

Bylaws for River Valley Trail Blazers, Inc.

Article I NAME & PURPOSE

- Section 1. This Club shall be known as the River Valley Trail Blazers Inc.
- Section 2. The River Valley Trail Blazers, Inc. is a 501(c)(4) non-profit organization.
 a. Hereafter referred to as the RVTB.
- Section 3. The purposes of the RVTB are:
 a. To encourage and promote recreational snowmobiling in the Shakopee and Scott County area (our area).
 b. To stimulate and advance the general welfare and safety of snowmobiling in our area.
 c. To serve the interests of snowmobile owners in our area.
 d. To promote favorable snowmobile legislation and regulations in the State of Minnesota.
 e. To provide a medium of exchange for snowmobile information.
 f. To promote and encourage snowmobiling as a safe family sport.
- Section 4. All references to he imply he, she, and all.

Article II MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1. Membership is open to any individual having an interest in snowmobiling who meets the membership qualifications and whose current yearly dues have been paid. Different classes of membership shall be defined. All members (except Honorary Members) must be a member in good standing with Minnesota United Snowmobilers Association (MnUSA). MnUSA dues will be collected along with RVTB dues.
- a. Regular member: Any individual interested in snowmobiling. Regular members shall have full voting and office holding privileges. Regular members shall have one (1) vote.
- b. Family membership: Each family membership shall have one (1) vote per membership; no more than one (1) individual associated with the family membership may hold office at one given time.
- c. Associate member: any business organization, firm or corporation supporting the purposes and goals of the RVTB. Associate members are not entitled to a vote.
- d. Honorary member: Honorary members may be designated by the Board of Directors by a majority vote. An honorary member shall not pay RVTB dues. Honorary members are not entitled to a vote and are ineligible to hold an office in the Club.
- e. Sno-Trails membership: The RVTB shall maintain a primary voting member and two (2) alternate Sno-Trails members. The Sno-Trails members represent the RVTB and vote on behalf of the RVTB at Sno-Trails meetings.

Article III MEETINGS

- Section 1. The annual Board of Directors meeting of the RVTB will be held before the March meeting of each year. A notice of the meeting shall be printed in the RVTB newsletter at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.
- Section 2. Regular meetings shall be held once monthly from September through April.
- Section 3. Special meetings of the RVTB may be called by a majority of the members of the Board of Directors or by the President by giving at least seven (7) days written notice of the time, place, and purpose for the special meeting.
- a. A maximum of one (1) special meeting shall be called between May and August.
- Section 4. The Board of Directors shall determine the official publication.
- Section 5. A quorum shall consist of twenty percent (20%) of the voting membership including the Board of Directors.
- Section 6. Any person conducting himself contrary to good order and discipline shall be escorted from the meeting room at the President's request.

Article IV MANAGEMENT

- Section 1. The management of the RVTB shall be vested in the Club officers.

Article V CLUB OFFICERS

- Section 1. The officers of RVTB shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Director-at-Large. The officers shall serve as the Board of Directors of the RVTB. All officers, except the Director-at-Large, shall be elected at an annual meeting by a majority of the votes of the voting members present. The Director-at-Large shall be the immediate past president. When the Past President is not available, the Board of Directors will appoint a Director-at-Large.
- a. The President shall preside at all meetings of the RVTB, shall appoint such committees as authorized by these By Laws RVTB Directors. He shall be an ex-officio member of all committees and shall carry on those other responsibilities assigned to him by these By Laws and the RVTB Board-of Directors.
- b. The Vice President, during the absence or temporary incapacity of the President, shall perform the duties and have the powers of the President. He shall also be in charge of all charity activities for RVTB.
- c. The Secretary shall keep all RVTB records other than financial, including the minutes of RVTB meetings and Board of Director meetings. He shall keep lists of all committees and their members. He shall send out notices of meetings and discharge all of the usual functions of the office required by these By Laws, the President, and RVTB Board of Directors. The secretary shall keep a current copy of the bylaws and all amendments. The secretary shall keep RVTB in good standing with the Minnesota Secretary of State.

- d. The Treasurer shall keep the accounts of RVTB and have charge of its funds. He shall keep all of the Clubs funds in a bank account approved by the Board of Directors and in the name of RVTB, subject to the withdrawal by checks signed in such a manner as may be designed by the Board of Directors. He shall receive all applications and maintain a roster of membership. A Treasurers report shall be prepared for each RVTB meeting. The In-coming and Out-going Board shall complete an audit of all financial books within 2 weeks of the election meeting; the new President shall preside. The Treasurer shall maintain a record of all club property. This shall be inventoried at the annual audit
- e. The Director-at-Large shall be available to advise the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Candidates for offices up for election in a fiscal year shall be nominated at the regular September club meeting. Elections will be held at the regular October club meeting.

Section 3. All RVTB officers shall take office upon adjournment of the election meeting and shall hold office for two years or until their successor has been elected with the exception of the Director-at-Large who will serve for as long as that person is the immediate past President. President and Secretary terms shall start on even numbered years, Vice President and Treasurer terms shall start on odd numbered years.

Section 4. No RVTB officer shall hold the same office for more than two consecutive elected terms. If an elected officer cannot fulfill his term, with the exception of the President, the RVTB Board of Directors shall appoint a successor to fill the office until the next annual election meeting and a newly elected officer assumes office. If the President, is unable to complete his term, the Vice President assumes the office of the President and the RVTB Board of Directors will appoint an interim Vice President to serve until the next election meeting.

Article VI DUES

Section 1. The membership dues for all classifications of members shall be determined by the voting membership at the regular October club meeting.

Section 2. Membership dues shall be for a twelve-month period.

Article VII FISCAL YEAR

Section 1. The Board of Directors will designate the fiscal year of the RVTB. If not otherwise designated by the Board of directors, the fiscal year of the RVTB shall follow the calendar year.

Article VIII CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

Section 1. All meetings of the RVTB shall be conducted under the procedure prescribed in Robert's Rules of Order, Revised.

Article IX AMENDMENTS

Section 1. The By Laws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new By Laws may be adopted by a majority vote of voting members present at any annual, regular, or special meeting of

the membership when a quorum is present. Proposed amendments to the By Laws will be reviewed by the Board of Directors and distributed to the membership seven (7) days prior to the meeting at which the proposed amendments are to be presented.

Article X

DISSOLUTION

Section 1.

In the event that the RVTB disbands, all assets shall be dispersed as directed by the Board of Directors to a snowmobile related charitable organization that is an approved charitable organization as designated by the State of Minnesota.