

TRoLS By-laws  
BYLAWS OF THE TRAIL RIDERS OF LAKE STOREY

ARTICLE I. NAME

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the TRAIL RIDERS OF LAKE STOREY.

ARTICLE II. MISSION

Section 1. The mission of the Trail Riders of Lake Storey (TRoLS) is to promote off road bicycling through education of land managers and trail creators, trail creation, trail maintenance, and social events.

TRoLS is dedicated to responsible use of the trails by bicyclists through a few simple concepts, the goal being open trails for bicyclists and more trails where they are appropriate.

Mountain bikers have a responsibility to minimize the impact on the land they use. Mountain biking helps build personal commitment to environmental protection and open space preservation.

Mountain biking is a legitimate and sustainable activity enjoyed by people of all ages and abilities. The sport's environmental impact can be managed effectively by proper trail design and maintenance, which TRoLS provides to land managers. Mountain biking's social impact can be managed by dispersing use, providing adequate trail opportunities for all trail users and by emphasizing responsible trail use through education.

TRoLS believes that all trail users have a responsibility to contribute to the upkeep of trails. Few government agencies have the personnel or the money to adequately maintain trails on their own. TRoLS and its members are dedicated to volunteering regularly for trailwork projects. TRoLS also provides financial support to the mission by providing education, monetary support, volunteer hours, and materials to land managers within the Galesburg area, to include but not limited to the City of Galesburg Park and Recreation Department.

TRoLS promotes the social aspect of off road bicycling through education and special events. TRoLS hosts mountain bike races in order to raise funds to be used to provide tools, educational materials, and building supplies for trail projects. We also have group rides and club events that anyone can attend and join.

### ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Any person interested in off road bicycling shall be eligible for membership upon application.

Section 2. Applications for membership are available from the organization.

Section 3. Persons under 18 years of age must have a liability release form, provided by the Association, signed by a parent or legal guardian before they can be accepted into the Association

Section 4. Individual dues shall be \$25 per year payable in January. Couples or family dues shall be \$40 per year payable in January. Changes in dues must be approved by a majority of the voting members at a regular meeting.

Section 5. Any membership may be terminated by resignation.

Section 6. The Officers reserve the right to reject the application or terminate the membership of any party for just cause.

### ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers shall be as follows:

A. President – Calls meetings; acts as chairman at meetings; periodically communicates with other Officers to organize Association activities.

B. Vice President – Acts as chairman at meetings when the President is unavailable; takes minutes of meetings, records Association activities.

C. Treasurer – Maintains Association funds; pays bills at the request of Officers; keeps records of active memberships; maintains financial statements and records; reports Association's financial status to Officers and general membership at monthly meetings.

Section 2. Officers shall be nominated following a resignation of a standing officer. They shall be elected by a plurality of those members voting through a ballot process by current members in good standing at the following November meeting. Elected officers shall begin their term in January and hold office for one year or until their successors are elected and duly installed. If an officer is unable to complete his or her term of office, the remaining officers shall appoint a member to fill the unexpired term at the next regular meeting.

Section 3. The officers shall have control and management of the affairs and business of the Association between regular meetings. Any action of the Officers may be overridden by a 2/3 vote of members present and in good standing at any meeting

## ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

Section 1. There shall be 4 regular meetings called by the President per calendar year.

Section 2. There shall be meetings of the Officers as needed.

Section 3. There shall be special meetings at the request of any member upon approval of a majority of the officers or at the request of any officer.

Section 4. At all regular or special meetings, motions may be passed by a simple majority vote of the Association members present.

Section 5. Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern the proceedings of the Association at all meetings, subject to the special rules which have been or may be adopted.

## ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES AND COORDINATORS

Section 1. Committees and / or coordinators shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Officers and shall consist of one coordinator or one chairperson per item.

Section 2. Committee chairs and / or coordinators shall report to the President and the Vice President.

## ARTICLE VII. MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. The organization shall hold status as a not for profit organization through the Secretary of State of Illinois.

Section 2. The organization shall be an affiliated member club of the International Mountain Bike Association or other recognized mountain / off road bicycling advocacy group as the majority sees fit.

Section 3. At any meeting, an amendment to these bylaws may be introduced by any organization member in good standing. Such amendments to the bylaws shall be effective upon ratification by 2/3 majority of those members present and voting and in good standing.

Section 4. Distribution of assets upon dissolution. All organization assets to include, but not limited to, tools, educational material, money, and other property shall be dispersed, as remaining members see fit, upon the possible dissolution of the organization.