

# **BY LAWS OF THE OSCEOLA AIRBOAT ASSOCIATION, INC.**

## **ARTICLE I. NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the Osceola Airboat Association, Inc.

## **ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVES**

The purpose for which this Association is organized is to encourage a combined effort on the part of all members that the mutual advantages in the particular pursuits of the individual members may be enjoyed.

Furthermore, it is the purpose of this Association to forward the development of these characteristics of honesty, good fellowship, self-discipline, teamwork, and self-reliance, which are the essentials of good sportsmanship. It shall be our objective to conserve fish, game and other wildlife in it's habitat in the state of Florida, and furthermore to establish and engender a friendly and mutual beneficial relationship between land owners and sportsmen. To obtain better knowledge on the part of the membership I the safe handling and the proper operations of airboats and to cooperate in obtaining proper respect for, and observation of the fish and game laws. To make our boats available to the Law Enforcement Officers of Osceola Count, State Game commission, Civil Defense, and to respond to all calls from our rescue units in Osceola County.

## **ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP**

**SECTION 1.** Any person that is of legal age (18 yrs).

**SECTION 2.** Members of the Association shall be those persons enrolled on the organization's roster. The roster shall be unlimited until the Association deems it necessary to amend it.

**SECTION 3.** Membership dues and/or initiation fees shall be determined by the Board of Directors with the approval of two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership quorum during any regular stated meeting.

**SECTION 4.** When a new membership is paid the new member will receive a large (7") Osceola Airboat Sticker and one (1) small (3") Osceola Airboat sticker. Additional large sticker will be available for purchase. Purchase price shall be decided by Board of Directors with the approval of two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership quorum during any regular meeting.

**SECTION 5.** Honorary members must be nominated by a member of the Association in good standing and be accepted by a majority vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the membership quorum. No dues shall be required of honorary members. In addition, they shall not have voting rights.

## **ARTICLE IV. MEETING**

**SECTION 1.** Regular meetings of the Association are for the transaction of ordinary business. Meetings shall be held on the second Thursday of each month, at a time and place to be determined by the Officers of the Association. The Board of Directors will meet one (1) week prior to Association meeting.

**SECTION 2.** Order of Business

1. Call meeting to order (President or Vice President)
2. Minutes of previous meeting (Secretary)
3. Treasurer's Report (Treasurer)
4. Report of Officers
5. Announcements and Entertainment
6. Committee Reports (Vice President)
7. Old business
8. New business
9. Meeting adjournment

**SECTION 3.** Special meetings of the Association may be called at any time by the Officers of the Association stating time, place, and nature of business. Notice must be given three (3) days in advance of each meeting.

**SECTION 4.** All meetings shall be conducted according to parliamentary rules. Open discussion from the floor on all measures shall be permitted after recognition by the chair.

## **ARTICLE V. QUORUM**

**SECTION 1.** Seven members of the Association shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

**SECTION 2.** At any meeting of the Board of Directors, a majority of the total members of the Board shall constitute a quorum and a majority vote of the Board members present at any meeting shall prevail. Any Board member having three (3) consecutive unexcused absences will be subject to dismissal.

## **ARTICLE VI. MANAGEMENT**

**SECTION 1.** The Board of Directors shall consist of nine (9) members with the current President being the ninth member. The Chairman of the Board shall be elected by the Board members.

**SECTION 2.** The management of the Association shall be vested in the Board of Directors, in addition to the current President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

**SECTION 3.** Disagreements between club members, be they officers or not, shall be registered with the Secretary. The Secretary will then prepare a full report for presentation to Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will then take into consideration the disagreement. If the dispute involves any member (s) of the board, that member (s) will not be invited to participate in the final decision. Action by the board will take place within seven days of the reported disagreement (by special meeting when necessary). The decision of the board will be final and both dissenting parties shall be so advised.

If the board is unable to resolve the dispute, a special committee of five members shall be appointed. The special committee members will be chosen by lot from candidates (no officers) selected from the membership by nomination. Committee members will serve for the period of time required to reach a decision. The committee shall then be dissolved. Candidate members will exceed the requirement of five by a minimum of three. One committee member shall be elected by the committee to be chairman. All committee members shall consider the matter and vote on the final outcome.

The decision will be presented to the general membership at the next general meeting. The decision of the board or the committee shall be considered final. No further discussion will be permitted. If the dissenting parties disagree with the decision and insist on bringing up the subject, they will be requested to leave the meeting.

## **ARTICLE VII. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**SECTION 1.** **All Officers and** Board of Directors shall be elected to a two (2) year term or hold concurrent terms if re-elected by a majority vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the membership quorum. **Rotating officers and Board of Directors** will be nominated in **March** of each year and voted upon in **April** of each year. **Rotating schedule will**

follow: Year one the President, Secretary and four (4) Board of Directors will be up for election. Year two or following year the Vice President, Treasurer and four (4) remaining Board of Directors will be up for election.

**SECTION 2.** Officers, consisting of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by a majority vote, of two-thirds (2/3) of the membership quorum and serve a two (2) year term. To be eligible to hold an officer position members dues must be paid in advance twelve (12) months before an election and held a Board of Director position for at least twelve (12) months within the current membership period. Memberships are for one year May to April, except if you join in or after January in the current year.

**SECTION 3.** In the event of an officer vacancy, a member of the Board of Directors shall fill the vacated office until an Association member is elected at the earliest regular meeting to fill the unexpired term

## **ARTICLE VIII. DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

**SECTION 1.** The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and shall perform all other duties pertinent to his/her office.

**SECTION 2.** The Vice President shall coordinate all committee activities and shall take over the President's duties in his absence. In case the Presidency becomes vacant he/she will automatically become President.

**SECTION 3.** The Secretary shall conduct all correspondence pertaining to the Association and all public relations. He/she shall keep a true record of all correspondence and meetings of the Association. The Secretary shall have an accurate roster of the membership available at all meetings.

**SECTION 4.** The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the Association and place same in such bank or banks as may be approved by the Board of Directors. Such money may be withdrawn only by check signed by Treasurer and President for payment of bills not to exceed \$250.00. Expenditures in excess of \$100.00 but not to exceed \$300.00 shall require approval by three officers of the Association and one Board of Director member. Expenditures in excess of \$500.00 shall require the approval of the Board of Directors and two-thirds (2/3) of the membership quorum with a vote, or by special meeting with notice to each member prior to the vote, stating time, place, and nature of business. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all his/her transactions and render a detailed report with vouchers at regular

meetings. All checks must have two signatures, that of the Treasurer, President and / or Secretary. Treasurer shall attend all Board of Directors meetings.

**SECTION 5.** The Board of Directors shall have the responsibility of for the governing and operation of the Association.

## **ARTICLE IX. SUSPENSION, EXPULSION AND REINSTATEMENT**

**SECTION 1.** Any member may be suspended or expelled from the Association for cause or causes deemed sufficient by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership quorum during any regular meeting. No vote shall be taken unless the member charged has received a written notice, at least fifteen days prior to meeting, stating time, place, and nature of charges. Charges against a member may be preferred by any member. Such charges shall be in writing, stating all facts. The charges shall be filed with the Secretary who will notify the President and the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will conduct the hearing. Furthermore, charges made by anyone will be thoroughly investigated by the Board of Directors, and the charged member will be given a full hearing.

**SECTION 2.** Any member in arrears of his dues for a period of sixty (60) days shall be removed from the roster.

**SECTION 3.** Re-instatement: No member, after acceptance of his resignation or suspension or expulsion from this Association shall be reinstated to membership in this Association unless a written or formal application to the Board of Directors is made by the applicant. The Board of Directors shall have the power to impose such terms as it may deem proper as a condition for reinstatement of a member resigned, suspended or expelled from this Association, and no application for reinstatement shall be put before the members during a regular meeting of this Association for a vote until the terms and conditions of reinstatement have been complied with by the conditions of reinstatement have been complied with by the applicant. If two-thirds (2/3) of the membership quorum vote in favor of reinstatement, then he/she shall be reinstated has a member. Any member being reinstated for the above reasons will be assessed the standing membership fees of this Association.

## **ARTICLE XI. BYLAWS: AMENDEMENTS, ADDITIONS, OR ALTERATIONS**

**SECTION 1.** Proposed amendments, additions, or alterations to these bylaws may be introduced by any member in good standing. Any proposed changes must be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors and shall be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. All proposals of amendments, additions, or

alterations shall require a majority of two-thirds (2/3) vote by the membership quorum for passage.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We the Board of Directors of the Osceola Airboat Association, Inc. have hereunto set our hands and seals to this document, as amended and passed on this date.