

# Tahoe Donner Hiking Club

## TAHOE DONNER HIKING CLUB BYLAWS

### ARTICLE I – NAME

Section 1. The name of this club is the Tahoe Donner Hiking Club.

### ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

Section 1. This Club is organized to accomplish the following purposes:

- a. To furnish pleasure and recreation to its members in connection with hiking;
- b. To foster appreciation for hiking, backpacking and “leave no trace” principles;
- c. To encourage fitness and friendship while hiking.

Section 2. The Club shall be operated exclusively for the purposes enumerated in Section 1 of Article II, and its organization and activities are not designed for, and shall not result in, financial or pecuniary gain or profit for the members thereof.

Section 3. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth herein, use of any Tahoe Donner facilities by the Club and its Members shall be in accordance with the Rules and Regulations established by Tahoe Donner Association.

### ARTICLE III – COORDINATORS

Section 1. The Club shall be governed and managed by a Board of Coordinators consisting of: **The Membership/Communications/Financial Coordinator; A Hike Program Coordinator; and One Website Coordinator** all of whom are current Tahoe Donner Association **property owners** (defined as holders of Tahoe Donner Association amenity-access member identification cards).

**Note: Elected positions will also include a Black Hike Coordinator, Blue Hike Coordinator, Green Hike Coordinator, Away Trip Coordinator, Backpack Coordinator and second Website Coordinator. These coordinators will choose one of the hike, away trip or backpack coordinators, who must be a TD property owner, to serve on the Board of Directors as Hike Program Coordinator. All but the Hike Program Coordinator may be full or associate members.**

Section 2. A Coordinator shall serve a term of two (2) years, or until their successor is elected or the coordinator resigns. Candidates for election to the Board shall volunteer or be nominated by any full member. ~~during the last two weeks of September or the first two weeks of October.~~ There are no term limits.

Section 3. A Coordinator may resign for any reason by tendering notice of such to the Board **and** ~~Immediately upon a Coordinator's loss of Full Member status (e.g., is no longer a Tahoe Donner property owner),~~ his/her Coordinator's position shall be declared vacant. Vacancies on the Board shall be filled by majority vote of the remaining Coordinators **by**

~~appointing a volunteer member~~ ~~any Full Member of the Club~~ to serve for the remainder of the vacant term.

Section 4. Meetings of the Board shall be held as frequently as is determined necessary by the Board. Special meetings of the Board may be called by any member of the Board. A majority of the coordinators serving on the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

#### ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Club shall be the Membership/Communications/Financial (MCF) Coordinator, the Hike Program Coordinator and one Website Coordinator (to be appointed by the MCF Coordinator in consultation with the two website coordinators).

Section 2. The Membership/Communications/Financial (MCF) Coordinator shall preside at all meetings of the Board and of the membership.

Section 3. ~~A Black Hike~~ The **Hike Program** Coordinator, in the absence of the MCF Coordinator, shall preside at all meetings of the membership.

#### ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in the hiking club is individual and each new member (18 years of age or older) is responsible for including the membership fee with his/her application and liability waiver. Minors may hike free with an adult member until the age of 18. That adult assumes full responsibility and liability for the minor(s). Minors must carry the medical information form in their pack.

Section 2. The Club shall have two classes of individual membership:

- (1) Full Members include those who own residential property within Tahoe Donner or their immediate family members (holders of amenity-access member identification cards). All Tahoe Donner property owners are eligible for membership in the Club.
- (2) Associate Members include all others.

Section 3. At least sixty percent (60%) of the Club's membership shall at all times be Full Members.

Section 4. Full Members shall be entitled to make motions and vote at **the annual** membership meeting. Associate Members may not make or second motions and shall have no voting rights, but may serve as **one of the website coordinators, hike coordinators, hike leaders and assistants.**

Section 5. New members will submit a one-time fee of \$25.00 with their application to become a lifetime member. The MCF Coordinator will deposit their checks in a Tahoe Donner Hiking Club Account. A Life Member is responsible for notifying the Board of any change in address, e-mail address and/or phone numbers. A life member may ask to be removed from the club roster, ~~or~~ selected distribution lists **or google groups** at any time.

Section 6: Following reasonable notice and an opportunity to be heard, the Board may revoke the membership of any Member whose conduct is determined to be contrary to the best interests of the Club.

## ARTICLE VI – MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Section 1. Meetings of the membership shall be called by the Membership/Communications/Financial Coordinator, the Board, or by five percent (5%) of its Full Members.

Section 2. Notice of Membership and Board meetings shall be given to all members, if reasonably practicable, at least five (5) days in advance thereof.

Section 3. Those Full Members present at any membership meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, provided that at least one (1) officer is present.

Section 4. The annual meeting of the membership shall be held ~~during the fall last two weeks of September or during the first two weeks of October~~ of each year, at such time and place as may be determined by the Board. Coordinators shall be elected at the annual meeting.

## ARTICLE VII – GUESTS

Section 1. Invited guests may join 2 hikes per season free of cost and uninvited guests (those interested in learning more about the club) may join 2 hikes per lifetime, free of cost.

Section 2. Hike leaders will ask all guests to complete the Medical Information Form and sign a liability waiver before a hike commences.

## ARTICLE VIII – HIKE LEADERS

Section 1. All hike leaders shall be appointed by the respective coordinator.

Section 2. The Board shall determine the responsibilities and authority of all hike leaders. However, all hikers will be required to sign a waiver upon joining and will assume personal responsibility for themselves. The philosophy of this club is that everyone is entitled to hike his or her own pace. Fast hikers may leave when finished and no one is required to wait for the slowest hikers, as long as they have transportation at trail's end.

## ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENT

Section 1. These Bylaws shall only be amended by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Full Members present at the Annual Members Meeting. ~~each fall.~~

## ARTICLE X – EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 1. These Bylaws shall become effective upon their approval by the Tahoe Donner Association Board of Directors.

Approved by the Tahoe Donner Association Board: September, 2009

Revised by a vote at the annual meeting: September 24, 2010

Revisions approved by the Tahoe Donner Association Board: September, 2010

Revised by a vote at the annual meeting: September 29, 2011

Revised by a vote at the annual meeting: September, 27, 2012

Revisions approved by the Tahoe Donner Association Board: October, 2012

Revised by a vote at the annual meeting: October 7, 2017

Revisions approved by the Tahoe Donner Association Board: June 22, 2018

Revised by a vote at the annual meeting July 22, 2023