

# **METROPOLITAN DETROIT SKI COUNCIL, INC.**

## **Constitution**

Constitution revision as approved at the September 7, 2010 meeting

### **ARTICLE 1: NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the Metropolitan Detroit Ski Council, Incorporated. Hereinafter referred to as the Council and/or the MDSC.

### **ARTICLE 2: PURPOSE**

The MDSC's purpose is to promote and support its member clubs' vitality, growth and interaction. The MDSC also encourages the membership and/or formation of clubs engaged primarily in skiing or snowboarding, which may also offer social and other year-round activities to their club members.

The MDSC facilitates an exchange of information with major organizations, such as: the United States Ski Association, the National Ski Patrol and the National Ski Council Federation for the benefit of our member clubs.

The MDSC also provides a unified presence at local and regional activity venues, in media and at retail merchants for the benefit of our member clubs. Further, the MDSC promotes participation in skiing and snowboarding activities in general.

### **ARTICLE 3: MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1: REGULAR MEMBERSHIP-Regular Membership in the Council shall be open to any duly organized ski or snowboard club in Metropolitan Detroit and surrounding areas.

Section 2: ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP-A ski or snowboard club qualifies for "Associate Membership" if the club is located more than 50 miles from the MDSC council meeting location or is based in Ontario Canada. The National Ski Patrol is also eligible for "Associate Membership."

Section 3: RACING MEMBERSHIP-Racing Membership in the Council shall be open to any duly organized racing club. A Racing club is defined as that which is organized solely for the purpose of participating in organized racing through the Michigan Alpine Competition Committee (MACC).

Section 4: BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP-Businesses, if ski related or if non-ski related, upon recommendation of the Council President, shall be eligible for Business Membership in the Council. A business member shall not have a vote, but may serve on a committee of the Council.

Section 5: Each membership will pledge itself to observe the Constitution and By-Laws of the Council.

#### **ARTICLE 4: APPLICATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1: Application for Regular, Associate or Racing Membership shall be made in writing to the Council Secretary and shall be signed by the President and Secretary of the club making application. The application shall be accompanied by the Constitution and By-Laws of the club or sufficient evidence of being an organized club must be presented in lieu thereof.

Section 2: Application for Business Membership shall be made in writing to the Council Secretary and shall be signed by a duly authorized representative of the organization.

Section 3: The Council Secretary, upon receipt of an application for Council membership, shall communicate with the various clubs and ascertain if there are any objections or reasons why such application should not be approved. The final decision for approval or disapproval of membership shall be a majority vote at the next regular meeting of the Council.

Section 4: The following ski clubs are founding members of the MDSC: A.Y.H. Ski Club (American Youth Hostels), Briar Hill Ski Club, Chrysler Ski Club, Detroit Ski Club, D.G.B. Ski Club, DTE Ski Club (formally the Detroit Edison Ski Club), Thunderbird Ski Club (formally the Ford Thunderbird Ski Club), Ford-Canada Ski Club, Parke-Davis Ski Club, Motor City Ski Club, Ski-Angels Ski Club, Sno-Boes Ski Club, U of D Ski Club, Viking Ski Club, Wayne University Ski Club.

## **ARTICLE 5: WITHDRAWAL**

Any member of the Council may withdraw by written notification to the Council Secretary.

## **ARTICLE 6: EXPULSION**

Section 1: A member may be expelled from the Council by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of a quorum if that member has failed to guide itself by either the Council Constitution and By-Laws, or in a manner not in conformity with the best interest and ideals of the Council.

Section 2: In these cases, the Council Secretary shall notify the member of the charges made against it. Every opportunity shall be given that member to clear itself or to prove to the Council that such conduct shall not be repeated. The Secretary of the Council shall notify all member clubs of the fact available in the case and allow the membership of the Council sufficient time to give full consideration to the case before it is brought to a vote.

## **ARTICLE 7: GOVERNMENT**

Section 1: The government and affairs of the Council shall be vested in a Board of Delegates, which shall consist of one individual representing each club. Each club shall appoint its Council delegate. The National Ski Patrol shall be allowed a delegate and shall be accorded the same voting rights as a member club.

Section 2: The term of each delegate shall rest with its individual club. Each club shall elect one (1) permanent delegate and one (1) alternate delegate. In order to insure full representation at each Council meeting, in the absence of the regular delegate, the alternate or President may speak.

Section 3: The Board of Delegates shall annually elect from those eligible, a President, Vice President Administration, Vice President Activities, Secretary and Treasurer. These officers may not serve more than three (3) consecutive terms. The officers shall perform such duties of their respective offices as outlined in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Council. They shall have no voice in the election of their successors.

Section 4: The election of officers of the Council shall be at a time designated in the By-Laws.

Section 5: A majority of the Board of Delegates shall constitute a quorum. All business shall be decided by a majority vote unless otherwise stated. Proxy votes shall not be allowed. Each member club shall be allowed one (1) vote.

## **ARTICLE 8: MEETINGS**

Section 1: Regular meetings of the Council shall be held as specified in the By-Laws.

Section 2: Meetings will be conducted according to Parliamentary Procedure, insofar as presentations, motions, elections and adjournments are concerned.

Section 3: All delegates shall be notified by email prior to the election of officers and Constitution and By-Laws revisions or supplements.

Section 4: An attendance register shall be provided at each regular meeting and shall be signed by all persons present. The register will be kept by the Secretary and will be considered the property of the Council.

Section 5: Prior to the beginning of regular business, the Secretary will hold a roll call to determine which clubs are present and whether a quorum is available. A delegate, alternate or club President may speak for the club.

## **ARTICLE 9: CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAW CHANGES**

Proposed changes to the Constitution or its By-Laws can be initiated by a delegate. Changes shall be presented in writing to the membership on a petition, as they would appear in the Constitution or By-Laws if approved. A minimum of two meetings shall be allowed for discussion before the proposal can be brought to a vote. After two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Delegates have approved this petition, the change will become effective at the next regular business meeting.

## **ARTICLE 10: DISSOLUTION**

### **Section 1: Definition**

- A) The MDSC shall be considered dissolved if after a period of one (1) year, there has been no organized activity and a membership of less than two member clubs.
- B) The MDSC Board in effect at the time of dissolution shall be qualified to make such determination.

### **Section 2: Distribution of Funds**

- A) The conditions set forth in Section I, once having been established, it shall be the responsibility of the MDSC Board at the time of the dissolution to place any surplus funds into a Money Market Account.
- B) These funds shall be held in the Money Market Account for a period of three (3) years; after which, if MDSC has not yet reorganized, the funds shall be distributed to the Ski Charities set forth.
- C) The Ski Charities benefiting shall be:
  - i. Ski Hall of Fame
  - ii. Challenge Mountain
  - iii. Michigan Winter Special Olympics

## **ARTICLE 11: LIABILITY**

No member club shall be liable to the Council for any assessment. The member clubs shall not be liable for action taken by the Council.

**\*\*\* END OF MDSC CONSTITUTION \*\*\***

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