

**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE**  
**PRESQUE ISLE SNO-TRAILS CLUB**

**ARTICLE 1**

**SECTION 1 – NAME**

This organization is now known as the Presque Isle Sno-Trails Club.

**SECTION 2 – PURPOSE**

The purpose of this organization shall be to promote conservation of our natural resources of Michigan through safe snowmobiling: to promote, obtain and maintain snowmobile trails in Presque Isle County; and to promote winter activities for economic development of the county.

This organization is organized and operated exclusively for the purposes described in Section 501c 4 of the Internal Revenue Code.

**ARTICLE II**

**OFFICERS**

1. This organization shall consist of 7 (Seven) Board of Directors which include 4 (four) association officers and 3 Board Members.
2. The officers of this organization shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. No member shall be elected to the Board of Directors who has not been a member in good standing for at least 1 (one) year.
3. Voting shall be by ballot and shall be supervised by an election board of 2(two) members, appointed by the President. The Board of Directors will present to the members the nominees for each office at the December meeting. Any member may nominate any other member for a Director's position from the floor at this time.
4. The President shall preside at all membership meetings and have the general supervision and direction of all officers of the club. The President shall call regular meeting. Any 6(six) members may call a special meeting. The business of these meetings must be stated in written notice.
5. The Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President in his absence.
6. The Secretary shall handle all the correspondence of the organization. He/She shall keep the minutes of all meetings, all records, papers and files.

7. The Treasurer shall receive payment of all income, including dues and after recording same, shall deposit all money received into the proper bank accounts. He/She shall issue membership cards to all members when payment of dues is received. He/She shall have on hand at all meetings an up-to-date record of all members in good standing. All bills and expenses of this organization shall be paid by check: such checks to be signed by at least 2 (two) officers. He/She shall keep account books and receipts.
8. If any Director of the Board misses 3(three) consecutive meetings without an excuse being presented to the President within this time, he/she shall automatically be suspended from the office and the office declared vacant.
9. When vacancies exist, the President, with the consent of the Board of Directors, shall appoint a successor at the next regular membership meeting, who shall serve for the duration of the term.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Association Membership shall consist of:

**Family Membership:** consisting of both husband and wife as adult members, shall include their children 19 years and younger living at home for the annual fee as set by membership vote. The membership will include the full rights and benefits of the association including voting rights for adult members, participation in special events and other club functions.

**Single Membership:** consisting of a single adult for the annual fee as set by a membership vote. Benefits shall be the same as for a Family Membership.

**Sponsoring Membership:** shall be individual or businesses that wish to monetary support the association's objective, but have no voting or other rights. They will be listed on the club membership list and the club website as a sponsoring member. Annual fee for this membership shall be set by membership vote.

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **MEETINGS**

1. All membership meetings, except special meetings, shall be held monthly on a date and time designated by the voting members. All members are to be notified of special membership meetings by the Secretary prior to the scheduled meeting date.

2. A motion may be put on the floor by any member, provided it pertains to the subject being discussed at the time of the proposal. In order to pass, a motion must be supported by another member and have a majority vote of members present.
3. A quorum of at least 3(three) board members in good standing must be present at any membership meeting in order to conduct business. If a quorum is not present within ½ (one-half) hour after the scheduled starting time, then, at the discretion of the presiding officer, the meeting can be postponed.
4. The annual meeting of the membership shall be held each December at a time and date designated by the voting members. Elections will take place at this time.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **SECTION 1 – DUES**

Dues of this organization shall be annual (October thru September). Dues will include Individual or Family Membership and be established on an annual basis. The rates determined will be published on the Membership Application Form. All dues shall be paid to the Treasurer within 1 (one) month of their expiring date. Members in arrears after 30(thirty) days, shall be dropped from the rolls of this organization. A member may be reinstated by paying their current dues.

### **SECTION 2 – BANK ACCOUNT**

The commercial account of this organization, commonly referred to as the general fund of checking account, shall be used to defray all expenses and funded organizational projects. A financial review of this account, shall be performed annually by 2 (two) members in good standing and appointed by the President.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **GENERAL**

1. This organization shall not, at any time or under any circumstances, contribute any funds or goods purchased with organization funds to any organization, group or individual, except as authorized by a majority of members in attendance.
2. All assets of this organization are pledged to charitable purposes.
3. Any amendment or addition to the Constitution and Bylaws of this organization must be referred to the Board of Directors for study. If recommended by the Board, it must be brought to the vote of the membership at meeting where the members have already

been notified of the proposed change. A 2/3 (two-third) majority vote of the members present is required to change the Constitution and Bylaws of this organization.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

#### **CLUB REPRESENTATION**

No individual member or group of members other than the President, shall state views as being those of the organization without official authorization by the membership or the President.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

#### **DISSOLUTION**

The club shall use its funds only to accomplish the objects and purpose specified in these Bylaws and no part of said funds shall inure to the benefit of any individual. In the event of dissolution of the club, any funds or other property will revert to the Snow Country Trails Conservancy or to any of the local governments.