

NORTHERN LIGHTS SNOWMOBILE CLUB, INC.
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ARTICLE I – NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1 These are the by-laws of the Northern Lights Snowmobile Club of Three Lakes, Wisconsin (“the club”). They augment the Articles of Incorporation of the club dated February 14, 1968.

Section 2 The Article of Incorporation of the club state: “Article 3. The purpose shall be to promote good sportsmanship; and to encourage and promote sound rules and policies of snowmobiling in northern Wisconsin; to protect existing rules and regulations, and to promote new legislation for the benefit of snowmobilers in the state of Wisconsin and to disseminate to the public information of interest to snowmobilers and to promote and to cooperate with governmental agencies and officials in the interest of snowmobiling and laws applicable thereto and particularly to snowmobilers; and to engage in other activities and objectives which are permitted by law.”

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Membership is available to anyone interested in snowmobiling, who submits an application and membership fee, and abides by club rules. Family memberships also available shall consist of partners and all minor dependent members of their family.

Section 2 Annual membership dues for family membership, and single membership, to be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 3 Annual membership and dues shall run concurrent with the annual membership period of the Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Club (AWSM) which is currently July 1 – June 30. New members joining after February 1 may elect to apply their dues to the following membership period.

Section 4 Each member age 16 and older shall have 1 vote.

Section 5 No member may run for office, serve as an officer, or vote in elections or on any financial matters which come before membership at any regular meeting unless dues have been paid to date by that member.

Section 6 Any member leaving the club for any reason shall not be entitled to a refund of any portion of their dues.

ARTICLE III – OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ELECTIONS AND TERMS OF OFFICE

Section 1 The officers of the club shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and/or Treasurer. The officers shall serve for a two-year term. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be co-served.

Section 2 The Board of Directors of the club shall consist of the three or four officers of the club, the immediate past president of the club, and up to four other members appointed by the President of the club. Board members shall serve during the same term of the officers.

Section 3 The officers of the club shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present at the March meeting with the President and Secretary being elected at the end of a two year term in the odd years, and the Vice-President and Treasurer being elected at the end of a two year term in the even years. The terms of office shall begin immediately upon election.

Section 4 A nominating committee, consisting of at least two members, shall be appointed by the Board of Directors in January of the year in which officers are going to be elected, and the nominating committee shall present a slate of officers for vote by the membership at the February meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor, before the elections are conducted. in March.

Section 5 Vacancies in any office of the club or on the Board of Directors, with the exception of the President (see Article IV, Section 2) shall be filled by the Board of Directors appointing a member to fill the vacant office until the next regular election.

ARTICLE IV – DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section 1 The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and preserve order. He/she shall decide all questions of order. He/she shall reserve his vote unless there is a tie, at which time he/she will exercise his/her right to vote in order to break the tie. He/she shall enforce the provisions of these by-laws. He/she shall be member ex-officio of all committees.

Section 2 The Vice-President shall assist the President in the discharge of his/her duties, and during his/her absence, shall perform the duties of the President. In the event that a vacancy occurs in the office of the President, the Vice-President shall act as President until the next regular election.

Section 3 The Secretary shall record the proceedings of the club in a book kept for that purpose, read all correspondence and minutes of the previous meetings, mail out membership renewal forms on an annual basis, and perform any other duties the club may assign.

Section 4 The Treasurer shall receive all dues from the members and keep an accurate account of all dues collected. He/she shall deposit all moneys collected in the club's checking or savings account, and keep regular and correct accounts of all money received and paid by him/her, and report at each meeting the balance of cash shown by the last report, the amounts received, expenditures, and balance remaining. He/she shall file the annual corporate report and any other required reports with the State of Wisconsin. The Treasurer shall give a complete financial report, which has been reviewed by two other Board members excluding the President. His/her accounts shall be open to examination by the members at any time.

ARTICLE V – DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 The Board of Directors shall meet each month in which there is a general meeting prior to the general meeting, if needed. Purpose of the Director's meeting will be to plan for the general meeting, to prepare an agenda for the general meeting, to review the progress of any committees which may be in existence at the time of the Director's meeting, and to conduct such business of the club as may come before it, in accordance with these by-laws.

Section 2 A special meeting of the Board of Directors may be called by the President, or any board member, for a cause pertaining to the welfare of the club, by notifying all Board members of the time and place of the said meeting at least twenty-four hours in advance of said meeting.

Section 3 The Board of Directors may establish and disband committees from time to time, as it deems suitable for the club's needs.

Section 4 The Board of Directors shall designate one member of the club to serve as a member of Three Lakes Trails, Inc., as stipulated in the by-laws of Three Lakes Trails, Inc.

Section 5 Subject to the provisions of these by-laws, the Board of Directors shall have full charge of the affairs of the club in the interim between meetings of the club.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

Section 1 The fiscal year runs from September 1 through August 31. Regular general meetings of the club shall be determined by the Board of Directors and published in the first newsletter of the fiscal year for the upcoming fiscal year, and /or posted on the website. First meeting of the fiscal year will be in September and the last meeting will be in March. If the date of a meeting is changed, the membership shall be notified at least a week in advance.

Section 2 Special meetings of the club may be called by the President, or any five members of the club, by giving fourteen days written notice to all members of the club, of the time, place, and purpose of such special meeting.

Section 3 In order to conduct business there must be a quorum present. A quorum consists of at least two officers and/or directors, and at least 15 other members.

ARTICLE VII – EXPENDITURES OF THE CLUB

Section 1 Any expenditure exceeding two hundred fifty dollars, except normal operating expenses of the club, must be approved by a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting of the club.

Section 2 In the absence of the Treasurer, the President of the club shall be authorized to sign checks.

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

Section 1 Any proposed amendments to the by-laws will be sent to the membership at least 30 days prior to the next regular meeting. A majority vote of all members present at the regular meeting will be needed to pass any proposed amendments.

ARTICLE IX – DISBANDMENT OF THE CLUB

Section 1 If at any time the club disbands, the balance of the club's treasury will be donated to Three Lakes Trails, Inc. PO Box 14, Three Lakes, WI 54562.