

THE LOUISVILLE HIKING CLUB

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1 This Constitution rescinds previous constitutions and amendments thereto.

ARTICLE 2 Name of the club: THE LOUISVILLE HIKING CLUB.

ARTICLE 3 Purpose of the club: To provide hikes for the members and to engage in related activities.

ARTICLE 4 Membership provisions

- A. Applicants for membership shall have the following qualifications:
 - 1. Shall be at least 18 years of age. Persons under 18 may apply by paying \$1.00 for Junior non-voting membership.
 - 2. Shall be of good moral character.
 - 3. Shall have a sincere interest in the out-of-doors and hiking.
 - 4. Shall be approved by a majority vote of the votes cast at a regular meeting of the club.
 - 5. Application shall be accompanied by the first year's membership dues which will be refunded in the event the application is not accepted by the club. Before any person shall apply for membership, he shall participate in at least two (2) hikes.
- B. Upon an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members present at two successive regular meetings of the club, a member may be dismissed from membership upon conduct incompatible with the principles of the club.
- C. Upon an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members present and voting at any regular meeting of the club, a person may be elected a life member, or an honorary officer.

ARTICLE 5 OFFICERS

The officers of this club shall be PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER, MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN, ENTERTAINMENT CHAIRMAN, and HISTORIAN. The terms of each office shall be for one year beginning Jan. 1st following election, and each officer shall serve until his successor has been duly elected and qualified. A vacancy in any office may be filled by appointment of the President with approval of the executive committee.

ARTICLE 6 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The determination of the policy of the club shall be invested in the executive committee composed of all the foregoing officers, including the immediate past-president of the club. The duties of the executive committee shall include (but not be limited to) supervision of the hiking program and general supervision of the Hiking Club.

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ARTICLE 7 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

All officers shall be elected on the second Saturday in December or the regular meeting closest thereafter.

ARTICLE 8 SOURCES OF INCOME

The sources of income shall be by dues, fares, and other miscellaneous sources.

ARTICLE 9 AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURES

Funds from the treasury of the club shall be expended only for general purposes. Major expenditures shall be made by a majority vote cast at any meeting of the club. Minor expenditures may be made by a majority vote of the executive committee, and routine and normal expenditures may be made without further specific authority of either the membership or the executive committee. Note: The breaking point between major and minor expenditures shall be \$50.00.

ARTICLE 10 AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended by approval of three-fourths of the members present and voting at two successive meetings of the club.

ARTICLE 11 ADOPTION

This constitution shall become effective upon a three-fourths vote of the members present at two regular meetings of the club, and upon being signed by at least 25 members of the club.

BY-LAWS

1. QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

No member shall be eligible for the office of the president, vice-president, and second vice-president unless he shall have been a member in good standing for at least two years. No member shall be eligible for any other office unless he shall have been a member in good standing for at least one year. The duties of officers shall be such as are usually consistent with the office. A special duty of the vice-president shall be to serve as chairman of the schedule committee. The duties of the second vice-president shall be to serve as chairman of the meals committee.

2. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

At the first regular meeting of November of each year, the president shall appoint a nominating committee, composed of three members of the club, who shall prepare a slate of candidates for the various offices of the club. This slate will be presented at the first regular meeting of the club in December, at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor for each office. The candidate who receives a plurality of votes, shall be elected.

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3. MEETINGS

There shall be a regular meeting of the club immediately after the meal following a regularly scheduled hike. The executive committee shall meet at least once a month, normally on the first Saturday of each month, at the call of the president.

4. MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues shall be \$20.00 per member, or \$30.00 per family (1 schedule per household) or \$1.00 per junior member. New members joining after Aug. 1 will pay half dues. New members joining after Nov. 1 will receive membership through the following year. Dues not paid by March 1 will result in loss of membership.

5. FINANCIAL REPORTING

Financial reports shall be submitted to the club at the first regular meeting of each quarter. Records will be audited by a committee appointed by the president during the month of January.

6. BUS FARE

1. The adult passenger fare for the weekly trip shall be the amount as designated by the officers present on the trip. If surplus passengers ride in private cars, it shall be the responsibility of each passenger in the cars to pay 50% of the bus fare to the driver of the car, and 50% to the treasurer of the club. It will not be the responsibility of the treasurer, or acting treasurer, to collect from passenger cars.
2. The fare of any passenger from 6 through 14 shall be ½ of the adult fare. No charge is made for anyone under 6.
3. The driver of a private car, guests and immediate family shall not be expected to pay part of the fare to the treasurer.
4. Whenever a trip exceeds 25 miles one way, the fare charged will be fixed by the officers present on the trip.
5. Whenever passengers on the bus shall ride less than the full trip one way, normally no charge will be made for any such trip of less than one mile: one half fare will be charged for any such trip from one to three miles. Responsibility for determining this milage will be of the highest ranking officer present, exclusive of the treasurer.

7. AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

The by-laws may be amended by a three-fourths vote at any regular meeting of the club.

8. QUORUM

Twenty adult members, whose dues are paid for the current year, shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business at regular or special membership meetings.

9. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised, shall govern all meetings of the club, except as same may be inconsistent with the club's constitution, by-laws, or standing rules.

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This constitution and by-laws through number 7 was adopted Jan. 25, 1964 after having been read, discussed and corrected Jan. 4, 18, and 25, and voted on the 18th and 25th. Sections 8 and 9 of the by-laws were passed on Nov. 13, 1965.

Section C of Article 4 of the constitution was adopted on Dec. 13th, 1969 after being voted on the 6th and 13th of Dec. 1969.

Paragraph 5 of Section A, article 4 of the constitution was amended on Nov. 6th, 1976 after being voted on the 20th of Oct. and the 6th of Nov. 1976.

Paragraphs 1 and 5 of Section 6 of the by-laws were amended on Sept. 21, 1974.

Section 4 of the by-laws was amended on Oct. 23, 1976.

Section 4 of the by-laws was amended on Nov. 1, 1980.

Section 6 paragraph 1 of the by-laws was amended on Nov. 1, 1980. The amount of the weekly bus fare will be \$2.50 per trip.

Section 4 of the by-laws was amended on Oct. 30, 1982.

Section 4 of the by-laws was amended on Jan. 1, 1991.

Section 6 paragraph 1 of the by-laws was amended on Dec. 10, 1993. The amount of the weekly bus fare will be \$3.00 per trip.

Article 5 of the constitution and Section 1 of the by-laws was amended to contain Second Vice-President voted on Jan. 31st and Feb. 7th, 1998.

Section 4 of the by-laws was amended on Jan. 1, 2001. Dues will now be \$15.00 for a single and \$25.00 for a family.

Section 4 of the by-laws was amended on Nov. 27, 2010. Dues will now be \$20.00 for a single and \$30.00 for a family.