

Constitution of the Dogwood Trailblazers

ARTICLE I. NAME AND LOCATION

The name of the club shall be the Dogwood Trailblazers, hereafter referred to as "the club". The location of the club shall be Joplin, Missouri.

ARTICLE II. AFFILIATION

The club is a member, and shall follow the constitution and bylaws of the American Volkssport Association, Inc. (AVA) and the Federation of the Popular Sports (Internationaler Volkssportverband e. V.) (IVV). The club shall operate under the laws of the State of Missouri and the United States.

ARTICLE III. PRINCIPALS

The club shall operate as a non-profit organization and will have no financial benefits to members.

The club will not discriminate in membership toward any person nor participate in any activity which practices discrimination.

The purposes of the club are to hold quality volkssport events, and educate others about the benefits of volkssporting by conducting activities.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

The club's membership is open to anyone of good repute who complies with this constitution and pays dues as required in the bylaws.

ARTICLE V. ADMINISTRATION AND OFFICERS

The club shall be governed by the general membership who shall annually elect, at least, the following five (5) officers: President, Vice-President, Trailmaster, Secretary, and Treasurer.

These officers will perform the duties as stated in the bylaws and be the Executive Council.

The club will hold regular general membership meetings.

ARTICLE VI. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the constitution shall be by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at any scheduled or special meeting, provided that the membership has been notified that the vote will take place.

ARTICLE VII. DISSOLUTION

The club can be dissolved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present at a meeting called especially to dissolve the club.

Any assets shall be given to a non-profit group with similar goals as determined by the presiding Executive Council.

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Article I. General

Section 1 – These bylaws are established to implement the provisions of the Constitution of the Dogwood Trailblazers.

Article II. Membership

Section 1 - Qualification of Membership

A. All persons of a household, living at one residence, constitutes a single membership.

B. All memberships are contingent on payment of club dues.

Section 2 – Voting Qualifications

All persons within the membership (defined in Article II, Section 1A), 18 years of age or older, who are in good standing, and are in attendance, may cast one vote.

Section 3 – Honorary Club Memberships will have voting privileges.

Article III. Dues

Sections 1 – Dues for a membership (defined in Article II, Section 1A) are \$12.00 each year.

Section 2 – Dues are payable by September 1 of each year.

Section 3 – Dues will be prorated for new members relative to the month that they join the club.

Section 4 – Dues are nonrefundable.

Article IV. Administration

Section 1 – The supreme governing body of the club shall be the general membership.

Section 2 – The Executive Council consists of at least five elected officers. Offices may be shared by 2 or more members.

Section 3 – The Executive Council is responsible for the overall planning and conducting of the club business and activities.

Article V. Officers

Section 1 – Only active members are eligible to hold office.

Section 2 – Duties and Responsibilities:

PRESIDENT

1. Signs all contracts and obligations.
2. Presides at the meetings of the club and of the Executive Council.
3. Appoints all committee chairmen and is an ex officio member of each committee.
4. Provides overall direction and control of the planning and conducting of all club activities.
5. Officially represents the club.
6. Submits all necessary reports to the AVA.
7. Coordinates public relations.
8. Assigns club duties as needed.

VICE-PRESIDENT

1. Assists the president and performs the duties of the president in his/her absence.
2. Establishes meeting places.
3. Oversees event awards and brochures.
4. Arranges for and locates refreshments, latrines, medical aid, law enforcement, CB patrols, and other special needs at events.

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Article V. Officers

Section 2 – Duties and Responsibilities: (cont)

TRAILMASTER

1. Assists the president and the vice-president and performs their duties in their absence.
2. Explores potential events and makes recommendations to the club.
3. Defines all routes clearly for the membership.
4. Establishes locations of the start points and check points along the routes.
5. Coordinates all regular and special events such as sanctioning, setting up tents, tables, chairs, generators, light sets, music, etc.

SECRETARY

1. Records the minutes of the Executive Council and general membership meetings. The minutes shall be submitted for approval and kept in a permanent file.
2. Conducts correspondence of the organization, as needed.
3. Notifies members of special meetings and events.

TREASURER

1. Keeps an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements in accordance with AVA guidelines and good accounting practices.
2. Signs disbursements authorized by the Executive Council.
3. Furnishes a written financial report at each regular meeting.
4. Supplies the secretary with a mailing list taken from the membership list.

Article VI. Elections

Section 1 – The Officers of the clubs shall be elected from, and by, the membership annually at the December meeting.

Section 2 – A nominating committee, consisting of a chairman and at least two (2) members, shall be selected at the October meeting. A slate of nominees will be presented at the November meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor, provided the nominee has given prior approval.

Section 3 – Voting shall be carried out by a show of hands, audible agreements, or ballots, as determined by the President.

Section 4 - Newly elected officers will take office in January.

Article VII. Term of Office

Section 1 – Elected officers shall hold office for a term of one (1) year. The term may be shorter if the officer resigns or there is a two-thirds (2/3) vote of voting members present at any scheduled or special meeting, provided the membership has been notified that the vote will take place.

Section 2 – If a member of the Executive Council vacates his/her position during their term of office, the remaining members of the Executive Council can appoint a replacement to fulfill the unexpired term.

Article VIII. Meetings

Section 1 – Membership meetings will be held monthly, beginning in January of each year.

Section 2 – Executive Council meetings may be held monthly or as the need arises.

Section 3 – The assembly of members, present for a general membership meeting or Executive Council meeting, constitutes a quorum to conduct any club business, regardless of the number present, as long as the members have been notified of the meeting.

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Article IX. Standing Committees

Section 1 – Standing committees may be created, changed, or abolished at the direction of the President with the approval of the Executive Council. Examples of standing committees include club history, club store administration and club website.

Section 2 – Committee chairman shall appoint their own committee members as needed in accordance with guidelines established by the President, Executive Council, or general membership.

Article X. Bylaw Amendments

Section 1 – Amendments to these bylaws shall be by a simple majority vote at a scheduled meeting.