

**Article 1 Membership**

**Section 1**

A member of the Club may be either an individual or a family unit. Each membership, whether individual or family unit will or referred to in the Constitution and hereafter in the By Laws as a governing member and will be entitled to one vote.

**Section 2**

All members shall sign the Hoosier Canoe Club membership pledge and waiver of liability.

**Section 3**

A prospective new member shall submit to the membership chairman, Club Officer, Executive Board member, or trip/activity sponsor, a written application, signed waiver, and a membership fee as specified in Article III Section 1 of the current year if submitted before October 1 or as dues for the next year if submitted after said date. Applicants officially become members immediately upon acceptance of the complete application and fees specified in Article III, Section 1 by the membership chairman, Club officer, Executive Board member, or trip/activity sponsor.

**Section 4**

Membership may be canceled by a majority vote of the Executive Board for due cause.

**Article II Duties of the Officers and the Executive Board**

**Section 1**

The Skipper shall preside at all meetings of the Club, shall be chairman of the Executive Board and a member ex-officio of all committees, shall see that all standing committee chairmen are appointed, and shall perform all other duties usually pertaining to this office. The Skipper is (or may assign a member to be) the Club representative to the national canoeing organizations with which the Club is affiliated.

**Section 2**

The Executive Officer shall act as an aide to the Skipper and shall preside in the absence of that officer. The Executive officer shall serve as chairman of the Trips Committee and shall maintain an inventory of the Club's equipment.

**Section 3**

The Yeoman shall keep a correct record of all meetings of the club and of the Executive Board, shall be responsible for all official correspondence of the Club, shall maintain a current and permanent file of Hoosier Canoe Club Newsletters, and shall perform any other duties normally pertaining to the office. The Yeoman shall be keeper of all official Club records.

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**Section 4**

The Purser shall receive all monies, shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and expenditures, shall pay out funds only as authorized by the Executive Board, and shall submit regular reports to the Executive Board and an audited annual report.

**Section 5**

The Executive Board shall transact necessary business between Club meetings and such other business as may be referred to it, approve the plans of work of the standing committees, and present a report at the Annual Meeting of the Club.

**Article III Monies**

**Section 1**

The annual dues for membership in the Hoosier Canoe Club shall be fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per governing member.

**Section 2**

Each subsequent payment of dues by a governing member shall be the amount specified in Section 1 hereof, and shall be payable November 1 - February 1 . If the dues are not paid by February 1, the purser shall notify the member that he is in arrears and if by the first of March the dues are still unpaid, the membership shall be forfeited and the member's name stricken from the rolls. A member whose name is so stricken from the rolls, may be reinstated by submitting a completed application, signing the HCC Waiver and payment of dues.

**Section 3**

The Hoosier Canoe Club membership in the national canoeing organizations with which this Club is affiliated shall be paid by the Purser of the Hoosier Canoe Club to the treasurer of those national organizations at such times and through such channels as those organization provide.

**Article IV Standing Committees and Duties**

**Section 1 There shall be the following standing committees:**

- A. A Membership Committee to receive applications and fees from prospective governing members. With membership requirements fulfilled as stipulated in Article 1 Section 4, the membership chairman shall send each new member, or family, a membership packet and a letter of welcome. The membership chairman shall also send the first letter of contact to prospective members.**
- B. A Safety Committee to maintain safety standards of the participants in all Hoosier Canoe Club sponsored paddlesport events.**
- C. A Training Committee to develop programs of skill improvement for Club members and guests.**
- D. A Trips Committee to maintain a complete file of current river information, to develop a calendar of scheduled trips for each Club year, and to enlist the aid of Club members to sponsor the scheduled events.**
- E. A Newsletter Committee to gather information, publish and mail a regular Newsletter to keep the Club members and other authorized recipients informed of all Club events including meetings, trips, and special events.**
- F. A Conservation Committee to develop and implement programs of ecological concern within the Club and in conjunction with other established groups endeavoring to promote preservation of natural waterways and other natural resources.**
- G. A Nominating Committee consisting of five members in good standing, not more than two of which can be Executive Board members, to nominate qualified persons to each office and Executive Board positions to be filled at the Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee shall submit a slate to the Executive Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual November meeting date. The membership must be notified of this slate at least fourteen (14) days prior to the annual November meeting date.**
- H. An Audit Committee, consisting of two members in good standing appointed at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual meeting. This committee shall meet with the Purser and shall submit their report at the November meeting .**
- I. An Awards Committee, to prepare and to present any special awards at the Annual Meeting as requested by the Skipper or the Executive Board.**
- J. Such other special committees as the Skipper or the Executive Board shall establish from time to time.**

**Section 2**

**Chairmen of all standing committees shall present plans of work to the Executive Board. No work shall be undertaken without the approval of the Executive Board.**

**Article V. Nominations and Elections**

**Section 1**

Nominations may be made only with the prior consent of the nominee(s).

**Section 2**

A slate of nominations for each office and member-at-large of the Executive Board to be filled shall be presented by the Nominating Committee at the Annual Meeting.

**Section 3**

Any alternate nominations (an entire slate or portion thereof) may be submitted to the Yeoman ten (10) days prior to the Annual Meeting, and the Yeoman shall submit this alternate slate to the membership seven (7) days prior to the Annual Meeting.

**Section 4**

The Officers and members-at-large of the Executive Board shall be elected by ballot, provided however that if there shall be but one candidate for any office, by motion from the floor, the election may be by voice.

**Section 5.**

The newly elected officers shall be installed as the last order of business at the Annual Meeting.

**Section 6.**

No more than two members of the same family membership may serve concurrently on the Executive Board.

**Section 7**

In the event that one of the Board Members is a member of a family membership, any adult of that Family Membership can exercise the voting privilege of the Board Member.

**Article VI. Order of Business and Quorum Requirements**

**Section 1**

Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall govern this Club in all cases to which they are applicable and are not in conflict with the By Laws of the Club.

**Section 2**

Notice shall be given of a General Meeting to each member at least two (2) weeks prior to that meeting. Those governing members present at the General Meeting will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The voting privilege of a governing member for a specific meeting can be assigned to another governing member, providing written notice bearing the signature of the absent member be presented to the Yeoman prior to the start of that meeting.

**Section 3.**

A majority of the Executive Board members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at Board meetings with the exception of provisions found in Article VIII, Section 2.

163 **Article VII Club Emblem**

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165 **The official Club emblem shall be the outline of the State of Indiana with crossed**  
166 **paddles. The use of the Emblem shall be by permission of the Executive Board.**  
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168 **Article VIII Amendment**

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170 **Section 1.**

171 **These By Laws may be amended at any general membership meeting of the**  
172 **Club by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting, provided:**  
173 **A. notice of the proposed amendment shall have been given at a previous**  
174 **meeting, or**  
175 **B. notice of the proposed amendment is published in the HCC newsletter or a**  
176 **special notice mailed to each member at least two (2) weeks prior to the**  
177 **scheduled meeting.**

178 **Section 2.**

179 **A committee may be appointed to submit a revised set of By Laws only by a**  
180 **majority vote at a regularly called meeting of the Club or by two-thirds (2/3)**  
181 **vote of the Executive Board.**  
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183 **Article IX Dissolution**

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185 **Section 1.**

186 **The Hoosier Canoe Club may be dissolved at any regular meeting of the Club**  
187 **by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting, provided notice**  
188 **of the proposed dissolution has been at a previous meeting and such notice**  
189 **has been mailed to all members in good standing at least two (2) weeks prior**  
190 **to the meeting at which such a proposal is voted upon.**

191 **Section 2.**

192 **In the event of the dissolution of the Club, The assets of the organization shall**  
193 **be distributed to the national affiliated canoeing organizations or any other**  
194 **worthy ecology-conservation group as designated by the majority vote of the**  
195 **Club members with the dissolution vote. Equipment shall be converted into**  
196 **fair value cash after such amount has been determined by an impartial**  
197 **appraiser selected by the Executive Board.**

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**Article X The Wavier**

**The HCC membership waiver will be used for all HCC events. The membership wavier shall read as follows:**

**I recognize and fully understand that paddlesport activities can be a dangerous. There can be hidden obstacles in the water, tricky currents, sudden weather changes, or any number of other man-made or natural hazards. In addition, mistakes can be made by fellow paddlers. Despite the mutually supportive group structure, I am ultimately responsible for my own safety, and do assume sole responsibility for my decisions. In consideration for my membership in the Hoosier Canoe Club and/or for the privilege of voluntary participation in its activities and events , I hereby waive and forever release any and all claims and/or demands against the Hoosier Canoe Club, its officers, or any club members for personal injury to myself, including death, for damage to any item of personal property, and/or loss of service, arising from any damages or losses which I may suffer or incur while taking part in any activity or event of the club. This waiver and release shall be binding upon my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns. I further agree that if I bring a child or minor to one of the club's activities or events, I alone shall be responsible for the child's health and safety.**

**Article XI Membership Pledge**

**The membership pledge of the Hoosier Canoe Club shall read as follows:**

- ? I will support the efforts of the Hoosier Canoe Club to bring together people with a mutual interest in paddlesports, camping and other family outdoor activities.**
- ? I will strive to improve skill and safety in paddlesports.**
- ? I will act to promote interest in paddlesports.**
- ? I will assist with efforts to preserve natural waterways and natural resources.**

**===== This is the end of the By-Laws =====**