

CONSTITUTION

Article I - Name

The name of this organization is the Tri-City Bicycle Club, herein after referred to as the "Club".

Article II- Purpose

- Section 1. To encourage bicycle riding for better health and recreation by conducting regularly scheduled rides, outings, sporting events and related programs.
- Section 2. To support its membership and the cycling public with social and recreational activities.
- Section 3. To represent and protect the interest of the bicyclist.
- Section 4. To provide bicycle safety education and other resources to the community.

Article III - Membership

- Section 1. An Individual membership is open to all persons who are interested in the objectives of the Club.
- Section 2. A Family membership shall include all family members; provided that there shall be only one vote per Family membership.

Article IV - Officers

- Section 1. The officers of the Club are President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The officers shall be elected from the general membership.
- Section 2. The officers shall serve for a period of one year from the December general meeting until the December general meeting of the succeeding year or until a successor is elected. Only members of the Club may serve as officers or committee chairpersons. The President and Vice-President shall serve no more than two consecutive terms. The President and Vice- President must both be 18 years of age or older at the time they take office.

Article V - Duties of Officers

- Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings, appoint committees and representatives to other organizations, and shall be an ex officio member of all committees. The President may make emergency decisions for the good of the Club, as required, between meetings and may appoint a member to fill a vacancy of an office until the next election.
- Section 2. The Vice-President shall perform duties of the President when the President is absent, and shall become President in the event of a vacancy in that office. It shall also be the Vice- President's duty to assist the President as necessary. The Vice President shall be publicity chairman for major events of the Club.

- Section 3. The Secretary shall take minutes at the Board and general meetings and perform other duties as assigned by the President. The Secretary shall submit weekly notices to local newspaper(s) concerning activities of the Club.
- Section 4. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the Club's financial assets and records and shall prepare an annual financial report for presentation to the membership. The financial report shall fairly portray the Club's financial condition as of November thirtieth of each year. All Financial records shall be available for inspection by any member of the Club. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the receipt and disbursement of funds. The Treasurer shall file annual reports with the IRS.

Article VI - Elections

- Section 1. The President shall appoint a nominating committee of at least three persons at a summer board meeting. The committee shall nominate at least one person for each office and shall announce the slate of nominees at a fall general meeting.
- Section 2. The election shall be held by the general membership at the December Club meeting. Nominations from the general membership will be accepted at the election meeting. Election shall be by voice vote if only one candidate is nominated for each office. If there is more than one candidate for an office, then voting shall be by secret ballot. Ballots shall be counted by the President's designee and the candidate with a simple majority of the votes wins. Only Club memberships can vote with one vote allowed per family membership.
- Section 3. The election shall proceed only if a quorum of 10% of the voting memberships are present. Otherwise election ballots shall be mailed to all voting memberships with a return deadline of December thirty-first. The President shall designate the vote counter(s). Nominees with the majority of votes for each office will be the new officers.

Article VII - Standing Committees

- Section 1. Standing Committees shall be listed below. The President shall appoint committee chairpersons to serve a one-year term, concurrent with the officers. Committees shall consist of a chairperson and as many members as necessary to fulfill the duties of the committee. The duties of the Standing Committees shall be determined by the Board.

. Rides Committee . Newsletter Committee
. Circulation Committee

- Section 2. The President may appoint Special Committees or task forces as needed. The chairpersons of these Special Committees are not automatically members of the Board.

Article VIII - Board and Duties

- Section 1. The Board shall consist of the elected officers and the chairpersons of the standing committees or their designated representatives.
- Section 2. The Board shall transact necessary business between general meetings and such other business as is referred to it by the general membership.
- Section 3. Actions and recommendations of the Board shall be presented to the general membership for comment and approval as necessary.

Article IX - Meetings

- Section 1. Board meetings shall be at least quarterly.
- Section 2. General meetings for the conduct of Club business and presentation of events of interest to the membership shall be held at least quarterly.
- Section 3. Special meetings may be called when the President deems it necessary.

Article X - Voting

- Section 1. Voting at general meetings shall be either open or secret ballot in the conduct of Club business. A simple majority of memberships voting shall be sufficient for passage of a motion unless a different standard is provided for elsewhere in this Constitution or the policy and procedure manual.
- Section 2. Voting at board meetings shall be by open or secret ballot in the conduct of Club business. Once a quorum is reached, a two-thirds majority shall be sufficient for passage of a motion unless a different standard is provided for elsewhere in this Constitution or the policy and procedure manual. A quorum shall consist of 1/2 plus 1 of the board membership.

Article XI- Dues

Annual membership dues shall be established by a two-thirds majority of those voting at a general meeting of the Club or submitting an absentee ballot; provided that the proposed dues shall be published in the Club's newsletter immediately preceding the general meeting.

Article XII- Amendments

This Constitution may be amended or repealed by a two-thirds majority of those voting at a general meeting of the Club or submitting an absentee ballot; provided that written notice of the proposed amendment(s) or repealer(s) shall be distributed to the Club Membership at least one week prior to the general meeting.