



**Merrimack Sno-Buds
Snowmobile Club**
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BY-LAWS

(As of March, 2010)

As last voted on: March 10, 2010

MERRIMACK SNO-BUDS SNOWMOBILE CLUB, INC.
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ARTICLE 1 - NAME

Section I: The name of this club shall be MERRIMACK SNO-BUDS.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

Section I: The purpose of the Merrimack Sno-Buds are to stimulate and advance the general welfare and safety of snowmobiling, to serve the interests of snowmobile owners, to defend such owners against discriminatory legislation, regulations and burdensome taxation, to develop a fraternal spirit among local snowmobile enthusiasts, to provide a medium for exchange of snowmobiling information, and to perform all desirable and lawful functions for the successful operation of the Club and in the general public interest.

Section II: The Merrimack Sno-Buds is a non-profit corporation duly registered with the State of New Hampshire Secretary of State.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section I: Any person interested in snowmobiling may apply for membership after:

- a. Person has agreed that he and members of his/her family while operating a snowmobile will abide by the New Hampshire laws governing the operation of snowmobiles.
- b. Snowmobile(s) will be registered in accordance with existing laws of the state.
- c. Person has agreed that he or any member of his family will not operate his snowmobile in such a manner as to endanger themselves or the lives and property of others.
- d. Person agrees that he will not operate a snowmobile while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, narcotic or hallucination drug (no excessive drinking).
- e. Person agreed that his snowmobile will be maintained in good mechanical condition equipped with an efficient muffler, head light, and tail light.
- f. Payment of dues.

Section II: There shall be two types of memberships open to those who qualify from above:

- a. **Regular Membership:** shall consist of a family membership, where all children are under 18 years of age or a full-time student. Regular membership carries with it two votes, one vote per husband and one vote per wife, on all business or elections that come before the membership. When a family member becomes 18 years of age, they must apply for separate membership.
- b. **Honorary Membership:** shall be open to the following, any non-member whom the club feels has rendered us a service or has shown through their efforts a desire to be of help and promote the club and snowmobiling. This prospect does not necessarily have to live in the area in which the club operates. A prospective Honorary Member shall be sponsored by a club member and be elected to this category by a two-thirds majority of club members. This membership requires no dues and has no voting privileges, nor can he hold office. An honorary member is encouraged to participate in club activities. Membership also includes enrollment in the New Hampshire Snowmobile Association (NHSA).

Section III: The annual dues shall be as follows:

- a. The membership dues for the year will be set by the membership at the first meeting in October. That amount is broken down as follows: a regular annual club membership fee, plus regular membership fee in NHSA.
- b. Individual and family membership dues shall be as described in Article III, Section III, a. and payable in November.

Section IV: Membership year shall run from November first of year one, through October thirty-first of the following year.

Section V: Membership revocation: Upon a 2/3 vote of the membership present, a member can be removed for significant violation of Article III - Section I requirements. This action may be initiated by any member by bringing it to the attention of the membership at any regular meeting and requesting a vote for membership revocation. The vote will occur at the next regular general meeting."

Section VI: A member may resign from the club at any time upon written notice to the Secretary.

ARTICLE IV - MANAGEMENT

Section I: The management of the club shall be vested in the Board Of Directors (BOD).

Section II: The BOD may recommend to the membership an amount of money that may be spent by the Officers in executing the Clubs business as a petty cash operating fund. The amount is to be approved by a vote of the majority of the quorum, at the first meeting in October. Receipts for all expenditures from this fund will be filed with the Treasurer and included in his report.

ARTICLE V - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section I: The BOD shall consist of 7 directors, each whom shall be an active member in the club. Directors shall be elected at the regular meeting of the membership in November and shall take office on the first meeting in December. Each Director shall be elected to serve for two years and until his successor shall be elected and shall qualify. No Director shall be elected to serve more that two consecutive terms. At the election of the initial BOD, four shall be elected for the term of two years and three shall be elected for a term of one year. In the event of a change in the number of Directors originally specified in the By-Laws, provisions shall be made in the lengths of the initial terms so that, in succeeding years, the terms of one-third of the Board members will expire each year. The immediate past-President shall serve on the BOD for one year as Chairman. The current President shall serve on the BOD. President votes to break ties. Club Vice-President will attend BOD meetings in the Presidents absence.

Section II: In case of the vacancies of the BOD by reason of death, resignation, or otherwise, the general membership shall, by majority vote, elect a successor or successors for the unexpired term or terms.

Section III: A majority of the members of the BOD shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of Club business.

Section IV: Meetings of the BOD shall be held at such time and place as may be from time to time fixed by resolution of the BOD, or as may be specified on the notice of the meeting. The BOD shall hold its regular annual meeting during the time and the place of the annual meeting of the membership. Upon the request of the President or any 4 Directors, the Secretary shall call a special meeting of the BOD.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

Section I: The officers of this Club shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

- a. Election of Officers: A nominating committee will be appointed by the President at the first January meeting. Election shall be during the first meeting in February.
- b. All officers shall assume their official duties at the second meeting in February.
- c. The offices of President and Vice-President shall not be occupied by the same person for more than two consecutive terms. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer are not subject to any term limits.

Section II: Nominations for officers shall be made from the floor. Only those who have consented to serve if elected shall be eligible for nomination. A vacancy occurring in any office shall be filled by a special election at the next regular meeting. A simple majority vote of the membership is needed to elect officers and directors.

ARTICLE VII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section I: President -It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Club, to look after its interests, to see that all transactions are carried out in conformity with the By-Laws and to act as Chairman Ex-Officio of all committees.

Section II: Vice-President -During the absence or temporary incapacity of the President, shall perform the duties and have the powers of the President.

Section III: Secretary - The Secretary shall keep all of the Club's records, other than financial, including minutes of meeting, roster of members, lists of Committees and their members, shall read all notices of meetings, receive applications for membership, and discharge all of the usual secretarial functions of the office required by the By-Laws.

Section IV: Treasurer: The Treasurer shall keep the accounts of the Club and have charge of its funds. He shall keep all of the Club's funds in a bank account approved by the BOD and in the name of the Club, subject to withdrawal by checks signed in such a manner as may be from time to time approved by the BOD. A Treasurer's report shall be prepared for each meeting and an annual audit shall be prepared and submitted at the annual meeting.

Section V: All officers shall have such other powers and duties as are required by law.

Section VI: The President in cooperation with the Treasurer, will on an annual basis, hire an expert knowledgeable in Federal and NH State tax law to review our financial procedures and to insure the club is in full compliance with applicable laws relating to non-profit organizations.

ARTICLE VIII - FISCAL YEAR

Section I: The fiscal year of the Club shall commence on the first day October and end on the thirtieth day of September.

ARTICLE IX - MEETINGS

Section I: The annual meeting of the members of the Club shall be held at the time and place designated by the general membership

Section II: Regular meetings of the members of the Club shall be held the second and fourth Wednesday of each month October through March (except December; 2nd Wednesday only) at the time and place voted upon by the membership.

Section III: The President may call a special meeting of the BOD whenever in his opinion it may become necessary for the welfare of the Club or upon request by any five members in good standing. The BOD shall call a special meeting of the Club giving 5 to 10 days written notice of the time, place, and purpose of such meeting.

Section IV: One third of the membership or 10 voting members in good standing and two officers present at any regular meeting or special meeting shall constitute a quorum and no business shall be transacted unless a quorum is present.

Section V: The privilege of holding office, introducing motions, debating and voting shall be limited to members whose current dues are paid.

ARTICLE X - PROCEDURES

Section I: Parliamentary procedures shall be followed in conducting regular and special meetings. The order of business shall be as follows:

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Secretary's Report**
4. **Treasurer's Report**
5. **Communications**
6. **Reports Of Committees**
7. **Introduction of New Members**
8. **Unfinished Business**
9. **New Business**
10. **Announcements**
11. **Close of Meeting**
12. **Entertainment & Refreshments**

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS

Section I: The By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Club by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, providing notice of the amendment shall have been given at the previous meeting.

Section II: These By-Laws shall be reviewed and rewritten as necessary by a committee

appointed by the President. The rewritten By-Laws shall be then approved by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Club present and voting.

REVISION HISTORY

These By-Laws were voted and approved on January 20, 1970.

Amended: November 11, 1970
 January 27, 1976
 November 8, 1978
 June 17, 1987; Section IIIa
 February 9, 1994; Article VI, Section Ic.
 October 12, 1994; Article IX, Section II
 January 10, 1996; Article IX, Section IV
 October 23, 1996; Article III, Section V; Article IX, Section IV
 September 8, 1998; Added re-designed logo to cover
 October 27, 1999; Article III – Membership, Section II, paragraph a; Section V;
 Article IV – Management, Section II; Article V - Board of Directors,
 Section I; Article IX – Meetings, Section II.
 October 24, 2001; Article III-Membership, Section II, paragraph a; Article IX-
 Meetings, Section IV; Article XI-Ammendments, Section II.
 March 23, 2010; Article III Section III removes \$5 capital fee; Article III Section V
 correct reference; Article VI Section I When officer take position. As voted
 on in 2006. Reformatted since source was lost.
 March 23, 2010; Added Article VII Section VI.