

Tomislav GALOVIĆ

## Dubašnica Social Club of America Inc. (New York)

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Građa

Otok Krk je poznat po brojnom iseljeništvu koje je svoj novi dom i zaposlenje pronašlo u Sjedinjenim Američkim Državama, napose u New Yorku i okolici. Proces iseljavanja s otoka započeo je još u 19. stoljeću iz ekonomskih i političkih razloga. Okvirno se procjenjuje da je do 50-ih godina prošlog stoljeća oko 640 krčkih obitelji emigriralo u SAD, ali taj je trend nastavljen i kasnije pa sporadično čak i u naše vrijeme. Među krčkim iseljenicima po broju prednjače Omišljani i Dubašljani<sup>1</sup> pa je bilo razumljivo da su se oni s vremenom u novoj domovini počeli organizirati u zavičajna društva. Prvo su svi Krčani zajedno 1899. osnovali potporno društvo koje se od 1934. naziva *Croatian Benevolent Society of st. Nicholas of Island Krk in New York, inc.* (Hrvatsko dobrotvorno društvo sv. Nikole od otoka Krka u New Yorku udruženo).

No započinju i osnivanja lokalnih društava pa tako 1940. Dubašljani u New Yorku utemeljuju svoje društvo pod imenom *Dubašnica Social Club of America Inc.* (Društveni klub Dubašnica u Americi).

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1 Za omišaljsko područje v. Anton BOZANIĆ, *Omišalj – drevna župa i iseljenici u New Yorku*, Omišalj: Župa Omišalj i Općina Omišalj, 2010., 121-152, a za dubašljansko Tomislav GALOVIĆ, *O Dubašnici i njezinim ljudima. Prinosi za povijest dubašljanskoga kraja na otoku Krku*, Rijeka: Općina Malinska-Dubašnica, Malinska – Izdavačka kuća Adamić, Rijeka – Povijesno društvo otoka Krka, Krk (*Krčki zbornik*, sv. 48., Posebno izdanje Povijesnog društva otoka Krka, sv. 42.), 2004., 209-211.

Kao osnivači Kluba<sup>2</sup> potpisani su Tome Samara (Thomas Samara), Gašpar Žgombić (Gus Zgombic), Ivan Juranić (John Juranich), Ivan Milovčić (John Milovich),<sup>3</sup> Andre Dujmović (Andrew Duymovic), Anton Šegulja (Anthony Segulja), Petar Turčić (Peter Turcic), Frane Vantačić (Frank Vantacich), Ivan Cvelić (John Cwelich), Ivan Milčetić (John Milcetic) i Josip Sormilić (Joseph Sormilic).

*Pravila Društvenog kluba Dubašnica* – koja ovdje donosimo u prilogu<sup>4</sup> – odobrena su 20. svibnja 1940. godine. U njima se, između ostalog, navodi da je zadaća kluba uspostaviti i podržavati blizinu između onih rođenih u Dubašnici, članova njihovih obitelji i potomaka, učvršćivati prijateljstvo među članovima te pomagati članovima da lakše dobiju američko državljanstvo. Za prvog predsjednika izabran je Tome Samara. Klub je imao različite aktivnosti: održavanje sastanaka, organiziranje zabava, zajedničkih večera, piknika, sudjelovanje na svetim misama za pokojne, slanje pomoći domovini i sl. Posebno se svečano obilježava proslava dana Kluba na Bijelu nedjelju, tj. Mali Uskrs.<sup>5</sup>

*Društveni klub Dubašnica* i danas postoji te aktivno djeluje među našim iseljenicima, koji u New Yorku žive već u nekoliko generacija, okupljajući ih i podsjećajući na njihovo podrijetlo i zavičaj njihovih roditelja i rodbine.<sup>6</sup>

Svakako bi trebalo detaljno obraditi povijest ovoga kluba, a ovdje činimo prvi korak u tome pravcu objavljujući u cijelosti *Pravila* i druge dopise vezane uz osnivanje *Dubašnica Social Club of America Inc.* Pravila su pisana na papiru

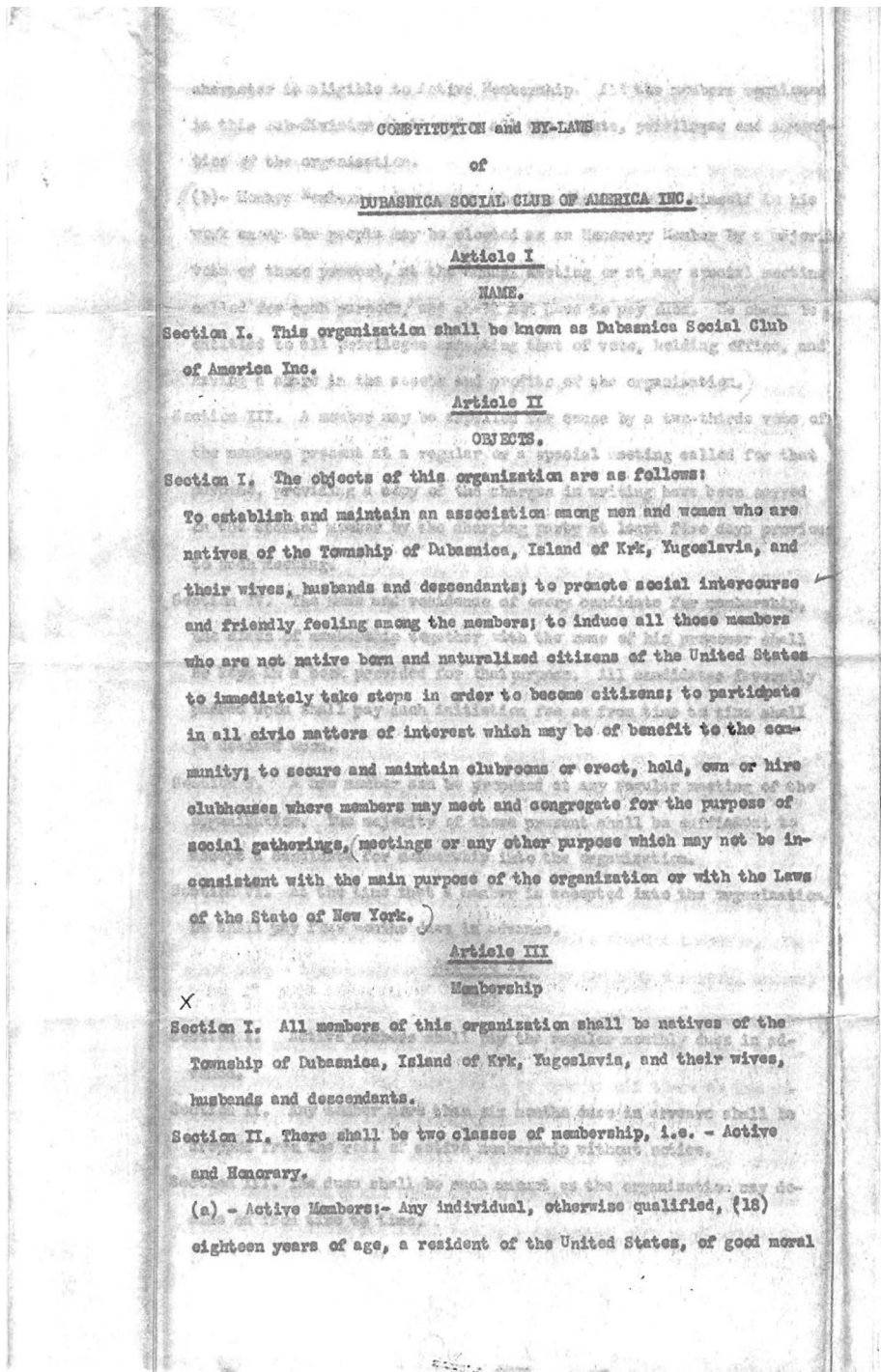
2 U *Potvrdi o osnivanju* (Certificate of Incorporation) Kluba po pitanju njegova imena piše sljedeće: „The word Dubasnica has the meaning in the Croatian language of the name of a Township on the island of Krk, Yugoslavia, and has no other meaning as herein used.”

3 Treba zapravo pisati *Milovcich*, ali je u ovom obliku navedeno u pripadajućim dokumentima *Dubašnica Social Club of America Inc.*

4 Na ovom mjestu i ovom prilikom zahvaljujem Antonu Spicijariću, načelniku Općine Malinska-Dubašnica, čijim sam posredstvom dobio *Pravila* iz New Yorka.

5 Anton BOZANIĆ, *Hrvatsko iseljeništvo u Sjedinjenim Američkim Državama i Krčani u New Yorku*, Krk – New York: Povijesno društvo otoka Krka (*Krčki zbornik*, sv. 34. Posebno izdanje, sv. 28) i Krčki klubovi u New Yorku - Dubašnica Social Club of America, Women's Club of otok Krk, Klub Otok Krk, 1996., 135-137.

6 Tako na web stranici BusinessProfiles.com možemo pronaći sljedeće podatke o Klubu: Dubasnica Social Club of America Inc. was formed on 1940-05-20 in New York; Universal ID NY: 49773; Name: Dubasnica Social Club of America Inc.; Registration number: 49773; Type: Corp; Kind: Domestic not-for-profit C; Status: Active; County: New York; Formation date: 1940-05-20. (<http://businessprofiles.com/details/dubasnica-social-club-of-america-inc/NY-49773>).



Prva stranica Pravila Dubašnica Social Club of America Inc.

pisaćim strojem, a prva dva dopisa imaju i pripadajuće memorandume. Sva ovdje objavljena dokumentacija čuva se u pismohrani *Dubašnica Social Club* u New Yorku.

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**Dopisi vezani uz osnivanje *Dubašnica Social Club of America Inc.***

HARRY M. JUSTIZ  
COUNSELOR AT LAW  
570 SEVENTH AVE.  
NEW YORK

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PENNSYLVANIA 6 - 2141

May 21st, 1940.

Mr. Thomas Samara  
3083 33rd Street  
Astoria, New York

Dear Tom:-

This is to notify you that the Certificate of Incorporation of Dubasnica Social Club of America Inc. was approved by Mr. Justice Ernest B. L. Hammer, Justice of the Supreme Court on May 13th, 1940.

The said Certificate of Incorporation was filed with the Department of State, Albany, New York, on May 20th, 1940. I am enclosing herewith an exact copy of Certificate of Incorporation as approved by Mr. Justice Hammer.

I am also enclosing the following receipts:

1. From Secretary of State for filing and certificate.....\$ 42.00
2. From Manhattan Stationary Co. for seal.....\$ 3.06

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\$ 45.06

As you will notice from the receipt of the Secretary of State, the certificate for framing will be forwarded to me within a short time.

The seal is in my possession in my office and you may have it whenever you desire. I will forward the certificate for framing when I receive it from Albany.

This letter will also acknowledge receipt of \$ 45. from you the disbursements herein. If you desire any further information, please call on me at your convenience.

Very truly yours,  
*Harry M. Justiz*

HMJ: LJ

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Michael F. Walsh  
SECRETARY OF STATE

FRANK S. SHARP  
DEPUTY SECRETARY  
CHIEF OF DIVISION

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STATE OF NEW YORK  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS  
ALBANY

May 20, 1940.

Harry M. Justiz, Esq.  
570 Seventh Ave.  
New York City.

Dear Sir!

Your letter of the 17th inst., enclosing certificate of incorporation of  
DUBASNICA SOCIAL CLUB OF AMERICA INC.  
has been received and the certificate filed today as requested.

The certificate of filing for framing will be forwarded as soon as possible.

Fee \$ 42.00 paid.

Filing \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 40.00

Certificate \_\_\_ 2.00

Yours truly,  
*Frank S. Sharp*  
Chief of Division

ASS'T CASHIER<sup>7</sup>  
[*nečitak vlastoručni potpis*]

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7 Otisnuto malim pečatom.

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Certificate of Incorporation  
OF  
DUBASNICA SOCIAL CLUB OF AMERICA INC.  
PURSUANT TO ARTICLE II OF THE MEMBERSHIP  
CORPORATION LAW

WE, the undersigned, being mutual personal of full age and being desirous of associating ourselves together and of forming a corporation for the purposes hereinafter more particularly described pursuant to, and in accordance with the Acts of the Legislature of the State of New York, relating to membership corporations, certify as follows:

FIRST: That the corporate name by which the said corporation hereby to be formed, shall be known and designated, is DUBASNICA SOCIAL CLUB OF AMERICA INC. The word Dubasnica has the meaning in the Croatian language of the name of a Township on the island of Krk, Yugoslavia, and has no other meaning as herein used.

SECOND: The particular objects for which said corporation is formed, are as follows:

1. To establish and maintain an association among men and women who are natives of the Township of Dubašnica, Island of Krk, Yugoslavia, and their wives, husbands and descendants; to promote social intercourse and friendly feeling among the members; to induce all those members who are not native born and naturalized citizens of the United States to immediately take steps in order to become citizens.
2. To participate in all civic matters of interest which may be of benefit to the community; to secure and maintain clubrooms or erect, hold, own



or hire clubhouses where members may meet and congregate for the purpose of social gatherings, meetings or any other purpose which may not be inconsistent with the main purpose of the organization or with the Laws of the State of New York.

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THIRD: That the territory in which the operation of the said corporation is to be principally conducted is the United States of America.

FOURTH: That the principal office of the said corporation shall be located in the City, County and State of New York.

FIFTH: That the number of directors of the said corporation shall be not more than eleven and no less than seven.

SIXTH: That the names and residences of the persons to be directors of this corporation until its first annual meeting are as follows:

<b>NAMES</b>	<b>RESIDENCES</b>
THOMAS SAMARA	3083 33rd Street, Astoria, Queens, New York
GUS ZGOMBIC	3091 33rd Street, Astoria, Queens, New York
JOHN JURANICH	3159 33rd Street, Astoria, Queens, New York
JOHN MILOVICH <sup>a</sup>	3574 36th Street, Astoria, Queens, New York
ANDREW DUYSOVIC	454 West 22nd Street, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York
ANTHONY SEGULJA	2243 37th Street, Astoria, Queens, New York
PETER TURCIC	1238 Park Avenue, Hoboken, New Jersey
FRANK VANTACICH	6640 75th Street, Middle Village, Queens, New York
JOHN CWELICH	1869 Wallace Avenue, Borough of Bronx, City of New York
JOHN MILCETICH	148 10th Avenue, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York
JOSEPH SORMILIC	203 39th Street, Union City, New Jersey

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8 Treba pisati *Milovich*, ali je kao *Milovich* zavedeno u svim dokumentima koje ovdje objavljujemo.



SEVENTH: That all of the subscribers to this certificate are full age; that at least two-thirds of them are citizens of the United States and that at least one of them is a resident of the State of New York.

EIGHT: That at least one of directors named in this certificate is a citizen of the United States of America and a resident of the State of New York.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have made, subscribed and acknowledged this Certificate of Incorporation in duplicate this 30th day of April 1940.

<u>THOMAS SAMARA</u>	L.S.
<u>GUS ZGOMBIC</u>	L.S.
<u>JOHN JURANICH</u>	L.S.
<u>JOHN MILOVICH</u>	L.S.
<u>ANDREW DUYMOVIC</u>	L.S.
<u>ANTHONY SEGULJA</u>	L.S.
<u>PETER TURCIC</u>	L.S.
<u>FRANK VANTACICH</u>	L.S.
<u>JOHN CWELICH</u>	L.S.
<u>JOHN MILCETICH</u>	L.S.
<u>JOSEPH SORMILIC</u>	L.S.

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STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF NEW YORK                      SS.:  
CITY OF NEW YORK

On this 30th day of April, 1940, before me personally came THOMAS SAMARA, GUS ZGOMBIC, JOHN JURANICH, JOHN MILOVICH, ANDREW DUYMOVIC, ANTHONY SEGULJA, PETER TURCIC, FRANK VANTACICH, JOHN CWELICH, JOHN MILCETICH and JOSEPH SORMILIC, to me known and known to me to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing certificate and they severally acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the purposes therein set forth.

LOUISE A. JOSEPHTHAL

LOUISE A. JOSEPHTHAL  
Notary Public, Kings County  
Kings Co. Clk's No. 169, Reg. No. 1117  
N. Y. Co. Clk's No. 265, Reg. No. 1-J-162  
Bronx Co. Clk's No. Reg. No.  
Commission Expires March 30, 1941.

STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF NEW YORK  
CITY OF NEW YORK

SS.:

THOMAS SAMARA, GUS ZGOMBIC, JOHN JURANICH, JOHN MILOVICH, ANDREW DUYSMOVIC, ANTHONY SEGULJA, PETER TURCIC, FRANK VANTACICH, JOHN CWELICH, JOHN MILCETICH and JOSEPH SORMILIC, being severally duly sworn, depose and say; each for himself:

I am one of the petitioner herein and one of the eleven incorporators of the DUBASNICA SOCIAL CLUB OF AMERICA INC., and one of the eleven persons who executed and acknowledged the foregoing certificate of Incorporation.

I am over the age of 21 years.

That no previous application has been made to any Judge or Court for the relief sought herein.

THOMAS SAMARA

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GUS ZGOMBIC

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JOHN JURANICH<sup>9</sup>

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JOHN MILOVICH

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ANDREW DUYSMOVIC

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9 U izvorniku pogrešno piše: ZURANICH.

ANTHONY SEGULJA

PETER TURCIC

FRANK VANTACICH

JOHN CWELICH

JOHN MILCETICH

JOSEPH SORMILIC

Sworn to before me this  
30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1940.  
LOUISE A. JOSEPHTHAL

LOUISE A. JOSEPHTHAL  
Notary Public, Kings County  
Kings Co. Clk's No. 169, Reg. No. 1117  
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We are the petitioners herein and constitute the eleven persons who executed and acknowledged the foregoing Certificate of Incorporation.

That at the present time, the DUBASNICA SOCIAL CLUB OF AMERICA is an unincorporated association consisting of more than seven members and that the provisions set forth in this Certificate of Incorporation are the same as those of the said unincorporated association.

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That we, the subscribers of this Certificate of Incorporation constitute a majority of the members of a Committee authorized to incorporate said organization by a vote as required by the By-Laws, the Organic Law of the association for the amendment of such Organic Law.

THOMAS SAMARA

GUS ZGOMBIC

JOHN JURANICH

JOHN MILOVICH

ANDREW DUYSMOVIC

ANTHONY SEGULJA

PETER TURCIC

FRANK VANTACICH

JOHN CWELICH

JOHN MILCETICH

JOSEPH SORMILIC

Sworn to before me this  
30th day of April, 1940.  
LOUISE A. JOSEPHTHAL

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Kings Co. Clk's No. 169, Reg. No. 1117  
Bronx Co. Clk's No. Reg. No.  
Commission expires March 30, 1941.

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I, a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, of the First Judicial Department, do hereby approve the within Certificate of Incorporation and consent that the same be filed; the name of said incorporation is: DUBASNICA SOCIAL CLUB OF AMERICA INC.

Dated, New York, May 13, 1940.

ERNEST E. L. HAMMER  
Justice of the Supreme Court  
of the State of New York

*ERNEST E. L. HAMMER*

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***Pravila Dubašnica Social Club of America Inc.***

CONSTITUTIONS and BY-LAWS  
of  
DUBASNICA SOCIAL CLUB OF AMERICA INC.

Article I

NAME

Section I. This organization shall be known as  
Dubasnica Social Club of America Inc.

Article II

OBJECTS

Section I. The objects of this organization are as follows:

To establish and maintain an association among man and women who are natives of the Township of Dubasnica, Island of Krk, Yugoslavia, and their wives, husbands and descendants; to promote social intercourse and friendly feeling among the members; to induce all those members who are not native born and naturalized citizens of the United States to immediately take steps in order to become citizens; to participate in all civic matters of interest which may be of benefit to the community; to secure and maintain clubrooms or erect, hold, own or hire clubhouses where members may meet and congregate for the purpose of social gatherings, meetings or any other purpose which

may not be inconsistent with the main purpose of the organization or with the Laws of the State of New York.

Article III  
MEMBERSHIP

Section I. All members of this organization shall be natives of the Township of Dubasnica, Island of Krk, Yugoslavia, and their wives, husbands and descendants.

Section II. There shall be two classes of membership, i.e. – Active and Honorary.

- (a) – Active Members: - Any individual, otherwise qualified, (18) eighteen years of age, a resident of the United States, of good moral

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character is eligible to Active Membership. All the members mentioned in this sub-division shall enjoy all the rights, privileges and immunities of the organization.

- (b) – Honorary Members: - Any person who has distinguished himself in his work among the people may be elected as an Honorary Member by a majority vote of those present, at the annual meeting or at any special meeting called for such purpose, and shall not have to pay dues. He shall be entitled to all privileges excepting that of vote, holding office, and having a share in the assets and profits of the organization.

Section III. A member may be expelled for cause by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular or a special meetings called for that purpose, providing a copy of the charges in writing have been served on the accused member by the charging party at least five days previous to such meeting.

Section IV. The name and residence of every candidate for membership, the class of memberships together with the name of his proposer shall be kept

in a book provided for that purpose. All candidates favorably passed upon shall pay such initiation fee as from time to time shall be decided upon.

Section V. A new member can be proposed at any regular meeting of the organization. The majority of those present shall be sufficient to accept a candidate for membership into the organization.

Section VI. At the time that a member is accepted into the organization, he shall pay four months dues in advance.

#### Article IV

##### DUES

Section I. Active members shall pay the regular monthly dues in advance.

Section II. Any member more than six months dues in arrears shall be dropped from the roll of active membership without notice.

Section III. The dues shall be such amount as the organization may decide on from time to time.

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Section IV. Immediately upon payment of his dues to date, a member so dropped from the roll of Active Membership shall again be added to the roll of Active Membership. This provision may be waived by the majority of the organization at any regular or special meeting and members who have been dropped from the roll of Active Membership may be reinstated upon such terms and conditions as may be determined by such majority.

#### Article V

##### OFFICERS

Section I. The officers of the organization shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer and Three Members of the Board of Trustees.



Section II. The President shall preside at all meetings and conduct the proceedings in accordance with the Constitution, By-Laws and Parli[a]mentary Rules, as laid down in Cushing's Manuel. He shall appoint all committees unless otherwise provided for, and shall himself be a member ex-officio or all such committees.

Section III. The Vice-President shall discharge the duties of the President in case of his disability, absence or refusal to act.

Section IV. The Recording Secretary shall keep a roll of the members of the organization. He shall record and present the minutes of the meetings and attend to the correspondence and shall perform such duties as the President and the Board of Directors may direct.

Section V. The Financial Secretary shall collect dues from members and pay over the same to the Treasurer receiving and receipt therefor. He shall keep a book provided for that purpose and keep a careful account of all his transactions. He shall notify new members of their election and shall perform such other duties as the President and Board of Directors may direct. His books shall be open at all times to the inspection of the Board of Directors.

Section VI. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all of the moneys of the organization and shall keep a record in detail of all his receipts and payments and shall render a report at each regular meeting.

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He shall deposit all moneys in some bank or trust company approved by the Board of Directors. He shall also present to the Board of Directors a statement of the financial condition of the club, whenever required and shall present at the annual meeting a full statement of the receipts and disbursements during the year. His account shall be audited by the Auditing Committee annually.

Section VII. The Board of Trustees shall at least three times a year or at such other time as may be decided by them or the organization, examine the books of the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer and bring their report as to the financial status of the organization to its meeting.

Section VIII. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer and the Three Members of the Board of Trustees.

- (a) – The Board of Directors shall have the care and custody of the property and funds and shall make all contracts and purchases for the organization.
- (b) – The Board of Directors shall make a report of the affairs of the organization at the annual meeting.
- (c) – Regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be hold at such time as the Board may determine. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman of the Board by giving three days notice in writing to the other members of the Board.
- (d) – Five members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Such five members shall call a special meeting of the Board of Directors on their own accord.

#### Article VI ELECTIONS

Section I. The officers of the organization shall be elected at the annual meeting held in the month of December. Elections shall be held by closed ballot. All officers of the club shall hold office for one year or until their successors shall be elected.

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Section II. The Presiding Officer shall appoint three tellers who shall keep a tally of the vote polled. In case but one candidate is nominated for office the Presiding Officer may declare the candidate elected by consent or acclamation. In all other cases the candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected.

Section III. In case of a tie vote among the candidate for an office, the office shall be decided by lot.

Section IV. Any member may be eligible for office or permitted to vote, who is of good standing. No member shall be considered in good standing who owes more than six months dues.

Section V. When a vacancy occurs in any office or the Board of Directors either by death, resignation or other causes, the fact shall be announced at the next regular meeting of the organization and the election to fill such vacancy shall be held by ballot.

Section VI. Any officer may be removed from office for malfeasance in office by charges in writing being brought by five members in good standing and read at a Special meeting for that purpose. The officer against whom the charges are brought must then be heard in his own defense. The Organization may then discuss the charges and then the question be put to the house. Such Officer can be removed only by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present at such meeting.

## Article VII COMMITTEES

Section I. The House Committee shall consist of five members who shall have full charge of the club house and shall see that such rules as are made by the Board of Directors are strictly enforced.

Section II. The Entertainment Committee shall consist of five or more members who shall have charge of the entertainments that are undertaken for the recreation and amusement of the club and their friends. It shall be appointed by the Chairman at the annual meeting.

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Section III. The naturalization committee shall consist of five members appointed by the Chairman, who shall do everything necessary and proper to help those who desire to become citizens of the United States.

Section IV. The Committee mentioned in this Article shall give their reports to the membership and their reports and recommendations are subject to the will of the majority of the membership.

Section V. The organization may from time to time by vote, or by its President, appoint such other Committees as it may deem just, proper and urgent.

#### Article VIII

##### AMENDMENT

Section I. This constitution may be amended in the following manner: A proposed amendment may be submitted at any regular meeting of the organization. It shall be proposed at one meeting and at the next meeting, discussion on the amendment shall be allowed. At this second meeting, after discussion has taken place, the amendment may be carried by 2/3 two-thirds of those present.

#### Article IX

##### MEETINGS

Section I. The club shall meet regularly once a month at a time and place to be specified by the organization.

Section II. Special meetings may be had at any time under the following conditions;

- (a) Written request by five members of the organization directed to the president or to the Board of Directors.
- (b) By the direction of the Board of Directors.
- (c) By the direction of the President.
- (d) By the direction of either of the two Executive Members.

Article X

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Section I. The order of business at all times shall be as follows:

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- I. Calling of the meeting to order.
- II. Reading and acceptance of the minutes.
- III. Communications.
- IV. Report of the Financial Secretary.
- V. Report of the Treasurer.
- VI. Report of the Executive Members.
- VII. Report of the Board of Directors.
- VIII. Report of Standing and Temporary Committees.
- IX. Proposal and acceptances of new members.
- X. Unfinished business.
- XI. New business.
- XII. Good and Welfare.
- XIII. Adjournment.

Each member is to be assest .50 each for each member who dies to send flowers.<sup>10</sup>

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10 Ova je rečenica naknadno dodana.

Tomislav GALOVIĆ

## Dubašnica Social Club of America Inc. (New York)

### Summary

The island of Krk is known for its numerous emigrants that have found their new homes and employments in the USA, especially in New York and its surroundings. The process of emigration set in back in the 19th century for economic and political reasons. Among the emigrants from the Krk island those from Omišalj and Dubašnica are the strongest in number. It was therefore understandable that with time they would start organizing themselves in the new homeland into ethnic associations. However, there were also some local societies so that in 1940 the emigrants from Dubašnica founded an organisation called the *Dubašnica Social Club of America Inc.* The club's rules, to be found here in an appendix, were approved on May 20th, 1940. They state that the mission of the club is „to establish and maintain closeness among those born in Dubašnica, members of their families and descendants, to strengthen friendship among the members” as well as to help the members gain US citizenship. Thomas Samara was elected the first president. The club maintained various activities: social meetings, parties, common dinners, picnics, Holy Masses for the deceased, relief actions for the old country. The club still exists today and is accordingly active among our emigrants, which have been living in New York for many generations now, gathering and reminding them of their origin and the old country of their parents and relatives.

Keywords: Croatian emigration, Dubašnica Social Club of America, New York, constitutions and by-laws.