

BY-LAWS
GALLATIN VALLEY SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED AMMENDMENTS

CURRENT:

ARTICLE III
SECTION 5. (DOES NOT EXIST)

PROPOSED #1: Add SECTION 5 to define a FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

ARTICLE III
SECTION 5. FAMILY MEMBERSHIP - Two adults residing in the same household with or without children under 18 years of age, may qualify for a family membership.

CURRENT:

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS AND DUTIES
SECTION 1. OFFICERS - The officers of the ASSOCIATION shall be a President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, and immediate past President. The term of office for all officers shall be for one year, and shall run from June 1 following their election to the following May 31, following the election of their successors.
Any officer may be reelected to more than one term in succession.

PROPOSED #2: Strike "Immediate past president" to create an uneven board so no tie vote can occur

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CURRENT:

ARTICLE IV
SECTION 2
SUBSECTION 4

b. Be responsible for all funds of the ASSOCIATION which shall be deposited to the ASSOCIATION account in the designated bank.

Such money can be withdrawn for payment of obligations of the ASSOCIATION only after approval of the Board.

All payments of obligations shall be by check only signed by the Treasurer up to the amount of \$500.00. Any check of the amount of \$500.00 shall require the signatures of two of the following three: President, Treasurer, or Vice President.

Grooming Account:

All payments of obligations shall be by check only signed by the treasurer up to the amount of \$2000.00. Any checks over the amount of \$2000.00 shall require the signatures of two of the following three: President, Treasure, or Vice President.

PROPOSED #3: strike wording requiring two signatures for checks over \$500/\$2000 for club and grooming accounts respectively. We haven't done that for a while and don't have checks with two signature lines. Wording change to reflect more current forms of banking, as well are who are authorized signers.

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Such money can be withdrawn for payment of obligations of the ASSOCIATION only after approval of the Board.

All payments of obligations shall be by check, card, or money order only signed by the Treasurer, President, Vice President, or Grooming Chairman. up to the amount of \$500.00. Any check of the amount of \$500.00 shall require the signatures of two of the following three: President, Treasurer, or Vice President.

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CURRENT:

ARTICLE IV
SECTION 2
SUBSECTION 4

d. Maintain a current and accurate list of the membership of the Association. Provide current membership list to the officers by September 1.

PROPOSED #4: Move this responsibility to the Corresponding Secretary, date change to January 1 to follow current membership year.

ARTICLE IV
SECTION 2
SUBSECTION 3
ADD PART G

g. Maintain a current and accurate list of the membership of the Association. Provide current membership list to the officers by January 1.

CURRENT:

ARTICLE V
SECTION 2. The Board of Directors shall have the authorization to make expenditures up to \$500.00 on behalf of the ASSOCIATION without prior approval of the membership. Expenditures exceeding \$500.00 shall be approved by a vote of the ASSOCIATION membership at a regular meeting.
Grooming expenditures:
All expenditures other than grooming which is covered under ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4, Subparagraph b.

PROPOSED #5: Change wording to give the Board & Committee members sole voting rights on financial decisions. Remove paragraph about grooming expenditures as it's redundant.

ARTICLE V
SECTION 2. The Board of Directors shall have the authorization to make expenditures up to \$500.00 on behalf of the ASSOCIATION. without prior approval of the membership. Expenditures exceeding \$500.00 shall be approved by a two-thirds majority vote by the Board of Directors vote of the ASSOCIATION membership at a regular meeting.
Grooming expenditures:
All expenditures other than grooming which is covered under ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4, Subparagraph b.

CURRENT:

ARTICLE V

SECTION 3. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, the most immediate Past President, and five (5) Technical Directors appointed by the elected officers of the Board, subject to approval by ASSOCIATION members.

SECTION 4. TECHNICAL DIRECTORS -

1. Technical Directors shall serve on the Board of Directors for a term of one year. The term shall be the same as the term of office of the Officers.

A Technical Director vacancy of the Board of the Directors may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board.

2. The Technical Directors shall serve on the Board of Directors and assist in carrying out the duties and responsibilities of the Officers.

3. The Technical Directors shall organize and direct all tours, races, trail rides, and gatherings. They shall have the authority to appoint assistants. They shall contract no bills without prior approval of the Board of Directors.

PROPOSED #6: Strike immediate past president for continuity. Change wording from "Technical Directors" to Grooming Committee to match current practice. Change Subparagraph 3 to better fit the duties.

ARTICLE V

SECTION 3. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, ~~the most immediate Past President~~, and five (5) **Grooming Committee Members** appointed by the elected officers of the Board, subject to approval by ASSOCIATION members.

SECTION 4. **GROOMING COMMITTEE** -

1. **The Grooming Committee** shall serve on the Board of Directors for a term of one year. The term shall be the same as the term of office of the Officers.

A **Grooming Committee** vacancy of the Board of the Directors may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board.

2. The **Grooming Committee** shall serve on the Board of Directors and assist in carrying out the duties and responsibilities of the Officers.

3. The **Grooming Committee** shall organize and direct **day to day grooming operations and over see scheduling, maintenance, and quality of operators.** ~~all tours, races, trail rides, and gatherings.~~ They shall have the authority to appoint assistants. They shall contract no bills without prior approval of the Board of Directors.

CURRENT:

ARTICLE V

SECTION 5.

1. There shall be 6 (six) standing committees: Membership, Public Lands, Trails and Grooming, Search and Rescue, Races and Rallies, and Safety; all committees shall number at least (3) three members.

PROPOSED #7: Remove trails and grooming as a standing committee, and change wording to reflect changes

ARTICLE V

SECTION 5.

1. There shall be **5 (five)** standing committees: Membership, Public Lands, ~~Trails and Grooming~~, Search and Rescue, Races and Rallies, and Safety; all committees shall number at least (3) three members.

CURRENT:

ARTICLE V

SECTION 6. The President shall appoint a nominating committee at the March meeting. The nominating committee shall provide a list of candidates for each office. Candidate willingness to hold office shall be determined by the committee prior to their being nominated.

SECTION 7. At the time of election, and audit committee of three members will be appointed by the outgoing President to audit the ASSOCIATION books and report at the next regular meeting. The three member audit committee should be appointed from the general membership and not include any seated officers, technical directors or committee chairman.

PROPOSED #8: Strike SECTION 6 and SECTION 7 in their entirety to reflect current practice

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CURRENT:

ARTICLE VI

SECTION 4. The nominating committee shall seek from the general membership by personal contact or other means i.e; phone, letter, etc. and report nominations for all offices to members at the regular April business meeting.

PROPOSED #9: Strike SECTION 4 for continuity from the above change

ARTICLE VI

~~SECTION 4. The nominating committee shall seek from the general membership by personal contact or other means i.e; phone, letter, etc. and report nominations for all offices to members at the regular April business meeting.~~

CURRENT:

ARTICLE VII

SECTION 2. The membership year of the ASSOCIATION shall commence on July 1 and end on the filling June 30. Unpaid dues for membership shall be delinquent after October 1. These dates are set to facilitate the supplementing of the treasury, to fund projects for the coming year.

PROPOSED #10: Change dates to reflect current practices

ARTICLE VII

SECTION 2. The membership year of the ASSOCIATION shall commence on **October 1** and end on the following **September 30**. Unpaid dues for membership shall be delinquent after **January 1**. These dates are set to facilitate the supplementing of the treasury, to fund projects for the coming year.

CURRENT:

ARTICLE VIII

SECTION 4. The Board of Directors shall meet at least once a month. The time and place shall be fixed by the Board.

PROPOSED #11: Allow board to postpone or cancel meetings from May to September

ARTICLE VIII

SECTION 4. The Board of Directors shall meet at least once a month. The time and place shall be fixed by the Board. If there is little to no business to conduct the Board, by two-thirds majority vote may cancel a regular monthly meeting from May to September.

CURRENT:

ARTICLE IX
SECTION 1

- a. Voting for officers shall be by secret ballot this will apply regardless of nominees for an office.
- b. Voting on all other questions shall be by show of hands

PROPOSED #12: strike subsection a. in its entirety to reflect current practices wording change to subsection b. for continuity, and re-letter a.-f.

ARTICLE IX
SECTION 1

- a. ~~Voting for officers shall be by secret ballot this will apply regardless of nominees for an office.~~
- a. Voting on all other questions **matters** shall be by show of hands

CURRENT:

ARTICLE IX
SECTION 1

- e. Family memberships shall have one vote, the same as a single membership.

PROPOSED #13: change wording to allow both adults a vote under a family membership. change sub paragraph to reflect re-lettering change above

ARTICLE IX
SECTION 1

- d. Family memberships ~~shall one vote, the same as a single membership.~~ **may have a maximum of two votes as defined under ARTICLE III, SECTION 5.**