

**CONSTITUTION**  
**of the**  
**Inlet Barnstormers Snowmobile Club, Inc.**  
Revised & Ratified February 18, 2020

**ARTICLE I. ORGANIZATION NAME**

This organization, the Inlet Barnstormers Snowmobile Club, Inc. shall herein be referred to as the club.

**ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION AIMS**

1. To further the enjoyment of the sport of snowmobiling.
2. To provide means for safe and responsible snowmobiling within and around our community.
3. To educate the general public in the recreational and beneficial aspects of safe snowmobiling.
4. To develop friendships through the mutual interest of snowmobiling.
5. To serve the community in any way possible that promotes or benefits snowmobiling.
6. To promote physical and mental health through snowmobiling.
7. To assist other snowmobile clubs in our area in any way possible at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
8. To maintain and groom trails per the Club's Stewardship Agreement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

**ARTICLE III. OFFICERS**

1. The club will have an elected Board of Directors consisting of **10 (ten)** members in good standing. These members will be the President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and five trustees.
2. The President will preside at all meetings, appoint chairpersons of committees, and be an ex officio member of these committees. He, or she, will be responsible for appointing someone to fill the remaining term of any officer or director who terminates their position in the club. The President will act, except as he or she may delegate such authority as the official representative of the club, passing on bills, signing all official documents, and other such duties as are necessarily incident to that office. The outgoing President shall automatically be appointed as an advisor to the incoming President for the new term.
3. The Vice President will act as an aide to the President and will assume the office of President in case of the president's termination, absence or inability from any other cause to act.
4. The Recording Secretary will keep accurate and complete minutes of all meetings and send a copy of the minutes to each officer and director on request. In addition, the Recording Secretary will be responsible for compiling a list of all members present at meetings and reading the minutes of the last meeting.
5. The Corresponding Secretary will carry on all club correspondence
6. The Treasurer will collect all fees and dues. He/she will keep a record of all credits, debits and financial statements for the club. This financial information will be available to all members in good standing at every meeting. All Trustees should contribute to the general well-being of the club.

7. Upon expirations of the terms of office, any officer or chairperson will relinquish and surrender all records and property of the club to the newly elected respective officer.
8. Any officers or chairpersons with duties and responsibilities of club activities, functions, etc. must give a verbal and/or written report, when requested by the Board. Any applications or requests made on behalf of the club must be signed by the President and copies must be included in the minutes of the Board of Directors.
9. Any member wishing to run for an elected position on the Board of Directors must be a member in good standing and have attended 50% (Fifty Percent) of the previous calendar year's membership meetings. Any current member of the Board of Directors, wishing to be re-elected to a position on the Board of Directors, must be a member in good standing and have attended 50% (Fifty Percent) of the previous calendar year's Board of Directors meetings and also 50% (Fifty Percent) of the previous calendar year's membership meetings.
10. As duly elected representatives of the membership, the Board of Directors may act as a whole upon any matters of dispute or interpretation. All such Board action will be considered final, except where such action would be contradictory to the Constitution.

#### **ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP**

1. Applications for membership will be accepted at any time.
2. Any person applying for membership must be 18 (eighteen) years of age and complete an application form.
3. Membership in the club shall include 2 (two) adults and any dependents under the age of eighteen living at the same address. An Honorary membership shall include no more than 2 (two) adults. The granting of Honorary status to anyone shall be at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
4. Members in good standing must abide by all provisions and by-laws of the Constitution.
5. Upon termination of membership, all previously paid fees or dues will revert to the club.
6. Termination of memberships by the club will require a majority Board action.

#### **ARTICLE V. DUES AND FEES**

1. Annual dues are to be determined by the Board and be approved by two-thirds majority vote of the membership present at the meeting.
2. Dues may be revised at any time by special Board action and approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the membership present at the meeting.
3. The club's membership year is from September 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>, as mandated by the New York State Snowmobile Association. If and when the New York State Snowmobile Association referendums any changes to the membership fees for participating clubs, via a NYSSA resolution that clubs must abide to be a NYSSA member club, those referendums will automatically supersede this Club's membership fee amounts and will not require any further action by this club's Board of Directors or membership. The NYSSA resolution will go into effect as stipulated without constitutional amendment.
4. Dues are due and payable by September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. On December 31<sup>st</sup>, any members' dues that are in arrears will result in the member's name being deleted from the club roster.

## **ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS**

1. The club will meet at least annually at a site designated by the President during the month of January.
2. All other general meetings or socials will be called by the Board of Directors.
3. Any member in good standing:
  - a. has attended 50% of membership meetings
  - b. has a paid current membership

Will be eligible for a club reward of:

- a. after participating in 10 (ten) hours of club functions per fiscal year a paid membership.
- b. after participating in 20 (twenty) hours of club work functions per fiscal year. A paid membership and a paid dinner at the annual dinner meeting held in March.
- c. these credits will be awarded on an annual basis.
- d. committee chairpersons will report these hours to dinner & membership chairpersons.
- e. Exceptions for special situations may be granted by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE VII. ELECTIONS**

1. The Board of Directors will be elected by ballot annually, by the membership at the February meeting for the following season and will be installed at the March meeting.
2. Officers and trustees shall serve a one-year term.

## **ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEES**

1. The Nominating Committee will be chaired by a member of the Board of Directors and shall be responsible for designating a committee to establish a slate of officers for the upcoming election.
2. The Club Membership Administrator will keep a paper record of all members of the club, process all applications and keep the online NYSSA database current. He/she will prepare and mail vouchers, membership cards and decals to all members, and report membership totals to the Board of Directors on a monthly basis.

## **ARTICLE IX. BY-LAWS**

1. Members and guests will be responsible for any bodily injury and/or property damage that they or their families may incur. All members and guests must sign a release form to this effect.
2. All members are required to act responsibly. Any blatant act on the part of any member may result in the termination of the members in violation, as provided in Article IV, Section 6.
3. The club will provide one decal per membership. Additional decals will be provided upon request.
4. All members should come to the aid of any snowmobiler in need of assistance.
5. Any member receiving a complaint from any person will notify the Board of the

complaint.

6. At no time can any member or group of members who desire to resign from the club shall take any portion of the Treasury. If the club should disband, the assets of the club will be donated to a charitable organization to be determined by a majority vote of the membership at the last meeting, or if no such meeting is held, by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

7. Voting on any issue that comes before the club's membership will be accomplished by one vote per individual membership and two votes per family membership.

8. Any expense over any budgeted line item in excess of \$500.00 will be ratified by a 2/3 (two thirds) majority vote of the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS**

1. The Constitution may be amended at any meeting if the notice of the proposed amendment is presented to the Secretary, in written form, at least one month prior to the next scheduled membership meeting, and the proposed amendment is accepted by a two-thirds majority vote of the membership attending the meeting.