

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

OF THE

EMPIRE STATE VOLKSSPORTERS (ESCV)

Original: February 17, 1992

Revised: May 1, 2012

ARTICLE I – General – Name and Objective

- Section 1: The objective of this organization, the ESCV, is to conduct and promote all facets of volkssporting and to have fun.
- Section 2: ESCV is a member of the American Volkssport Association (AVA), Inc., 1001 Pat Booker Road, Universal City, TX, 78148, and a member of the International Volkssport Verband (IVV). All Bylaws are in accordance with AVA. The club will operate in cooperation with the AVA, the IVV, the NYS Association, and with other individual clubs.

ARTICLE II – Purpose

- Section 1: This organization is established to promote the public health and physical fitness of the members and community at large by organizing scheduled programs of non-competitive, family oriented, participatory sports. This includes walking, running, jogging, bicycling, swimming, cross-country skiing, and such other events as might be sanctioned by the AVA.
- Section 2: In addition, to develop, implement and promote public interest and enjoyment of participation in these sports.

ARTICLE III – General Provisions

- Section 1: The non-profit club operates in an area encompassing the Capital Region and its surrounding areas of New York State, as a self-sustaining organization.

- Section 2: If the assets of the club are not sufficient to meet contractual liabilities or debts, the club members will not be personally liable for these monies. However, members of the club are required to have read and consented to its Constitution and Bylaws.
- Section 3: Any individual member of the club will not be personally liable for the negligent conduct of the club or its members.
- Section 4: As a sanctioned member of the AVA, the club has liability coverage for all sanctioned volkssporting events.

ARTICLE IV – Membership

- Section 1: Membership in the club is voluntary and without discrimination. Members are accepted in good faith and expected to abide by this Constitution.

ARTICLE V – Officers

- Section 1: The association shall be administered by the Executive Council comprised of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Officers shall perform the duties prescribed in the Bylaws and in accordance with AVA and IVV guidelines. All officers must be at least 18 years of age.
- Section 2: The term of office is one year for officers and they shall be elected at the June meeting. Term of office begins at the beginning of the fiscal year.
- Section 3: The office of the President may not be held more than two consecutive terms.

ARTICLE VI – Meetings

- Section 1: Regular general membership meetings will be scheduled and held at a minimum of four times throughout the year. Unless otherwise voted upon, all business shall be conducted in accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order as revised.

ARTICLE VII – Voting

- Section 1: Each active member 18 years of age or older is eligible to vote. There is a limit of three votes per family membership of over three members.

ARTICLE VIII – Finances

- Section 1: The club revenue shall be derived from dues paid by the active membership, and from revenue producing activities entered into by the organization when required, approved, and conducted under the guidance and supervision of the Executive Council. These monies will comprise the club treasury and bank account. The Treasurer will keep the books and inform members of credits, debits, balances, and/or cash-flow problems.
- Section 2: Club dues shall be reviewed annually. Changes in club dues require a majority vote by those present at the June meeting and become effective the following calendar year.
- Section 3: The Treasurer’s books shall be subject to audit in accordance with existing AVA regulations.
- Section 4: The organization’s fiscal year shall run from July 1 – June 30 as with the AVA’s fiscal year.

ARTICLE IX – Records

- Section 1: An historical file consisting of the following permanent records will be maintained by the club historian:
- a. The current Constitution and Bylaws and other prior records which may exist.
 - b. Records of approval of Constitution and Bylaws and all amendment thereto.
 - c. The membership chairperson will keep a current list of members and submit a copy to the historian at the end of the calendar year.
 - d. The Charter.

All records of this organization, including permanent files and the uncompleted checkbook are to be kept according to sound business practices to prevent loss.

ARTICLE X – Constitutional Amendments

- Section 1: Amendments to this Constitution shall be by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at any scheduled or special meeting with 30 days prior notification. The revised date shall show under the title block.

ARTICLE XI – Dissolution

Section 1: The club may be dissolved only upon 30 days prior notice to all active members of the club and a vote favorable to dissolve reached at any regular or special membership meeting.

Section 2: The AVA shall be notified in writing of all dissolution actions and their results.

ARTICLE XII – Concluding Clauses

Section 1: This Constitution will go into effect 2/17/92 after ratification by a majority of members present at a regular meeting pending final ratification within 60 days by a majority when said changes are reduced to writing and distributed to the membership.