an Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, and an assistant Portfolio Manager.

## Attendance

- 1. All members should consider it a priority to attend all meetings.
- 2. Any member who is unable to attend 3 consecutive meetings or misses more than four meetings during a calendar year is subject to review and removal subject to the terms in the Partnership Agreement.

# **Member Fiscal Responsibilities**

- 1. Member contributions must be made on a monthly basis by electronic payment directly to the brokerage such that they are received no later than the 4<sup>th</sup> of the month.
- 2. Contributions are due whether or not the member can attend a meeting.

- 3. The monthly investment amount received from each partner shall be a minimum of thirty dollars in increments of \$10 (and assigned cents) and subject to the restrictions of item 6 "Capital Contributions" of the Partnership Agreement.
- 4. Each partner will be assigned a different number of cents to add to his deposit in order to identify the source of that deposit.
- 5. Any fees assessed by the broker for deposits that are rejected due to insufficient funds will be paid by the responsible member.

## **Club Size**

1. Per the partnership agreement the size of the club will be limited to fifteen members at one time. The secretary will maintain a waiting list of potential members.

## **Annual Accounting**

- 1. The annual accounting for the preceding year shall take place at the annual meeting.
- 2. All financial transactions shall be reviewed by a Partnership Audit Committee yearly in the month of January.
- 3. The Fiscal Year of the partnership shall be the Calendar Year

## **New Partners**

- 1. Prospective new members must agree to the terms of the partnership agreement and operating procedures and meet the requirements listed below prior to being considered for membership.
- 2. Attend at least three meetings as a non-voting guest before being considered for membership. Three is the minimum number of meetings. More can be attended as a guest, if the prospective member needs more time to become comfortable with the club investing methodology.
- 3. Must request to become a member during a meeting.
- 4. A two-thirds vote of the membership present in a quorum shall be required for admittance of a new partner. The new partner will be notified after the vote whether they were accepted into the partnership or not.
- 5. The initial contribution from a new member will be a minimum of \$30 and abide by the maximum as in member contributions above "Member Fiscal Responsibilities".
- 6. Guests are welcome at all meetings without notice.

# **Investment Methodology**

1. The club will select investments using the guidelines, philosophy and teachings and tools of "BetterInvesting".

# **Changes to the Operating Procedures**

- 1. Changes to these operating procedures may be proposed by any partner in good standing.
- 2. Changes to the operating procedures must be presented at two consecutive meetings. The change may be voted at the second meeting and upon approval become active at the third meeting.