

By-Laws

Article I: Membership and Dues

- Section 1** Prospective members for this club shall be introduced and recommended by an active member and attend three meetings within one year's time, whereupon the executive committee may vote upon acceptance. In order for acceptance of new membership to occur, there may be no descending votes.
- Section 2** A member's diving spouse or children may be an active member at one half the regular dues.
- Section 3** An active member is defined as a member whose current dues are paid.
- Section 4** A member of Noble Divers wishing to cease membership in this club may do so verbally, but will forfeit dues paid.
- Section 5** Dues for all active members shall be \$20.00 per year due in January. The executive committee may have option to change the dues amount, if necessary. Exception: Article I, Section 2 of these by-laws.
- Section 6** Associate members and honorary members shall be dues-free members, but will have no vote on any matters.
- Section 7** No member of this club shall be suspended, denied privilege or in any way be punished for any action at any time. Exception: Article II, Section 4 or Article III, Section 5 of the Constitution.

Article II: Finances

- Section 1** All monies payable from the funds of this club shall be subject to a majority vote of the executive committee. When the amount of the monies is in excess of \$40.00, a simple majority of a quorum vote of active members shall be required.
- Section 2** Funds of this organization shall be deposited in an account of a bank selected by the executive committee.
- Section 3** All financial transactions shall be handled through the secretary-treasurer.

Article III: Elections and Voting

- Section 1** Election of the executive committee shall be held at the first regular meeting in January in Noble County, Indiana. A quorum will be required.
- Section 2** Nominations from the floor will be accepted by the president for the officers prior to voting for each office.
- Section 3** Order of voting for each office shall be as follows:
A. President

- B. Vice President
- C. Secretary-Treasurer
- D. Directors (2 non-officer positions)

- Section 4** A simple majority of a quorum will rule. The president or appointed representative will not vote except in the case of a tie.
- Section 5** The term of office will be one year starting on February 1st for all officers and directors.
- Section 6** The president cannot serve more than one full elected term in succession while the other officers and directors may serve as often as re-elected.
- Section 7** In all voting in this club each active member will get one vote. The president will only vote in the case of a tie.
- Section 8** Vacancies in the executive committee during the year will be filled by appointment by the remaining executive committee members, and ratified by quorum at the next regular meeting for the remainder of the term.
- Section 9** Absentee ballots will be accepted prior to voting on any issue by the president. Proxy votes will not be accepted.

Article IV: Meetings

- Section 1** All meetings of this club will be conducted by the president or his/her appointed representative.
- Section 2** All meetings will be conducted according to the recommendations of the president using Robert's Rules of Order as a guide.

Article VII: Safety

- Section 1** A safety director will be appointed by the president for each outing. His/her duties will include travel to and from the actual outing. He/She will see that all activities are carried out with the least risk of injury to members and guests. He/She may take part in all activities. General rules for diving will serve as a guide for the safety director.
- Section 2** Members are encouraged to bring guests to any meetings, social or regular, providing the member assumes responsibility for the actions of his/her guest.

Article VIII: Public Relations

- Section 1** When outings are coming to an end it is the responsibility of each person to police the area and leave it in the same or better condition in which it was found when we arrived. Through courtesy to persons we come in contact with, we will be furthering the name of our organization and sport.
- Section 2** Any person representing Noble Divers in an official capacity to any outside associations or organizations, must have permission from the executive committee prior to meeting.