

The Sun, Snow, and Surf Ski Club, Inc. Charter

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Article I Name and Objective

Section 1

The **name** of this organization is the Sun, Snow, and Surf Ski Club, Inc. The word **Club**, whenever used in this charter, shall mean the Sun, Snow, and Surf Ski Club, Inc.

Section 2

The **object** of this **Club** is to:

- a. Encourage participation in winter sports, such as alpine (downhill) and cross-country skiing, snowboarding, and related activities.
- b. Provide opportunities for skiing, with emphasis upon good fellowship among skiers and skiing enthusiasts.
- c. Promote year-round group activities to sustain physical fitness and to provide opportunities for social interaction.

Article II Governing Policies

Section 1

- a. Membership in the **Club** is open on an equal basis to all those meeting the membership eligibility as defined in Article V, Section I.
- b. The **Club** files Federal and State tax forms in accordance with its non-profit status.

Article III Officers

Section 1

The **officers** of the SSS Ski Club, Inc. are the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Their terms are for one year or until their successors are elected. No officer may serve more than three successive terms in a given position; however, the Board of Governors may waive the above term limit for Treasurer and/or Secretary when it is determined to be in the best interest of the Club.

Section 2

The **Board of Governors** consists of the officers, the immediate past President, and four Governors-at-Large. A majority of the Board may from time to time modify this number if circumstances warrant. The term of office for a Governor is two years. The President acts as the Chair of the Board of Governors.

Section 3 Duties of the Officers and Governors-at-Large

- a. **President** - The President presides at all meetings, when possible. The President appoints the Chair of all committees, and is empowered to request a report from all or any committee chair at any time. The President shall act at all times in a manner intended to further the advancement of winter sports and other activities and in the best interest of the **Club**.

b. **Vice President** - The Vice President is empowered to act as President in the absence of the President and at the direction of the President. If the office of the President becomes vacant, the Vice President becomes President and serves until the next regular election. The Vice President will chair a committee which will be responsible for planning and oversight of ski trips and other multi-day activities unless the Board of Governors votes otherwise.

c. **Treasurer** - The Treasurer handles all **Club** funds and renders an accounting to the Board of Governors upon their request. The Treasurer shall prepare and file all tax forms.

d. **Secretary** - The Secretary keeps the minutes of the Board of Governors meetings. The Secretary, at the direction of the President, answers correspondence and is responsible for providing the minutes of the meetings to any member of the **Club** upon request.

e. **Governors-at Large** - Governors-at-Large along with the officers form the policymaking body of the **Club**.

Section 4 Elections

a. **Elections** are held during the month of January, subject to notice to the membership of thirty days or at a previous open meeting, whichever is greater. Election to each office and the Board of Governors is decided by a majority of the members voting. Voting will be by a printed or electronic ballot provided to each **Club** member. Newly elected officers shall take office on 1 March, or as soon as practicable thereafter.

b. **Vacancy** of any position as officer (except the President) or member of the board is to be announced to the membership and filled within sixty days. In the case of the President, the Vice President fills the vacancy. Nominations are taken from members at large. A two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Governors is required to select from the nominees. The selected person then serves until the next regular election.

c. **Search Committee** - The Board of Governors will establish a search committee to surface interested candidates for election to **Club** offices.

d. **Candidate qualifications** - Officer: Candidates shall have been members of the **Club** for at least one year. Prior service on the Board of Governors is desirable but not required. Governor-at-Large: Candidates shall have been members of the **Club** for at least one year.

Section 5 Removal of Officers

Officers may be removed from office during the course of the year upon recommendation of two-thirds of the Board of Governors.

Article IV Government

Section 1

The Board of Governors directs the government and affairs of this **Club** and approves its programs.

Section 2

The Board of Governors must authorize capital expenditures.

Section 3

Meetings shall be scheduled by the President based on need and on the availability of a quorum. Proceedings will be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, at the discretion of the officers. The President will decide whether to bring an issue before the Board of Governors or the general membership. Decisions at general meetings are decided by a majority vote from those present and eligible to vote, or, for the Board of Governors, a quorum is required. A quorum of the Board of Governors is five members of this body. The President does not vote except to decide an issue upon which the Board is deadlocked, or to break a tie.

Section 4

All time spent in furthering the activities of this **Club** is on a non-remunerative basis, except for those compensations provided by the tour agency or other vendors with whom we are dealing for a particular trip, or as modified by the Board of Governors.

Section 5

a. **Club** trips will be scheduled and run in accordance with current guidelines approved by the Board. Such guidelines shall be reviewed and updated on a bi-annual basis and are available to any member of the **Club** upon request. A cancellation policy for trip participants shall be established and reviewed by the Board bi-annually. No scheduled trips will be cancelled without prior approval of the Board of Governors.

b. No SSS member on an overnight trip may invite others to stay overnight without the prior specific consent of both trip leaders. No one may stay overnight on an SSS overnight trip without being an SSS member, without being fully vaccinated in accordance with SSS vaccination policy, and without the approval of all condo- or room-mates.

No such invitees may stay **in a bed** overnight on an SSS overnight trip without paying for the bed, without being a member, without being fully vaccinated in accordance with SSS vaccination policy, without the prior specific consent of both trip leaders, and without the approval of all condo- or room-mates.

Section 6

The President shall determine the need for committees doing the work of the **Club**. There will be written responsibilities for each committee.

Section 7

The Board of Governors shall determine the need for a club newsletter and Internet website. They shall additionally determine the number of issues to be published per year and establish guidelines for the content.

Article V **Membership**

Section 1 Eligibility

Membership in the **Club** is available to individuals who satisfy the following criteria:

1. Current member or former member, or friend of a current member. A friend is defined as an individual with close personal, social, or business relationship with a member. A **Club** member will sponsor all such individuals in accordance with current guidelines. Individuals who obtain membership in the **Club** in this manner may sponsor another, subject to the approval of the **Club's** Membership Committee.
2. At least 18 years of age.

The **Club** does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, gender, age, marital status, ability, or veteran status.

Section 2 Membership Classes, Effective Dates

a. There are two classes of **Club** membership: individual and family.

1. **Individual:** an individual member is defined as a person who meets the qualifying and age criteria in Article V, section 1, and who pays dues (or is an honorary member designated by the Board of Governors).

2. **Family:** a. Family Membership covers any individual sharing the household of a person who meets the qualification for individual membership. Family membership also covers any individual related by blood, adoption or marriage to an individual who is otherwise eligible for **Club** membership. Families with persons under 18 years of age must abide by the provisions of Section 3.d. below.

b. The effective dates for a **Club** membership will be from 1 July through 30 June of the following year.

c. All members must sign the **Club** waiver.

Section 3 Membership Rights

a. Each individual member and each member covered by a family membership is eligible to:

1. Vote on all issues or in any election,
2. Hold any office, elected or appointed,
3. Participate in any activity.

b. Each individual member and each family membership is entitled to receive the **Club** newsletter (*Sitzmark*), mailed or e-mailed to the address of record of the individual member or family membership.

c. Only members of the **Club** may participate in **Club** activities that include an overnight stay. All participants, including non-members, must sign waiver agreements to participate in **Club** athletic activities.

d. The Board of Governors may declare, at its discretion, any **Club** athletic activity to be open or closed to underage individuals. For open activities, a family member 18 years of age or older must sponsor, accompany and assume complete responsibility for the safety, conduct and supervision of all underage persons. At its discretion, the **Club** may require a written and signed statement from the parent or legal guardian of a child when a **Club** member who is not related to the child accompanies that child. The sponsoring Family Member will sign a **Club** waiver on behalf of all underage individuals.

e. Members may sponsor a guest at any **Club** activity with the exception of overnight activities, with the agreement of the member hosting or running the activity.

Article VI Finances

Section 1 Assessments

a. The Board of Governors has the authority to levy an assessment on all members in the form of membership dues.

- b. The amount of the membership dues for each year is set by the Board of Governors for that membership year.
- c. The Fiscal Year of the Club shall be July 1 through June 30.

Section 2 The Treasury

- a. The Treasury consists of all monies collected in the form of activity fees and dues.
- b. All monies will be expended for **Club** activities or specific purposes only (i.e., the purchase of needed equipment, rental of equipment, repairs to equipment, rental of meeting rooms, transportation, meeting needs, **Club** publications and other operational expenses).
- c. Any social activities (i.e., parties) will be financed entirely by funds contributed by the members. An exception may be made to subsidize an activity with treasury funds, such as to reduce the cost of a banquet. The Board of Governors will determine the applicability and amount of subsidy.

Article VII

Section 1

The Board of Governors shall review the Charter every two years.

Section 2

Changes to this Charter will be made by majority vote of the Board of Governors. A copy of the Charter will be posted on the Club's Internet website with notification in the Club's newsletter.

Section 3

The following documents are referenced in this charter and are appendices to it:

- a. Guidelines for Trip Captains
- b. SSS Trip Cancellation Policy for Participants
- c. Newsletter Publication Guidelines