

Lake Frederick Democrats and Independents Club
Bylaws as Revised July 20, 2022

Article 1 – Name

This organization shall be known as the Lake Frederick Democrats and Independents (LFDI) Club.

Article 2 – Purpose

LFDI is a non-profit grassroots organization composed of Democrats and Independents who live in Lake Frederick, Virginia, including the neighborhoods on the eastern side (Lake Frederick East) and western side (Lake Frederick West) of Lake Frederick. LFDI's mission is to mobilize and amplify the voices of Democratic and Independent voters who live in Lake Frederick, Virginia. LFDI works to ensure that our members identify key policies and become informed and energized voters in local, state, and national elections. LFDI is a caucus of the Winchester Frederick County Democratic Committee (WFCDC), as governed by the WFCDC Bylaws and the Bylaws of the Democratic Party of Virginia, as those documents may be revised from time to time.

Article 3 – Membership

Members are those residents of Lake Frederick East and Lake Frederick West who have identified themselves to LFDI as Democrats and/or Independents. Members may vote in the Annual Membership Meeting, in any special meetings, and in the election of Executive Committee officers. Members may resign at any time by contacting their Street Captain or a member of the Executive Committee and stating that they wish to resign.

Article 4 – Meetings of Members

LFDI will hold an Annual Membership Meeting on the second Monday of October. The meeting may be online or conducted in such other manner as determined by the Executive Committee. At the Annual Membership Meeting, the Chair will report on the prior year and the Treasurer will report on financial matters. Other committee chairs may also give reports. Members may raise matters and make motions. A majority of the Members participating in the Annual Membership Meeting shall be required to pass any motions.

Once every two years, LFDI will include elections within the Annual Membership Meeting, as described in Article 6 - Election of Executive Committee.

LFDI may conduct such special meetings as may be deemed necessary by the Executive Committee.

Article 5 – Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall be composed of a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Executive Committee shall appoint such committee chairs as deemed necessary. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to call special meetings, to disburse LFDI funds, and to conduct such business as it shall deem necessary in order to further LFDI's goals and objectives.

The Executive Committee's authority to disburse funds includes contributing up to \$1,000.00 per year to the general election campaigns of Democratic and Independent candidates for local, state, and national office, with a limit of \$250 to any individual campaign. LFDI will not contribute to any primary campaign.

Members of the Executive Committee shall be elected every two years at Annual Membership Meetings, beginning in October 2022. If a vacancy occurs between elections, the Executive Committee is empowered to appoint a Member to fill the vacancy. A member of the Executive Committee may be removed upon a carried motion of a Member at the Annual Membership Meeting or such special meeting as may be called by the Executive Committee.

Article 6 – Election of Executive Committee

Every two years, beginning in October 2022, LFDI shall elect members of the Executive Committee at the Annual Membership Meeting. On the first Monday of August the Executive Committee will issue a Call for Nominations, which shall run through the third Monday of August. The Call for Nominations shall contain the procedures for making nominations. Members may nominate themselves or any other Member who has indicated a willingness to stand for election. In the event that there is only one nominee for a position, that nominee shall be considered elected by acclamation. In the event that there is more than one nominee for a position, there will be an election at the Annual Membership Meeting.

The Steering Committee shall have authority to act as an Executive Committee from the date of adoption of these Bylaws until the election of an Executive Committee.

Election of a member of the Executive Committee shall be by a majority of the Members participating at the Annual Membership Meeting.

Article 7 – Amendment of Bylaws

These LFDI Bylaws may be amended at the Annual Membership Meeting or at such special meeting as may be called. Amendments must be proposed, in writing, at least one week prior to the relevant

meeting. Any Member may propose an amendment. Amendments must be adopted by a vote of two-thirds of the Members present at the relevant meeting.

Article 8 – Dissolution

If and when it becomes necessary or advisable to dissolve LFDI, a motion for dissolution may be made by a Member. If approved by a majority of Members, LFDI will dissolve and any assets will be transferred to the WFCDC or its successor.

Adopted, this ___ day of _____, 2022 by the members of the LFDI Steering Committee.

Signatures:

Catherine Giovannoni

John Valliere

Shirley Hottot