



Drift Dusters Snowmobile Club

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Bylaws of the Drift Dusters Snowmobile Club

Voted and Approved by members on January 12th, 2021

ARTICLE I: NAME AND MISSION STATEMENT

SECTION I. The name of the club shall be the Drift Dusters Snowmobile Club, and shall be a non-profit organization.

SECTION II. The mission statement of the Drift Dusters Snowmobile Club is to stimulate and advance the general welfare and safety of snowmobiling, to serve the interests of snowmobiling enthusiasts, to provide a medium for the exchange of snowmobiling information, to own or lease property for club use, and to perform all desirable and lawful functions for the successful operation of the club and in the general public interest.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I. Membership in the club shall consist of two classes:

- A. Active Members – 16 Years and Older
- B. Junior Members – 15 Years and Younger
- C. Honorary Members or associate memberships

SECTION II. Active membership is available to all snowmobilers.

SECTION III. Each active member shall be entitled to one vote and issued a membership card.

SECTION IV. The Board of Directors may establish the qualifications and rights of honorary members.

SECTION V. Membership in the Drift Dusters Snowmobile Club is intended for, and limited to, the sole purpose of snowmobiling.

SECTION VI. A member may resign from the club at any time upon written or emailed notice to the secretary.

SECTION VII. Membership in the club may be terminated by action of the Board of Directors, by a majority vote of the Board for any reason deemed by the board to be pre-judicial to the best interest of the club.

SECTION VIII. Anyone under the age of sixteen (16) years of age must be sponsored by an adult member.

ARTICLE III: MANAGEMENT

SECTION I. The management of the Club shall be vested in the Officers and the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION I. The Board of Directors shall consist of no more than twelve (12) directors, NOT INCLUDING THE FOUR OFFICERS each of whom shall be an active member of the Club. Directors shall be elected to three (3) year terms at the annual meeting of the membership and shall take office at the close of the annual meeting.

SECTION II. A Slate of candidates will be presented to the Club, by the Board of Directors, at the election meeting, for the expired terms of the Officers and the Board of Directors. Nominations may also be made directly from the floor for each expired term as well.

SECTION III. In case of a vacancy occurs on the Board of Directors by reason of death, resignation, or otherwise, the remaining directors may, at their option, by majority vote, elect a successor or successors for the unexpired term or terms.

SECTION IV. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors and Officers shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the Club business.

SECTION V. A majority of the members of the Officers and the Board of Directors shall be held at such time and place as may be from time to time fixed by resolution of the Board of Directors.

SECTION VI. Assistant Directors and Junior Directors may be appointed by the President to serve as needed to fill the duties of Directors. Assistant Directors and Junior Directors will not have voting powers.

ARTICLE V: DUES

SECTION I. The amount of dues for regular members and family memberships shall be determined from time to time by the Officers and the Board of Directors, and voted on by the Club members present at the next club meeting. Dues shall be paid by closing day of the current snowmobile season. Current dues voted on at the 2020 Annual Meeting are \$30.00.

ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS

SECTION I. The Officers of the Club shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

SECTION II.

All Officers shall take office immediately upon election and hold office for two (2) years, or until their successors have been elected and qualified. The President may not hold office for more than two (2) successive terms.

SECTION III. The President shall preside over all meetings of the Club and its Board of Directors, and shall appoint such committees as authorized by the Board of Directors, and shall carry on those other responsibilities assigned to him/her by the Bylaws and by the Board of Directors.

SECTION IV. The Vice-President, during absence or temporary incapacity of the President, shall perform the duties and have the powers of the President. He shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

SECTION V. The Secretary shall keep all the club records, list of committees, and their members, shall send out notices of meetings and discharge all of the usual secretarial functions of the office required by the Bylaws or the Board of Directors.

SECTION VI. The Treasurer shall keep all the accounts of the Club, and have charge of its funds. He/She shall keep the Club's funds in a bank approved by the Board of Directors. He/She shall disburse the funds of the Club under the direction of the Board of Directors. A Treasurers Report shall be prepared for each meeting.

ARTICLE VII: FISCAL YEAR

SECTION I. The fiscal year of the Club shall commence on the first (1) day of November and end on the thirty-first (31st) day of October.

ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS

SECTION I. The annual meeting of the members of the Club shall be held at the time and place designated by the Board of Directors. The meeting may be held through electronic/virtual means as determined by the Board of Directors.

SECTION II. Regular meetings of the members of the Club shall be held monthly at the time and place fixed by resolution at the previous meetings or as designated by the Board of Directors. The meetings may be held through electronic/virtual means as determined by the Board of Directors.

SECTION III. Written notice of the time and place of the annual and all other meetings of the membership shall be prepared and the membership notified by the Secretary or President.

SECTION IV. Special Meetings of the Club may be called by the Board of Directors, or by the president or by any group of twenty-five (25) active members, by giving five (5) days notice of the time, place, and purpose of such Special Meeting.

ARTICLE IX: CONDUCT

SECTION I. All members will agree to abide by the snowmobilers code of ethics.

ARTICLE X: NON-DISCRIMINATION CLAUSE

SECTION I. Drift Dusters Snowmobile Club does not, and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations. These activities include, but are not limited to, hiring and firing of staff, selection of volunteers and vendors, and provision of services. We are committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all members of our staff, volunteers, subcontractors, vendors, and clients.

ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS

SECTION I. These Bylaws may be amended by affirmative vote of a majority of the members attending the annual meeting.

Bylaw changes:

January 4, 2018 Annual Meeting:

- Article V, Section 1: Added “Current dues voted on at the 2016 Annual Meeting are \$25.00 for memberships purchased through December 15th and \$30.00 for memberships purchased after.” **Motion Approved Unanimously**
- Article VI, Section 3 and 4: Proposal to add: “The President/Vice President shall not serve as another officer of any other Vermont snowmobile club.” **Motion Failed (1 Vote Yes).**
- Article X, Section 1: Added “Drift Dusters Snowmobile Club does not, and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations. These activities include, but are not limited to, hiring and firing of staff, selection of volunteers and vendors, and provision of services. We are committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all members of our staff, volunteers, subcontractors, vendors, and clients. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

January 06, 2020 Annual Meeting:

- Article V, Section I: “Current dues voted on at the 2020 Annual Meeting are \$30.00.” **Motion approved unanimously.**

January 12, 2021 Meeting:

- Article I, Section II: Added B. “Junior Members – 15 Years and Younger” as a recruitment tool for younger members.
- Article II, Section VI: Added “or emailed”
- Article VIII, Section I and II: Added: “The meeting may be held through electronic/virtual means as determined by the Board of Directors.”
- Article IV, Section VI: Added: “Assistant Directors and Junior Directors may be appointed by the President to serve as needed to fill the duties of Directors. Assistant Directors and Junior Directors will not have voting powers.” **Motion to approve above language approved unanimously**