

By-Laws Amendments: Blow -Me-Down Snowriders December 2024

Article I

- A. Be it known that the name of this group is Blow-Me-Down Snowriders.
- B. Be it further known that the said Blow-Me-Down Snowriders is a non-profit organization, duly registered with the State of New Hampshire.
- C. The official mailing address shall be P O Box 221, Cornish Flat NH 03746-0221
- D. The official website shall be <https://blowmedownsnowriders.com>
- E. and the Facebook address is www.facebook.com/BMDSnowriders

Article II Purpose

- A. To create and maintain, mark and map a system of local trails that are part of, and connect to, the state-wide trail system.
- B. To promote various activities and recreation for its members; and to promote good conduct, sportsmanship, safety and conservation practices.
- C. To foster and maintain good relationships with community members, other snowmobile/ATV clubs, as well as with individuals at the local and state levels.
- D. The object of the Club shall be to foster interest among its members in the many services a snowmobile can perform; to aid distressed people wherever and whenever the occasion may arise; to assist local Police, Firemen and other Civil Officers wherever and whenever such assistance is of value and importance to them, to provide transportation which is of benefit to the general public.

Article III Membership

- A. Any person over eighteen (18) years of age, having any interest in snowmobiling is eligible. Any person under eighteen (18) years of age having an interest in snowmobiling will become eligible for membership upon successful completion of the New Hampshire State Snowmobile Safety Course, or upon presentation of a valid driver's license.
- B. Omit
- C. Omit
- D. Omit
- E. Removal of members, directors, or officers – Any members, directors, or officers may be removed from membership or from office by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the full membership, in attendance, at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose, for any reason deemed by such membership to be sufficient.
- F. The membership year is defined as May 1st to April 30th.

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Article IV Government

- A. The organization will be governed by officers duly elected by the majority vote of its members; said officers will include a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Trail Administrator, Trail Master, and five (5) Directors. (The five (5) Directors will be comprised of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and the Immediate Past President).
- B. Omit
- C. All officers are eligible to serve a second term.
- D. No officer, except the Secretary, may hold the same office for a period of more than two (2) consecutive years, with the exception that this section of Article IV may be exempted by the majority vote of the assembly at the regular meeting when the Election of Officers are scheduled on the agenda.
- E. There shall be no financial payment for services in these offices.
- F. No officer or member shall contract any debts for or against the organization without first being authorized to do so by majority vote of the assembly at any regular meeting.
- G. Any elected Chairman may appoint his own committee, but s/he may waive this privilege if s/he desires.
- H. A Nominating Committee will be appointed at the January meeting. This committee shall present its proposed slate of officers at the February meeting, and Election of Officers will be held at the March meeting.
- I. Omit
- J. Omit
- K. Omit
- L. The rules of Parliamentary Law shall prevail when not in conflict with the Constitution or By-Laws.

Article V Meetings

- A. Regular meetings will be held every second Tuesday of each month, September through April. Special meetings may be called by order of the President.
- B. No alcoholic beverages or illegal substances will be permitted to be consumed during any business meetings or while operating club equipment.
- C. Any member who shall commit an act of violence with malice aforethought, causing bodily harm to any other member, or whose conduct or language shall become obnoxious, during any business meeting or any other official club gathering, can be

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disqualified from membership immediately. Complaints shall be heard, considered and acted upon.

- D. Attendance shall be taken at each meeting by the Secretary.
- E. Members may participate in meetings remotely/online, which will increase not only meeting attendance but member input.
- F. Electronic polls (e-polls) of the Officers may be utilized for time-sensitive action items. Any action taken will be formally ratified, and documented in the minutes, at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Article VI

Dues

- A. Dues are determined annually and shall be divided among single and family membership with children under eighteen (18). All dues shall be in line with State recommendations and are payable via the NHSA portal.
- B. Only members with their dues paid will be entitled to vote.
- C. Any member in good standing will be eligible, when duly nominated or appointed, to hold any office or to be appointed to serve on any committee.
- D. Omit

Article VII

Quorum

- A. A quorum for each business meeting shall consist of at least seven (7) members of the current membership.
- B. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of members present will suffice to render a decision by vote at any meeting.

Article VIII

Duties of Officers

- A. President: The presiding officer, always to be addressed by his/her Title, when referring to himself should always use his official title, i.e.. "It is the opinion of the Chair", etc. The presiding officer shall take the Chair and call the meeting to order at the proper time; shall announce in its order each item to business; shall state all proper questions, put them to vote, and declare the result of said vote; shall state points of order or course of proceedings when requested or when s/he deems it necessary to do so; shall receive all messages and other communication and announce them to the assembly; shall act for the assembly in signing documents; etc.

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- B. Vice-President: The Vice-President shall act in place of the President in his/her absence; shall act as Liaison between the Club and Fish and Game Department, and other agencies as indicated.
- C. Secretary: As recording officer, the Secretary shall keep a correct and complete record of proceedings and shall read the minutes at the next meeting. In the absence of the President and Vice-President s/he shall call the meeting to order and shall occupy the chair while the assembly proceeds to elect a Chairman Pro tem. The Secretary shall have custody of all documents; shall sign his/her name to the minutes, and shall authenticate by his/her signature alone, or with that of the presiding officer, all the acts, orders and proceedings of the assembly. Approval of the minutes is voted upon at each scheduled club meeting.
- D. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall have charge of all the funds of the club and shall pay them out as indicated. S/he shall keep an itemized account of all income and payments and shall keep itemized receipts for all payments made. Approval of the Treasurer's Report is voted upon at each scheduled club meeting.
- E. Trail Master: The Trail Master shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining trails. All trail changes, closures or re-routes shall be brought to the next regularly scheduled meeting; May through August the President shall be promptly notified of said change(s) and a special meeting called if indicated.
- F. Trail Administrator: The Trail Administrator shall be responsible for applying for Grant-In-Aid (GIA) from the Bureau of Trails; Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grants or other funding options; shall be responsible for maintaining an accurate landowner list and current map of the Club trail system. The Trail Administrator shall serve as the primary landowner Liaison. The Trail Administrator shall serve as coordinator of any leased equipment; ensuring said leases are compliant with State guidelines; and in place no later than the end of each calendar year. The club shall be responsible solely for liability insurance, with all other expenses being born by the lessor, for said leases. Reimbursement for leased equipment shall be in accordance with the State's vehicle groomer classification at a rate of five-eighths (5/8) of the State's current amount; with the hourly amount being presented for approval no later than the December meeting.
- G. Membership Coordinator: The Membership Coordinator will serve as liaison with NHSA, club members and other interested parties relative to the online membership portal. S/he shall be responsible for addressing and resolving any questions/concerns and providing membership updates, as indicated, at scheduled meetings.
- H. Webmaster: The Webmaster shall maintain the club website and ensure its accuracy.
- I. Equipment Coordinator: The Equipment Coordinator shall maintain an accurate list of all club owned equipment; and shall present said list at the January meeting. The

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Equipment Coordinator shall present any requests for maintenance and/or service, to include estimated costs, for approval at a regularly scheduled meeting. The Equipment Coordinator has the authority to authorize emergent repairs up to a total of \$500. Club approval is required for emergent repairs totaling over \$500.

Article IX

Order of Business

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Roll call of members, welcome to guests
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Reading of the previous month's minutes
5. Old Business
6. New Business
7. Trail Administrator's Report
8. Trail Master's Report
9. Membership Update
10. Communications
11. Upcoming Events
12. Other
13. Adjournment

Article X

Amendments

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended by presentation of such proposed amendments in writing by any member in good standing at any regular meeting to be voted upon at the next regular meeting (after all members have been notified of such proposal) and may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of members present.

Section 2. In the event of the dissolution of the Club, all property and money in the name of the Club shall be donated to a non-profit charitable organization, with a similar purpose, at the discretion of the Officers and Directors.

This updated document combines the original By-Laws and the April 1996 Amendments.

Approved this 10th day of December 2024.

Steven D. Wilkie, President