

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF THE
CARIBOU HILLS CABIN HOPPERS

As amended **March 1, 2006** (11/8/01)

ARTICLE I - NAME

SECTION 1

The name of this organization shall be the Caribou Hills Cabin Hoppers, herein after referred to as the CHCH.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

SECTION 1

To encourage and promote good sportsmanship, safe and responsible use of snowmobiles, and promote the protection of the environment.

SECTION 2

To sponsor the enactment of fair laws and regulations concerning the ownership and use of snowmobiles and other activities of those using the Caribou Hills at all levels of government.

SECTION 3

To cooperate with public land use regulatory agencies, but always reserving the right to oppose regulations we consider unfair and not serving the best interests of our members.

SECTION 4

To support local search and rescue efforts by making equipment available and encouraging members to volunteer.

SECTION 5

To develop, **obtain dedicated access and easements** (added), maintain, improve, and groom trails to the Caribou Hills from the highway system. These trails are for public use for snowmachining, dog mushing, cross country skiing, and other winter activities.

SECTION 6

To provide recreational activities such as the annual Kick-Off Party, New Year's Eve Celebration, Fun Runs, and Family Fun Day for its members **or** (and) the public.

SECTION 7

To purchase and maintain equipment necessary to groom trails.

ARTICLE III - PROFIT

SECTION 1

This corporation is not organized for profit, and no dividends shall be declared or paid, nor shall it have the power to issue certificates of stock, and no part of its net earning shall benefit any member. The balance, if any, of all monies received by the corporation from its operations, after payment in full of all debts and obligations of the corporation, shall be used and distributed exclusively for the purposes set forth in Article II of the Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE IV - PLACE OF BUSINESS

SECTION 1

The principal place of business of the corporation shall be the **Kenai Peninsula Borough** (Ninilchik, Alaska).

ARTICLE V - PERIOD OF DURATION

SECTION 1

This corporation shall have perpetual duration.

ARTICLE VI - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1

Membership in the corporation shall be open to the public. Continuance of membership will be conditioned as set forth in the by-laws. Each member shall be entitled to vote and hold office. Upon expiration of membership, any interest in corporation property shall terminate without compensation.

ARTICLE VII - INDEBTEDNESS

SECTION 1

The highest amount of indebtedness or liability to which the corporation may be subject to at any time **is** (if) FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00).

ARTICLE VIII - EXECUTIVE BOARD

SECTION 1

An Executive Board will consist of four elected officers and five trustees, who will be elected by the members and shall serve pursuant to the by-laws of the corporation.

ARTICLE IX - OFFICERS

SECTION 1

The officers of the corporation shall be elected by the members annually. The officers shall be a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and five (5) trustees. The Executive Board may, **at** (it) its discretion, create other offices, provide for terms of such offices and define the duties and powers of such offices.

ARTICLE X - LIABILITY

SECTION 1

The private and personal property of the Executive Board and members shall be exempt from corporation and association liability, except and to the extent provided by law.

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENT

SECTION 1

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended at any regular meeting of the members of the corporation, or at any special meeting of the same called for that purpose, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present or represented at the meeting. No amendment of the Articles of Incorporation shall be made at any regular meeting or special meeting unless **notice is given to the membership via mail, e-mail or www.akchch.org (a notice is mailed to each member at his last address of record)** at least thirty (30) days prior to such regular meeting or special meeting, stating that it is proposed that the Articles be amended at such regular or special meeting.

BY-LAWS - DRAFT
Proposed Changes as of 04/23/17

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the corporation is CARIBOU HILLS CABIN HOPPERS.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The objectives and purposes for which this corporation is formed are as follows:

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ARTICLE III - PROFIT

SECTION 1

All income from Fun-Runs, pull-tabs, memberships, donations, or raffles will be used for trail grooming, maintenance, activities, and approved charitable donations.

SECTION 2

No one will purchase, dispense, or accept donations of alcohol in the Club's name.

SECTION 3

The Executive Board must approve any single purchase of ~~greater than TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,500.00)~~ **one or more items totaling \$1,000.00.**

ARTICLE IV - EQUIPMENT

SECTION 1

The use of the equipment shall be for the benefit of the corporation and not for the personal use of the public or corporation members. Any use of equipment for donation or hire, other than trail grooming or maintenance, shall be approved by the vote of the Executive Board or the membership.

SECTION 2

The president will appoint a grooming committee that will be directed by the Executive Board and control all use of grooming equipment. The grooming committee spending shall be regulated by the Executive Board.

SECTION 3

Upon request to assist in a search and rescue operation, an elected official or chairperson of the grooming committee may authorize the use of equipment. Operation of the equipment shall be limited to members who are trained to do so.

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIPS

SECTION 1

Membership dues are **set annually by the Executive Board** (~~(\$15.00 individual or \$25.00 family, annually), and shall be for the period 7-1 to 6-30.~~ **\$30.00 individual or \$50.00 family, annually**) and will be for the calendar year. **Membership dues received from September 1st through the end of the current year will be good through the end of the following year.**

SECTION 2

~~Membership fees shall be set at the last Executive Board (added) meeting of the fiscal year.~~ **Membership fees shall be set at the last Executive Board meeting in the spring and will be effective the next calendar year.**

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS & ELECTIONS

SECTION 1

~~The president shall appoint a nominating committee. The committee will have a list of candidates to be voted on by the membership at the next meeting. The nominating committee will be appointed at the last meeting in March. The elections will take place at the last meeting in April. The elected offices shall be for a one year term. Trustees will be elected in the following manner: two trustees for a three year term, two trustees for a two year term, and one trustee for a one year term which will be filled by the past president.~~

The president will appoint a Nominating Committee from volunteers at the General Meeting in February. The Nominating Committee will present the list of candidates to the General Meeting in March and the nominations will be considered closed. The elections will take place at the General Meeting in April. The elected officers (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary) shall be for a one year term. Trustees will be elected in the following manner: two trustees for a three-year term, two trustees for a two-year term, and one trustee which will be filled by the past president. No write-in votes will be allowed and members must be present to vote.

SECTION 2

In the case of an officer or trustee who is unable to complete his or her term, ~~the membership shall hold an election to fill the office for the remainder of the year.~~ **the president will appoint a member willing to assume the office for the remainder of the applicable term.**

ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS

SECTION 1

~~Meeting dates will be established at the first meeting in the fall. The first meeting will be held on the first Thursday of October. The Executive Board will meet prior to each meeting to set an agenda.~~

Meeting dates for both the Board of Directors and General membership will be established at the first meeting of the Executive Board in the fall. The first meeting of the Executive Board will be held on the last Thursday of September, or as dictated by a quorum of the Executive Board. General meetings will be held on Tuesday following the Board of Directors meeting.

SECTION 2

A quorum shall be five (5) out of nine (9) Executive Board members, with at least two (2) being officers.