

Tahoe Donner Hiking Club
PROPOSED CHARTERED CLUB BYLAWS

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ARTICLE I – NAME

Section 1. The name of this club is the Tahoe Donner Hiking Club.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

Section 1. This Club is organized to accomplish the following purposes:

- a. To furnish pleasure and recreation to its members in connection with hiking;
- b. To foster appreciation for hiking, backpacking and “leave no trace” principles;
- c. To encourage fitness and friendship while hiking.

Section 2. The Club shall be operated exclusively for the purposes enumerated in Section 1 of this Article II, and its organization and activities are not designed for, and shall not result in, financial or pecuniary gain or profit for the members thereof.

Section 3. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth herein, use of any Tahoe Donner facilities by the Club and its Members shall be in accordance with the Rules and Regulations established by Tahoe Donner Association.

ARTICLE III – DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Club shall be governed and managed by a Board of Directors consisting of five (5) of its Full Members, who are currently Tahoe Donner Association property owners (defined as holders of Tahoe Donner Association amenity-access member identification cards).

Section 2. A Director shall serve a term of two (2) years, or until their successor is elected or the Director resigns. Candidates for election to the Board shall be nominated from among the Club’s Full Members by any Full Member, including the candidate, during the last two weeks of September or the first two weeks of October. There are no term limits.

Section 3. A Director may resign for any reason by tendering notice of such to the Board. Immediately upon a Director’s loss of Full-Member status (e.g., is no longer a Tahoe Donner property owner), his/her Director’s seat shall be declared vacant. Vacancies on the Board shall be filled by majority vote of the remaining Directors appointing any Full Member of the Club to serve for the remainder of the vacant term.

Section 4. Meetings of the Board shall be held as frequently as is determined necessary by the Board. Special meetings of the Board may be called by any member of the Board. A majority of the Directors serving on the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Club shall be Long Hike Coordinator, Short Hike Coordinator, Backpack/Away Trip Coordinator, Weekend Hike Coordinator and Membership/Communications Coordinator. Said officers shall be appointed by the Board from among the Directors.

Section 2. The Membership/Communications Coordinator shall preside at all meetings of the Board and of the membership.

Section 3. The Long Hike Coordinator, in the absence of the Membership/Communications Coordinator, shall preside at all meetings of the Board and of the membership.

Section 4. There will be no dues, thus no Treasurer. Once a person fills out a membership application, they become a lifetime member. A Life Member is responsible for notifying the Board of any change in address, e-mail address and/or phone numbers. A life member may ask to be removed from the club roster at any time.

ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The Club shall have two classes of membership: Full Members include those who own residential property within Tahoe Donner and their immediate family members (holders of amenity-access member identification cards); Associate Members include all others. All Tahoe Donner property owners are eligible for membership in the Club.

Section 2. At least sixty percent (60%) of the Club's membership shall at all times be Full Members. No new Associate Members shall be permitted to join while Full Members number less than 60% of the total membership.

Section 3. Full Members shall be entitled to vote at Club membership meetings; Associate Members shall have no voting rights, but may serve as hike leaders.

Section 4. Following reasonable notice and an opportunity to be heard, the Board may revoke the membership of any Member whose conduct is determined to be contrary to the best interests of the Club.

ARTICLE VI – MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Section 1. Meetings of the membership shall be called by the Membership/Communications Coordinator, the Board, or by five percent (5%) of its Full Members.

Section 2. Notice of membership and Board meetings shall be given to all Members, if reasonably practicable, at least fourteen (14) days in advance thereof.

Section 3. Those Full Members present at any membership meetings shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, provided that at least any three (3) officers or those members who called the meeting are present.

Section 4. The annual meeting of the membership shall be held during the last two weeks of September or during the first two weeks of October each year, at such time and place as may be determined by the Board. Directors shall be elected and the Board shall then appoint officers at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VII – HIKE LEADERS

Section 1. All hike leaders shall be appointed from a list of volunteers by the respective coordinator (long, short or weekend). Long hikes are 10 miles in length or longer. Short hikes are less than 10 miles in length. Long and short hikes may take place on different days of the week. Weekend hikes may vary in length and will be held on Saturdays, Sundays or Holidays.

Section 2. The Board shall determine the responsibilities and authority of all hike leaders. However, all hikers will be required to sign a waiver upon joining and will assume personal responsibility for themselves. The philosophy of this club is that everyone is entitled to hike his or her own pace. Fast hikers may leave when finished and no one is required to wait for the slowest hikers.

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENT

Section 1. These Bylaws shall only be amended by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Full Members present at a duly called meeting of the membership or via e-mail notification; notice of the proposed amendment shall be provided in the notice by which the meeting or vote is called.

ARTICLE IX – EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 1. These Bylaws shall become effective upon their approval by the Tahoe Donner Association Board of Directors.

Section 2. Amendments to these Bylaws shall become effective upon their approval by the Club's Full Members and the Tahoe Donner Association Board of Directors.