

# **BAYOU JEEPERS BY-LAWS**

## **ARTICLE I**

1. This organization shall be known as Bayou Jeepers.

## **ARTICLE II**

1. Bayou Jeepers is organized as a family oriented, non-profit private organization for the purpose of:

- A. Bringing together and promoting the interest of four wheeling as well as enjoying the great outdoors.
- B. To promote, organize and hold outings, meetings, runs, excursions, trail rides, cross country trips, and similar events.
- C. Providing social, educational, and recreational activities for its membership.
- D. Participating in and supporting civic activities within its membership area.
- E. Supporting regional and national land uses/land rights organizations and Activities.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **Membership and Dues**

1. Membership is open to owners of Jeep vehicles, by invitation, who have participated in at least one club event.

2. Applicants for membership must be at least 18 years of age (exceptions may be made by decision of the Board of Directors), must hold a valid driver's license, must show minimum insurance coverage on their Jeep vehicles and a signed application and waiver releasing Bayou Jeepers, **Founder, Board of Directors** and its officers from any liability. **Applicants must sign the Bayou Jeepers By-Laws and have it witnessed by an Officer indicating that they read and understood the By-Laws.**

3. All membership applications are subject to review by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors reserves the right to refuse membership to anyone for good cause. Should the Board of Directors deny membership to an applicant, a club member may appeal to the Board on the applicant's behalf at the next scheduled Board Meeting. In the case of a non-unanimous vote on appeal, the application will be presented to the membership for vote at the next scheduled meeting.

4. The total number of members shall be unlimited. Each membership includes the Immediate family, however, voting power is limited to one vote per family **with a single membership. If a family membership is in place, both you and your spouse will have voting power.**

5. Dues for this organization shall be \$25.00 per individual membership and **\$35.00 per family membership** per year in advance. Dues will be owing and payable during the month of January of each year. Any member whose dues are 30 days in arrears shall be dropped from the rolls of this organization. A delinquent member may be reinstated upon payment in full of his/her unpaid dues, along with a \$10.00 reinstatement fee.

6. Members shall immediately notify the secretary upon a change of address,

mailing address, email address or telephone number.

7. Any member who cannot or does not desire to continue as a member of the organization is asked to notify the secretary.

8. All personal expenses such as decals, insignia, etc. shall be borne by each individual and are not to be arranged for in any manner by the club.

9. When a member disposes of or no longer possesses a Jeep vehicle, his/her membership in the club shall terminate at the end of the fiscal year if no new Jeep vehicle is purchased by said member. Any and all Bayou Jeepers insignia must be removed from the vehicle.

10. Members will annually provide the secretary with Proof of insurance on all vehicles participating in Bayou Jeepers organized events.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### **Charter Membership**

1. Members who adopt and sign the by-laws of Bayou Jeepers on or before July 6<sup>th</sup> 2002 shall be known as charter members of the organization.

2. Charter Members, who are also voting members shall have voting power of Two (2) votes for all ballot decisions.

#### ARTICLE V

##### **Meetings**

1. Meetings of the membership of Bayou Jeepers shall be held monthly at such times and places to be designated by the Executive Committee/Officers **and shall refer to Roberts Rule of Order.**

2. The number of members present at any business meeting shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of voting on club business, **not to include the By-laws**, required to be presented to the membership for a vote.

3. Regular monthly meetings shall be open to all members and the public unless designated as a members only meeting by the Executive Committee/Officers.

#### ARTICLE VI

##### **FOUNDER**

1. **The Founder shall, upon request, guide the Executive Committee in matters Concerning the image and direction of Bayou Jeepers in keeping with the spirit of the club's formation. The founder may, at anytime, request the removal, by majority vote, of any officer or member of the club who is viewed as being detrimental to the spirit or the image of the club.**

#### VII

##### **Board of Directors**

1. **Those members who applied for membership on or before July 6, 2002 and appointed by the Founder of Bayou Jeepers**

2. **The Board of Directors will consist of 5 members and must hold a Charter Membership.**

3. **If a vacancy becomes available on the Board, the Board of Directors along with**

the founder of Bayou Jeepers shall elect a successor.

4. The Board of Directors will oversee and elect officers for the betterment of the club.
5. The Board of Directors must approve any and all organizational changes.
6. The Board of Directors shall up-hold the by-laws and at any time make proposals to amend the governing document (by-laws).

## ARTICLE VIII

### Administration of Officers

1. The officers of Bayou Jeepers shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two (2) members at large and shall be known as the Executive Committee. It shall be their duty to draw up an agenda for the membership meetings and conduct the day to day operations of the club.
2. The powers of this organization shall be exercised by the Board of Directors which consist of 5 members and the Executive Committee which consist of 6 members.
3. No new office shall be added to the club except by the vote of Board of Directors and Officers.

## ARTICLE IX

### Election of Officers

1. The members shall meet and nominate officers for each fiscal year at the regular December meeting. Nominations for each Officer of this organization may be made from the floor. Candidates must be a member in good standing. All voting members may nominate or self-nominate.
2. Officers shall be elected at the December Board of Directors meeting each year except as otherwise for filling vacancies.
3. The newly elected officers shall take office on January 1<sup>st</sup>.
4. Balloting for each office shall be in separate, successive sequence and will be by Secret ballot. All paper ballots must be counted and checked by 2 members other than the nominees.
7. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer, The remaining officers shall be called to elect a successor, with the exception of the office President. In the event the office of President becomes vacant the Founder shall fill that role for the remainder of the term.
8. Officers will be elected by the Board of Directors of the club only. Candidates Must be 18 years of age or older.

## ARTICLE X

### Recall

1. Any elected officer of Bayou Jeepers may be recalled by a 2/3 vote of the entire Membership with the Board of Directors approval. The exception to this being Article VI item1, where the Founder has called for the removal of an officer or member, where majority vote of the voting membership is sufficient.
2. Missing 3 scheduled business meetings in succession shall be deemed grounds

for recall, however, this does not preclude an officer from resigning from his office.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **Duties of Officers**

1. The President shall preside over all membership and board meetings and shall be present at all events when possible. He shall sign all checks with the treasurer, unless both are members of the same family. He/she shall be the Executive Officer and shall have the duty to carry out the policies and decisions of the **Board of Directors** and Executive Committee.

2. The Vice President shall, in the absence of the President, serve in that capacity. He/she shall also serve as Parliamentarian and perform such duties as assigned by the President or Board of Directors. He shall also research and report on any issues as directed by the Executive Committee.

3. The Secretary shall keep and preserve all records and minutes of the meetings of the regular membership and the ledger roll call and determine the number of voting members present so it may be known if a quorum is in attendance, shall keep a file system of membership and shall receive and answer all general correspondence pertaining to the organization. He/she shall sign checks with the treasurer in the event the president and treasurer are members of the same family.

4. The Treasurer shall keep accurate, complete records of the funds and accounts of this organization, shall collect all dues and maintain a record thereof. He/she shall make only such disbursements from the funds of the organization as are directed by the Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **Expenditures and Finance**

1. All monies received from all sources shall immediately be turned over to the Treasurer to be deposited in the checking account of Bayou Jeepers.

2. Expenditures up to and including \$50.00 shall be considered petty cash and may be paid at the discretion of the Treasurer with notice to the President.

3. Expenditures between \$50 and \$100 must be approved by the Executive Officer (President).

4. Expenditures over \$100 must be approved by either the Board of Directors or by a vote of the membership at the regular business meeting after which the expenditure is proposed.

5. All expenditures shall be made by check or debit card, and the item for which the check is drawn shall be noted on the front of each check.

## **ARTICLE XIII**

### **Committees**

1. Committees shall be designated by the President. Each committee shall be assigned by the President a chairperson who shall be responsible for its activities.

**ARTICLE XIV**

**Events**

1. All club events will be planned for and organized by the Board of Directors or Executive Committee and will be under the direction of a Trail Boss(es).
2. Club events are open to members and their guests. Guests are allowed to participate in one club event before being required to apply for membership.
3. Events will be under the direction of a Trail Boss appointed by the Executive Committee.
4. All members, including the Executive Committee, are responsible to the direction of the appointed Trail Boss and his appointed assistants from the set time of the beginning of an event to the termination of an event. The Trail Boss is the final authority on trip plan changes.
5. All events must be conducted in an orderly manner with safety as the prime factor. Any event held on private property will be subject to liability releases.
6. No member or guest under the age of 18 years will be permitted to drive in any event unless accompanied by or with written permission of parent or guardian.
7. Anyone determined to be physically or mentally disturbed or under the influence of alcohol or drugs at the time of an event shall be asked to leave the event. Refusal to leave the event may result in termination of membership.
8. Vehicles may be subject to technical inspection, varying according to the type of event, and shall be referred to another event or trail suitable to that vehicles capabilities if found to be ill-equipped or mechanically unsafe for a particular area. Refusal to discontinue activity above a vehicle's rating is subject to the vehicle and driver being abandoned at the event.

**ARTICLE XV**

**Removal of a Club Member**

1. Any member disgracing himself in the public eye will be immediately subject to expulsion from the club, subject to the decision by the Board of Directors.
2. Any member who disposes of or no longer possesses a Jeep will be terminated.
3. The Executive Committee and/or **Board of Directors** have the power to expel members who exhibit public behavior that brings dishonor upon themselves and by the association, Bayou Jeeps.

**Amendment**

1. These by-laws may be amended by **the Board of Directors and Founder only.**

\* ANYTHING IN RED IS AN AMMENDMENT TO THE FIRST TWO ORIGINAL BY-LAWS THAT ARE IN PLACE

\* AMMENDMENT DATE IS JULY 15, 2009

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