

Skiers of Knoxville, Incorporated (S.K.I.) Constitution and By-Laws

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I: NAME

Section 1: The name of this Organization shall be Skiers of Knoxville, Incorporated.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

Section 1: The purpose of this Organization shall be to create and maintain a quality water skiing environment for its members based on the belief that water skiing is a lifelong sport that can significantly enhance the quality of life. In this regard, the Organization will promote and support:

- A. Recreational water skiing
- B. Competitive water skiing; and
- C. Water skiing safety

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Any person of good character, eighteen (18) years or older, [under eighteen (18) years with parent's permission] is eligible for active membership in the Organization with full privileges thereof.

ARTICLE IV: GOVERNMENT

Section 1: The government of this Organization shall be vested in a Board consisting of five (5) people elected by the Organization's membership. The Board shall elect a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The President shall preside at all meetings and fulfill legal requirements of the state laws for corporations.

ARTICLE V: AMENDMENT

Section 1: This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the membership present at the second reading of the proposed amendment to club members at regular club meetings.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I: MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1: Active membership in this Organization shall be as provided in the Constitution.
- Section 2: Each application for Regular Membership shall be submitted, in writing and endorsed by a sponsor (active member) in good standing and shall be accompanied by proof of current USA Water Ski membership, and advance dues payment for one (1) year. Such advance payment will be refunded if said application is not approved.
- Section 3: Each application for Regular Membership shall be received by the Board and shall require a majority approval by the Board and ratification by the membership.
- Section 4: As a condition of Regular Membership, each individual shall also be a member in good standing of USA Water Ski.
- Section 5: Individuals may apply for membership without joining USA Water Ski, as "Friends of S.K.I." with all rights and privileges of Regular Membership with the exception that they may not participate in any Club sponsored and USAWS sanctioned event(s).

ARTICLE II: TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1: Any member may resign from the Organization provided that all his indebtedness to the Organization has been paid.
- Section 2: Any member who is two (2) or more months in arrears in payment of annual dues or indebtedness to the Organization may, by action of the Board, be suspended from membership provided said member is so notified in writing by the Secretary.
- Section 3: Any member charged with unbecoming conduct or with any act prejudicial to the best interest of the club, and against whom such charges are sustained after opportunity to appear before the Board, by two thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the Board present, may be expelled from membership. Upon such action by the Board, the Secretary shall notify the member in writing of said action with further explanation or reason therefore.
- Section 4: In case of the resignation or expulsion of any member, the Secretary shall notify all club members of such action.

ARTICLE III: DUES

Section 1: The annual dues for either Regular Members or Friends of S.K.I. shall be thirty dollars (\$30) per family.

Section 2: Dues shall be payable annually on May 1st.

Section 3: Members approved before October 1st shall be liable for the full membership dues for the effective year.

ARTICLE IV: GOVERNMENT

Section 1: The government of this Organization shall be as provided in Article IV of the Constitution.

Section 2: The Board shall have control and management of the property and management of the Organization, subject to the will of the membership. Funds of the Organization shall be withdrawn from the bank or banks with which they are on deposit by either of (2) signatures: the President or Treasurer.

Section 3: A vacancy on the Board shall be filled by vote of the Board. Such appointee will serve until the next regular election.

Section 4: Board members shall be elected to serve one (1) year.

Section 5: If a tie vote is rendered at a Board meeting, the Board shall vote the motion or question at the next Board meeting.

ARTICLE V: ELECTION

Section 1: Annual election of the Board shall be held in the month of October.

Section 2: Not less than thirty (30) days prior to the annual election, the Board shall appoint a nominating committee of not less than three (3) active members of which the majority must be non-board members.

Section 3: The nominating committee shall decide upon names of candidates for election.

Section 4: Additional names may be placed in nomination, from the floor of the Organization's annual election meeting if seconded, anytime prior to balloting.

Section 5: At the annual election, the Organization's membership shall elect five⁵ Board members.

Section 6: Voting shall be by individuals, and no person shall cast more than (1) vote. Proxies and absentee ballots shall not be recognized.

Section 7: Board members shall take office on November 1st.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

Section 1: The Organization shall hold regular meetings at least once a month during the period April through October. A quorum consists of a majority of the Board members and a reasonable number of active members.

Section 2: Meetings of the Board shall be held at prearranged dates. A meeting of the Board is defined as a Board meeting with four (4) or more Board members present.

Section 3: Special meetings of the membership or the Board shall be called at the request of at least two (2) members of the Board.

ARTICLE VII: DUTIES OF THE BOARD

Section 1: The Board shall be the governing body of the Organization.

Section 2: The Board shall elect a President to preside over Organization and Board meetings and to fulfill legal requirements of state laws for corporations.

Section 3: The Vice-President shall fulfill the duties of the President at General Membership and Board meetings in the absence of the President. Vice-President may also assume the office of the President should the President be unwilling or become unable to serve.

Section 4: The Secretary shall keep a permanent record of the meetings of Organization and Board.

Section 5: The Treasurer shall issue notices of dues payable and be responsible for the collection thereof, keep the books of the Organization, disburse funds as required, and shall report monthly on the financial condition of the Organization. The Treasurer shall prepare a report for audit by his successor.

ARTICLE VIII: COMMITTEES

Section 1: The Board shall determine the committees deemed proper and necessary to fulfill the objectives and purpose of the Organization.

Section 2: All committee chairmen shall be subject to the Boards approval.

Section 3: Any Board member will be permitted to sit in on any committee meeting and shall be ex-officio member of all committees.

ARTICLE IX: VOTING

Section 1: Any member in good standing and sixteen (16) years or older has voting privileges.

Section 2: Not more than three (3) votes per family membership.

ARTICLE X: AUTHORITY TO BIND

Section 1: No member of this Organization shall contract for or incur any debt or enter into any agreement or otherwise obligate this Organization except by authorization of the Board.

ARTICLE XI: RULES OF ORDER

Section 1: Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all meetings of the Organization and the constituent parts except as provided in these By-laws.

ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS

Section 1: These By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the membership present at second reading of proposed amendment to club members at a regular club meeting.