



Bylaws of the Anna Maria Island Privateers, Inc. (A Florida not-for-profit 501(c)3 corporation)

Article One – Organization

The name of this organization shall be the Anna Maria Island Privateers, Inc.

Article Two – Purpose

To have a positive impact on the area through community service and activities, and to promote the youth through scholarships and programs. Motto: Privateers for Kids and Community

Article Three – Membership

Membership shall be open to all who are at least 21 years of age and reside within the cities of Anna Maria Island, or US citizens who are at least 21 years of age and dedicated to the mission and purpose of the Anna Maria Island Privateers.

Membership status will consist of the seven (7) following categories:

Black Shirt in Good Standing – a voting member

Black Shirt – a non-voting member

Gray Shirt – a non-voting probationary member

Sustaining – Board approved, based on circumstances, non-voting

Privileged – Board approved, based on service, a voting member

Honorary – temporary non-voting member

The duties and expectations of members, along with the paths to membership, shall be embodied in the Policies and Procedures of the Anna Maria Island Privateers, Inc.

Article Four – Meetings



Meetings shall be held on the first (1st) Wednesday of each month. The presence of not less than four (4) board members and six (6) additional Black Shirts in Good Standing shall be necessary to constitute a quorum necessary to conduct the business of the organization. If a quorum is not present at a business meeting, the president may call an emergency meeting of the Board of Directors to deal with any immediate need.

A 2nd meeting, if held, shall be held the third (3rd) Wednesday of each month.

All meetings will be conducted according to Roberts Rules of Order.

The Order of Business shall be defined in the Policies and Procedures of the Anna Maria Island Privateers, Inc.

The President may call a special meeting when deemed necessary. All active members shall be given forty-eight (48) hours' notice, prior to any special meeting, and given the meeting time, location and reason for the meeting.

The Board will meet the last Wednesday of the month at a time and place selected by the President. This meeting time and location will be made available to all members at the monthly meetings.

The first (1st) Wednesday of May shall be a Mandatory meeting for all members and will be designated as the opening of nominations for Board members.

The annual organizational meeting for the election of officers shall be held on the first (1st) Wednesday of June.

Newly elected officers shall take office on August 1st of that current year. The Board meeting in July shall be a joint meeting with both the old and new Board members.

Article Five – Voting

All votes shall be taken by voice vote, or, if challenged, by a show of hands of all Black Shirts in Good Standing in attendance at such meeting. Election of officers shall be by secret ballot. The person chairing each meeting shall abstain from all votes, except to break a tie.



Article Six – Officers and Board of Directors

1. President
2. Vice-President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Captain
6. Liaison
7. Past President

The business of this organization shall be managed by the Board of Directors, elected at the annual organizational meeting to serve for a period of one (1) year. The term of office shall be the fiscal year as defined in the Policies and Procedures of the Anna Maria Island Privateers, Inc. Four (4) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum and board meetings shall be held at a minimum of once every two months. A Board vacancy of less than six (6) months shall be appointed by the President and approved by the remaining Board members. A Board vacancy of more than six (6) months shall be replaced by a special election of the krewe at the next business meeting.

Duties and responsibilities of the Board of Directors are enumerated in the Policies and Procedures of the Anna Maria Island Privateers, Inc.

Article Seven – Rules and Regulations

The Anna Maria Island Privateers will adhere to the Bylaws as written.

The Board of Directors may present proposed changes, additions or deletions of the Policies and Procedures to the voting membership for discussion and consideration for approval.

The Board of Directors also hold the right to evaluate any and all members for adequate, inadequate or unacceptable adherence to any and all rules, regulations, policies and procedures.

Also, a member may hold the same right to bring up issues against a Board member at a regularly scheduled meeting. Any member found to be in the inadequate or unacceptable



category shall be presented to the general voting membership for disciplinary action as outlined in the Policies and Procedures of the Anna Maria Island Privateers, Inc., up to, and including expulsion.

Article Eight – Amendments to the Bylaws

The Bylaws may be amended, altered, etc., by an affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of all Black Shirts in Good Standing. All members shall be notified thirty (30) days prior to the date of said vote and may vote by attendance or by written ballot submitted to the Board in advance of the vote.

The above Bylaws were presented to the membership on Wednesday, May 7th, for consideration for approval and were approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.

MaryAnn Zyla, President

Kelly Sparkman, Vice President

Jan Hyatt, Secretary

Pam Henrich, Treasurer

Terry Rapert, Captain