

**CONSTITUTION  
of the  
Inlet Barnstormers Snowmobile Club, Inc.**

Ratified October 21, 2008

**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 (as attached) with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

**ARTICLE III. OFFICERS**

1. The club will have an elected Board of Directors consisting of 11 (eleven) members in good standing. These members will be the President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chairperson, 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 membership 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. Upon expiration of the term of office, the Recording Secretary will turn over all records and property of the club to the newly elected recording secretary.

5. The Corresponding Secretary will carry on all correspondence. At the end of his/her term of office, he/she will surrender all such material to his/her successor.
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 members in good standing at every meeting. At the end of his/her term of office, he/she will surrender all such material to his/her successor.
7. The Membership Chairperson will keep a paper record of all members of the club, process all applications and keep the online NYSSA database current. He or she will prepare and mail vouchers, membership cards and decals to all members.
8. Any member nominated for an office in the club must have been a member in good standing for the previous year and have attended at least 50% (fifty percent) of the meetings.
9. As duly elected representatives of the membership, the Board of Directors may act 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 any one 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 fiscal year is from September 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>, as mandated by the New York State Snowmobile Association.
4. Dues are due and payable by September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. On December 31<sup>st</sup>, any member's 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. To be eligible for a club reward, i.e. a free dinner at the annual dinner meeting, a member must attend 50% (fifty percent) of all meetings and must participate in at least 10 hours of

club work functions per fiscal year. Exceptions for special situations may be granted by the Board.

#### **ARTICLE VII. ELECTIONS**

1. The Board of Directors will be elected by ballot annually, by the membership at the January 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. All committees must invite at least one Board member to any meetings held, with the exception of the Nominating Committee.

#### **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 individual membership and two decals per family membership. Additional decals may be purchased from the club.
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 take any portion of the Treasury. If the club should disband, the assets of the club will be donated to charitable organizations 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 will be ratified by two-thirds majority vote of the Executive Committee.

#### **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 meeting, and the proposed amendment is accepted by a two-thirds majority vote of the membership attending the meeting.