

GREENWAY SNOWMOBILE CLUB, INC.

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Article I: NAME:

This organization shall be known as the Greenway Snowmobile Club, Inc.
The club emblem shall feature a wolf on a snowmobile, green with white background.

Article II: PURPOSE:

The purpose of this organization shall be to foster and promote recreational and social activities among the members, particularly to assist in promoting safe and reasonable operation of snowmobiles.

Article III: Officers and Elections:

Section 1. Officers elected: President, Vice-President, Secretary, General Fund Treasurer, Trail Fund Treasurer and a six-man Board of Directors; two elected each year for a three-year term.

Section 2. No member shall at the same time be a candidate for or hold more than one of the offices named in Section 1 of this article.

Section 3. Officers shall be nominated at the meeting(s) in October. The election shall take place at the first November meeting. Officers elected shall assume duties at the first meeting in December.

Section 4. No member shall be eligible for nomination as an officer unless he or she is a member in good standing.

Article IV: Eligibility for Membership:

Section 1. All persons interested in encouraging and advancing the general welfare and safety of snowmobiling, and in serving the interests of fellow snowmobilers, and in developing a fraternal spirit among local snowmobilers and other winter sport enthusiasts, and providing a medium for exchanging snowmobiling information shall be invited to join the club.

Section 2. New membership applications shall be made in writing with payment and accepted by a two-thirds affirmative vote.

Article V: Duties of Officers:

Section 1. The president shall preside at meetings of the club and preserve order. He/She shall have the right to vote at all elections of officers and when members are equally divided on other questions, he/she shall have the deciding vote. He/She shall enforce the provisions of the by-laws. He/She shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided for and be a member of all committees. He/She shall perform such other duties as the club may assign him. In the event that a vacancy occurs in any of the elected offices, the President shall appoint a member of the club to fill such a vacancy until a successor has been elected. President shall be elected for a one-year term for a maximum of five-year term, with a one-year term break.

Section 2. Vice-President shall assist the president in the discharge of his or her duties, and during his 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 for the unexpired term. Vice President is elected for a one year term.

Section 3. In the event the President and Vice-President are both absent at a meeting, any past President shall conduct the meeting.

Section 4. The Secretary shall record the proceedings of the club meetings and read at each meeting. The President shall read or report on all communications.

Section 5. The General Fund Treasurer shall be responsible for handling of the finances of the club and sign all checks. A financial report shall be made at each meeting.

Section 6. The same rules spelled out in Section 5 for the General Fund Treasurer also apply to Trail Fund Treasurer.

Section 7. An audit for the General Fund and the Trail Fund accounts will be done after the election in November before new officers take their positions.

Sections 8. Trail Coordinator is appointed by and duties assigned by the President.

Article VI: Meeting, Membership, Finances and Voting:

Section 1. The club will hold a general membership meeting at least once every month as decided by members.

Section 2. Ten members shall consist of a quorum in order to hold a business meeting.

Section 3. The term of membership dates shall be from date of payment for twelve months.

Section 4. A membership shall include spouse or live-in and children 18 years and under. An eligible voter shall be a paid member over 18 years of age.

Section 5. Dues will be stated on our membership renewal form yearly with the amount of dues set by the Club.

Section 6. A member shall be made an honorary member when the member reaches the age of 62 and has been a continuous member for the last five years and reports it to the treasurer. Honorary Member ONLY pays for MnUSA dues.

Article VII: Order of business for meeting:

1. Call meeting to order
2. Read minutes of previous meeting
3. Financial reports
4. Presentation of bills
5. Lunch committee for next meeting
6. Application, voting and welcome of new members
7. Communications
8. Committee reports
9. Unfinished business
10. New business
11. Adjournment

Article VIII: Amendments to By-Laws:

Section 1. Proposed amendments must be read at a Club meeting and passed by two-thirds vote of the members present at that meeting.

Article IX: Code of Ethics:

Section 1. The club hereby adopts and its members pledge to act under the following code of ethics proposed by a committee comprised of representatives from the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, Michigan Conservation Commission, Minnesota Conservation Department, Department of Lands and Forests, Ontario, Canada, U.S. National Park Service and representative snowmobile manufacturers:

1. I will be a good sportsman. I recognize that people judge all snowmobile owners by my actions.
2. I will not litter trails or camping areas. I will not pollute lakes or streams.
3. I will not damage living trees, shrubs, or other natural features.
4. I will respect other people's property and rights.
5. I will lend a helping hand when I see someone in distress.
6. I will make myself and my vehicle available to assist search and rescue parties.
7. I will not interfere with or harass hikers, skiers, snowshoers, ice fisherman, or other sportsmen.
8. I will know and obey all federal, state and local rules regulating the operation of snowmobiles in areas where I use my vehicles.
9. I will inform public officials when using public lands. I will not harass wildlife. I will avoid areas posted for the protection of feeding wildlife.
10. I will stay on marked trails or marked roads open to snowmobilers. I will avoid country travel unless specifically authorized.

Article X: Conflict of Interest:

Section 1. Club leadership (officers and those making any decisions on expenditures) must avoid actual or potential/perceived conflicts of interest when conducting club business and managing GIA funds. Club leadership with an actual or potential/perceived conflict, as defined in the GIA program manual and sponsor's grant agreement, must disclose it to the club's officers, ensure the disclosure is recorded in meeting minutes and abstain from related decisions. Club leadership must promptly disclose actual or potential/perceived conflicts of interest to the sponsor. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action or affect the club's eligibility for reimbursements and future grant funding.