

Bylaws of the Iroquoia Bruce Trail Club

As amended Saturday April 16, 2018

1. Name

The organization shall be known as the Iroquoia Bruce Trail Club.

2. Parent Body

The Iroquoia Bruce Trail Club is a member club of the Bruce Trail Conservancy.

3. Objectives

- a) To be a voluntary organization with no salaries or remuneration for its officers.
- b) To build and maintain through voluntary labour the Bruce Trail From Grimsby to the Kelso Conservation Area near Milton.
- c) To establish and/or build campsites, shelters, safe drinking water outlets along the main Trail or side trails or any other conveniences or services deemed necessary or advisable by the Board of Directors.
- d) To encourage the use of these trails and contacts between members of the Club through a program of hikes and other activities.
- e) To solicit assistance, financial or otherwise, from private persons, groups of persons or businesses.
- f) To promote and encourage good outdoor manners, good conservation practices and the appreciation and protection of nature.
- g) To maintain contact with Bruce Trail clubs and other organizations with similar objectives.

4. Members

- a) Any persons or group of persons in sympathy with the objectives of the Club and its parent body, the Bruce Trail Conservancy, is eligible for membership. Conditions of membership and fees shall be in accordance with the bylaws of the Bruce Trail Conservancy.
- b) To encourage the proper maintenance and continued improvement of the trail, members may be designated Trail Ward Members after fulfilling requirements authorized by the Board of Directors.
- c) This membership designation requires approval by formal vote of the Trail Committee and the Board of Directors. Presentation of the award may be made at any general meeting of the Club.
- d) Trail Award members will not be required to pay membership fees for the year of the award.

- e) Members acting or behaving contrary to the objectives of the Club may have their membership rescinded upon recommendation to the Bruce Trail Conservancy. Such Iroquoia members can appeal this decision at the next constituted meeting of the Bruce Trail Conservancy.

5. **Honorary Members**

Honorary life members may be recommended to the Club, and will be forwarded to the Bruce Trail Conservancy upon acceptance of the recommendation.

6. **Officers**

- a) The Board of Directors shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, committee chairs, and the immediate past president. Their term of office will be subject to re-election at the AGM. Board members must be members in good standing of the Club.
- b) A Director shall be elected for a term of three years and may stand for re-election.
- c) A President shall be elected for a term of three years with a one-year extension term possible for unusual circumstances and may not stand for re-election as President.
- d) Authorized signatures for cheques or agreements shall be any two of the President, Treasurer, and either a the Vice President or the Secretary.
- e) Five (5) members of the Board of Directors, one of which must be the President or a the Vice President, shall constitute a quorum at board meetings.
- f) Vacancies of the Board of Directors may, provided a quorum remain in office, be filled by the Directors from the Club membership.

7. **Meetings**

- a) Forty (40) voting members shall constitute a quorum.
- b) Each year, within 90 days of the fiscal year-end, the Annual Meeting will be held for the purpose of hearing the reports of the officers and committee chairs, election of a new Board of Directors, and any other business that might arise.
- c) Other general meetings may be called by the President or Board of Directors.
- d) If at least ten (10) members request a general meeting, the President must call such a meeting within one month of the request being received in writing.
- e) At all meetings, each member present shall have one vote, with not more than two votes per family membership or group membership.

8. **Committees, Delegations, Representatives**

- a) The Board of Directors shall create committees for the efficient operation of the Club, in accordance with the Club objectives.
- b) The Board of Directors shall appoint all committee chairs, representatives, and delegations to other organizations and events.
- c) Terms of reference and further instructions adopted by the Board of Directors will further instruct committee chairs, representatives, and delegations.
- d) Committee chairs, representatives, and delegations shall report on their activities to the Board in writing, as required by the President.
- e) The Nomination Committee shall prepare a slate of candidates. At least fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual Meeting, all members shall be notified of this slate. Further nominations may be made by members to the Chair of the Nominating Committee at least three (3) days prior to the Annual Meeting. Such nominations must be in writing, acceptable to the nominee, and accompanied by the signatures of three members in good standing.
- f) At the Annual Meeting, the Chair of the Nominating Committee shall assume the chair for the purpose of presenting the aforementioned slate and conducting the election of the new Board.

9. Procedure

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the Club in all cases where they are applicable, except where they are inconsistent with the bylaws of the Club or local, provincial or federal law.

10. Affiliation

The Club may affiliate itself with other organizations have similar or partly similar objectives. These affiliations will be adopted by the Board of Directors. If objections are raised, a vote shall be taken on said affiliations or renewal of said affiliations at the next constituted meeting, with a 2 / 3 (two thirds) majority of the voting members presented to sustain the affiliation.

11. Amendments

Amendments to the bylaws may be made by the Board of Directors, and must be sustained by a members vote at the next Annual Meeting. Notification of such amendments must be mailed to members fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting. Adoption of such amendments will require a simple majority of the members presented, except for Article 2 (Parent Body) and Article 3 (Objectives), where a 2 / 3 (two thirds) majority of voting members present shall be required.

12. Financial Year

The financial year of the Iroquoia Bruce Trail Club shall run from April 1st to March 31st of the following year.