

BERRIEN SPRINGS

BOAT CLUB, INC.
BY-LAWS

ADOPTED DECEMBER 10, 1960
REVISED JANUARY 1, 1963
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ARTICLE I

Name and Incorporation

Section 1.

The name of this club shall be the "Berrien Springs Boat Club, Inc."

Section 2.

This Corporation shall be incorporated as a non-profit corporation under the statutes of the State of Michigan.

Section 3.

This Corporation shall have the power to acquire, hold, transfer, convey, assign, lease and/or mortgage real and personal property. All documents to be executed on behalf of the Corporation shall be approved by the executive committee. The executive committee shall designate the persons to sign such documents.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The purpose of this club shall be: To provide a boating access site and recreation area on the St. Joseph River located above the Berrien Springs dam.

ARTICLE III

Membership

A member is defined as a person who has been approved by the executive committee, and has been issued a current key and participates in club activities.

ARTICLE IV

Requirements For Membership

(*Commercial Memberships are NOT available)

- a) Must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- b) Must hold current liability insurance on all watercraft.(registered or non-registered)
- c) New applications must be approved by executive committee by majority decision. The executive committee will review new applications within 15 days of receipt of completed Application form.
- d) Current memberships will automatically be renewed upon submission of completed application and dues, pending no violations of Article VI.

ARTICLE V

Acceptance Of Members

Any person qualified by membership under these By-Laws, who desires to become a member of this club, shall make written application, giving such information as the executive officers may prescribe. Application must be supported by two references. Appropriate fees shall be included with application.

ARTICLE VI

Termination Of Membership

Any membership of this club may be terminated in the following manner:

If any member is guilty of conduct, injurious to the best interest, good order or peace of the club, or violate any of the rules of the club, such person may be expelled from membership at any regular meeting of the executive committee by a majority vote after giving the member in question the right to a hearing on the reason or reasons for possible expulsion.

Any person may voluntarily resign but dues will not be refunded.

ARTICLE VII

Officers

The Officers of the club shall consist of the following:

- a) Chairman
- b) Vice-Chairman
- c) Secretary
- d) Treasurer
- e) Sgt-At-Arms

ARTICLE VIII

Executive Committee

The executive committee shall consist of all Officers of the club.

ARTICLE IX

Nomination and Election of Officers

- Executive committee shall nominate eligible members for each executive office by February preceding the election.
- Term of office is four years beginning clean-up day to clean-up day.
- Nominees must have been a member of the club for a minimum of two years prior to nomination. Chairman must have served as an executive officer prior to being nominated for the office of Chairman.
- By March preceding the election a ballot of nominated members will be mailed with the notice of dues for the year along with the renewal application.
- The ballots shall be counted by the executive committee members on clean-up day. Nominees receiving majority of votes as determined by completed ballots turned in will become new officers, and will be notified by the Chairman. Regular members may be present in an unofficial capacity.

ARTICLE X

Duties Of Officers

Section 1. Chairman:

- It shall be the duty of the Chairman to preside at all meetings of the club.

- He/she shall have general supervision over the activities of the club and its property as determined from time to time by the executive committee.

Section 2. Vice-Chairman:

- It shall be the duty of the Vice-Chairman to assist the Chairman in the discharge of his/her duties, and in the absence of the Chairman, or in case of a vacancy in such office, to act as Chairman.
- Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the executive committee.

Section 3. Secretary:

- Attend and keep minutes of all meetings of the members and the executive committee in books provided for that purpose.
- Keep a correct roll of all members, showing their names, addresses, classification and any other necessary information required by the executive committee.
- Keep a correct record of the boats in the club's fleet, showing name of owner, dimensions, type, and horsepower of each boat owned.
- Notify each applicant for membership of his acceptance or rejection and furnish each upon his acceptance to membership with a copy of the By-Laws.
- File and keep in convenient manner for reference all documents, records, reports and communications connected with the business of the club.
- Send all bulletins and notices of meetings, required by these By-Laws.
- In case he/she is unable to attend any meeting of either the membership or the executive committee, he/she shall cause the necessary books, reports and papers to be brought to the executive committee meeting.
- Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the executive committee.

Section 4. Treasurer:

- Collect, receive and have custody of all monies and funds due and/or belonging to the club, and to pay all bills contracted by the club, and keep an accurate account of it in the books.
- Submit a current bank statement at each executive committee.
- Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the executive committee.

Section 5. Sgt-At-Arms

- Responsible for ramp locks.
- Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the executive committee.
- The Sgt-At-Arms will be a voting officer.

ARTICLE XI

Powers and Duties Of The Executive Committee

Section 1. The executive committee shall meet as needed, at least twice per year, including clean-up day in April. These meetings are open to the general membership, although general membership will have no vote.

Section 2. Four officers shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but less than a quorum may adjourn the meeting to a stated time and place. A majority vote is needed to carry a motion. All five officers will receive a copy of the minutes of the meeting.

Section 3. The management and control of all the affairs, annual dues, funds and property of the club shall be vested in the executive committee on behalf of the Berrien Springs Boat Club, Inc., except as delegated to the club chairman.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the executive committee to carry out the objects and purposes of the Club as provided for herein, and in the Articles of Incorporation, and to enact any rules and regulations necessary to the operation of the club.

Section 5. The executive committee shall approve or disapprove the applications of prospective members.

ARTICLE XII

Dues, Fees and Assessments

Section 1. Dues shall be determined annually by the executive committee as follows:

- Initiation fee:
- Annual dues:
- Key deposit:
- Late fee: (after clean-up day in April)

Each member will display in a prominent place on the port (left) side of the registered boat near or on windshield, the decal which will entitle him to use the club facilities.

The key may not be loaned and member may not allow any other boat besides his, to use the ramp.

All ramp keys must be turned in each year before new key will be issued. Failure to do so will warrant a lost key charge of \$15.00.

Keys lost during the season can be replaced for a for a \$15.00.

Section 2.

- Annual dues are due by clean up day in April.

- Members other than new members will pay an additional late fee of \$15.00 when completed application, old key and membership fees are not received by clean-up day in April.

Section 3.

- Elected officers are not subject to payment of dues during his/her term of office.

ARTICLE XIII

Order Of Business

Unless otherwise changed by a majority vote, the order of business at every meeting of executive committee shall be:

- a) Roll call.
- b) Reading of minutes of previous meeting.
- c) Reports of officers.
- d) Communication.
- e) Business matters to come before the club.
- f) Adjournment.

Robert Rules and Orders, Revised shall be the authority for the parliamentary procedure.

ARTICLE XIV

Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the club shall begin on the first day of January and end on the 31st day of December.

ARTICLE XV

Termination Of Club

In the event of termination of the Berrien Springs Boat Club, Inc., assets will be turned over to a non-profit organization designated by the executive committee.

ARTICLE XVI

By-laws may be changed by majority vote of executive committee followed by a yes/no majority vote of full membership. By-laws may be changed no more than once per year.