

## **Swedetown Trails Club**

**CHARTER:** The purpose of this corporation is to promote year-round non-motorized sports by supporting trail use, development, maintenance and related sports education at Swedetown Recreational Area, Calumet, Michigan.

**BYLAWS:** (July 30, 2013 proposed revision)

### **Article I:** Name and Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this non-profit organization, henceforth referred to as the Swedetown Trails Club, or the “club”, is to promote year-round non-motorized sports by supporting trail use, development, maintenance, and related sports education at the Swedetown Recreational Area, Calumet, Michigan.

### **Article II:** The objectives are:

1. To provide continuity from year to year in the operation and organization of the club through a governing body responsible for the actions of the club.
2. To promote non-motorized sports for both youth and adults, for the recognized benefits of these sports, which includes education, fellowship, sportsmanship, citizenship, recreation and health.
3. To receive membership dues and donations to be used exclusively for the stated purposes of the club.
4. To acquire, own, dispose of and deal with real and personal property and interests therein and to apply gifts, grants, bequests and devises and the proceeds thereof in furtherance of the purposes of the club.
5. To develop, maintain, and groom as well as provide signage for trails.
6. To establish rules of use for the trails.
7. To promote and publicize the Swedetown Recreation Area and coordinate with area tourism bureaus, Calumet Township, other governmental units and other recreation groups.
8. To act as hosts and provide conveniences for visitors to the recreation area.

### **Article III: Membership**

- 1. Anyone age 18 and over who purchases an annual pass membership becomes a club member for that year.**
- 2. There shall be two classes of membership: individual and family.**
- 3. Youth through the age of 17 are not required to purchase a membership.**
- 4. Membership is not transferable.**

### **Article IV: Governance**

- 1. The Board of Directors of this club shall consist of no less than six and no more than 18 directors elected annually, by majority of members present at the annual meeting, and shall be responsible for overseeing the general operation of this club and electing its officers.**
- 2. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to remove any of the Board Members by 2/3 vote for any inappropriate action or inaction while in office.**
- 3. The Board can elect additional members at any regular (non-annual) meeting through nomination and approval by the current board present at the meeting.**
- 4. The officers can serve a maximum of three consecutive two-year terms. That person cannot serve again in that office for at least two years. The term shall begin with the close of the annual meeting in November.**
- 5. The officers shall consist of a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.**
- 6. Elections shall take place at the November annual meeting.**
- 7. Board members may resign at any time by written notice to the board.**
- 8. In order for this club to pass a motion, a quorum of six is needed (including the president).**
- 9. All actions of the board shall be authorized by majority of the votes cast except as otherwise provided by these by-laws.**
- 10. When needed for expediency, actions may be taken without a meeting with the written consent (including by email) of six board members.**

## **Article V: Meetings**

- 1. The November meeting shall be the annual meeting announced to all club members. At this meeting club members may vote for board members.**
- 2. A minimum of ten monthly meetings of the club shall be held. Extra meetings shall be held as needed and called for by two of the officers or five board members.**
- 3. Meeting announcements shall be sent out by email or communicated by telephone calls to all board members and posted at the Chalet.**
- 4. Club members are welcome to attend board meetings.**
- 5. Minutes of all board meetings shall be recorded and approved at the following meeting.**

## **Article VI: Rules and Responsibilities**

- 1. Meetings shall follow Robert's Rules of Order.**
- 2. An agenda shall be provided by the president three days prior to the meeting.**
- 3. The duties of the president shall be to establish and preside over meetings, coordinate the work of the other officers and committees, sign documents on behalf of the club and represent the club.**
- 4. The duties of the treasurer are to oversee the club's finances: keep records of income and expenses; deposit all funds as directed; prepare financial reports and pick up and disseminate club mail.**
- 5. The duties of the secretary shall be to record and maintain the minutes of all regular and special meetings, and handle correspondence.**
- 6. The duties of the vice president shall be to take over the duties of the president when that officer is unable to perform those duties and other duties as assigned.**

## **Article VII: Bylaws**

**The Board of Directors shall be responsible for drawing up the Bylaws. The bylaws shall be amenable by the Board of Directors with a 2/3 majority vote of the board.**