

BY-LAWS  
NORTH SHORE BOAT CLUB  
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Article I

Intent of the North Shore Boat Club

To offer members, through fellowship and good will, the opportunity to participate in activities within the environment of the Cedar River including the falls, islands and bluffs.

To uphold the conditions of the 28E agreement and to act as a volunteer steward of the Beach House property and cooperate with the appropriate officials of Cedar Falls in maintaining the property as a long term, historically significant asset of the City of Cedar Falls, Iowa.

To maintain and manage a boat-ramp and docks for club member use.

To be cognizant at all times of maintaining a positive image for the North Shore Boat Club and the City of Cedar Falls in presenting an attractive waterfront to the public.

To be supportive of outdoor activities and to emphasize safety in all forms of outdoor recreation.

To support private and governmental efforts to improve the rivers and streams, while encouraging the preservation of wildlife and our natural resources.

Article II

Membership

- A. Any person of good moral character who is in accord with the purposes of this organization is eligible for membership.
- B. Application for membership shall be made on the membership form available from any of the officers, board members, or website. Applications will be accepted at any time throughout the year.
- C. Application shall be accompanied by full payment of membership dues and initiation fees. NSBC Board may elect to waive membership dues and initiation fees under special circumstances subject to board approval.
- D. Applicants shall be notified in writing of acceptance or rejection by a board member. All successful applicants will also be provided with a copy of the By-Laws and the North Shore Boat Club rules and regulations.
- E. The membership initiation fee is \$50. The membership dues are \$50 per year per family payable on or before May 1st each year. After May 1st it will be assumed the

member does not wish to continue to participate in being part of the North Shore Boat Club.

F. Family includes the member, his or her spouse, or companion of the same address and their unmarried dependent children up to the age of 19 or until the age of 25 while a full-time student.

G. A member may extend the courtesy of the Beach House facility to a non-member providing the member is present at the event and accepts full responsibility as set forth in the rental agreement and the rules and regulations.

### Article III

#### Committees

The incoming Commodore is responsible for the following proposed Committee assignments within 14 days of the Annual Membership Meeting.

- A. Membership Committee: A committee consisting of the North Shore Boat Club appointed board members whose duty shall be to review and vote on all new member applications. An applicant must receive unanimous approval from the board.
- B. Building Committee: A committee to assist in the development of written rules and regulations of the Beach House and to be responsible for the proposition and implementation of building improvements. This committee is responsible for general maintenance of the building. This committee will also inspect the facility after each rental event and report to the treasurer any damages, or consequent cleaning of the facility by the committee that would result in charges to be billed to the member who signed the rental agreement.
- C. Grounds Committee: A committee to assist in the development of written rules and regulations for use and maintenance of the Beach House grounds and to be responsible for proposing and implementing maintenance and grounds improvements.
- D. Dock Committee: A committee to assist in the development of written rules and regulations for dock usage, including maintenance and building specifications. The user will enjoy sole rights to the dock for as long as he or she is an active member in good standing.
- E. Special Events Committee: A committee which will organize activities. These activities may be solely a function of the North Shore Boat Club or in cooperation with other organizations or events.
- F. Entertainment Committee: A committee to organize entertainment activities for the North Shore Boat Club functions.

- G. Historian: A person appointed to correlate, record, and maintain historical information and current events as a permanent record of the North Shore Boat Club.
- H. Long Range Planning Committee: The committee shall consist of the last 3-commodores.

#### Article IV.

##### Meetings

Meetings of the membership, officers or directors may be called by the commodore or two-thirds of the general membership. The Annual Meeting of the membership shall be on a Saturday in the month of May to be announced by April 1<sup>ST</sup>.

Any Amendments to the Articles of Information and/or the By-laws shall be presented at the annual meeting and voted on by the general membership. A simple majority of members present is required to approve any change.

All regular business of the corporation shall be conducted by the Board of Directors. A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of the Board and a simple majority vote of those present will be required to pass or enact any motion.

#### Article V.

##### Officers and Directors

- A. The Officers of the North Shore Boat Club shall be: Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Chief Yeoman (Secretary) and Purser (Treasurer).
- B. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers, Committee Chairs and the three immediate past Commodores, if available and willing to serve. Each immediate past Commodore will serve a three year term.
- C. The Commodore may appoint a replacement for any Officer, Director or Committee Member, who for any reason can no longer serve. Any replacement for the past Commodore who is no longer able to serve must be selected from the list of past Commodores.

#### Article VI.

##### Honoraria Awards

- A. Board of Director "Member of the Year Award". An annual award shall be established for the member making the largest contribution to the North Shore Boat Club. The recipient of this award shall be determined by the Board of

Directors. The recipient will be presented with a plaque imprinted with the following message:

Board of Directors-Member of the Year Award:

In appreciation of exceptional efforts supporting the North Shore Boat Club activities, the Board of Directors on behalf of the North Shore Boat Club Membership wishes to bestow the title "Member of the Year" to \_\_\_\_\_ for the year \_\_\_\_\_.

- B. Commodore's "Meritorious Service Award": An award shall be established to recognize an individual for long term service and dedication to the North Shore Boat Club. This award shall be at the discretion of the Commodore, based solely on the availability of a merited candidate who has served in a variety of positions, committees, and activities. No more than one award per year may be given. The recipient shall be presented with a plaque imprinted with the following message:

Commodore-Meritorious Service Award:

In appreciation of exceptional efforts in supporting the North Shore Boat Club in a variety of positions, committees and activities, the Commodore, on behalf of the North Shore Boat Club Membership wishes to show appreciation by presenting the "Meritorious Service Award" to \_\_\_\_\_ for the year \_\_\_\_\_.

A "Meritorious Service Award" roll will be maintained on a hanging plaque in the Island Park Beach House.

## Article VII

### Bereavement and Memorial Gifts

The members of the North Shore Boat Club will pay respect to deceased members in the form of a bereavement gift. The gift may be flowers, plants, cash memorial, and or memento. The value of which is to be determined by the Officers and Directors.

Qualification is to have been a member in good standing. However, because of membership grace periods, possible trauma of the recipient, etc., common sense will weigh heavily in determining qualifications. All previous Officers, "Member of the Year" and "Meritorious Service Award" recipients will automatically qualify. Non-members who were strong benefactors of the North Shore Boat Club may also be determined to qualify.

The Bereavement and Memorial Gift policy will be consistently administered totally by the Commodore and Vice-Commodore.

It is the responsibility of family and friends of the deceased to report the appropriate information for presentation of the bereavement gift.

Requests for permanent memorials to honor deceased members must be presented to the Commodore or Vice-Commodore. They will present the request to the Officers and Directors,

who will implement the request consistent with the policies and traditions of the North Shore Boat Club.

The Bereavement and Memorial Gift policy applies in cases of member death only and does not include conditions of illness or hospitalization. It is the policy of the North Shore Boat Club that no members or group of members are to provide bereavement or memorial gifts in the name of North Shore Boat Club outside of the terms and conditions of Article VII of these by-laws.

## **Article VIII**

### **Financial Support of Organizations**

The North Shore Boat Club (NSBC) Board of Directors may use club funds to support organizations/programs that meet the below stated qualifications. The NSBC Board of Directors may grant no more than 10% of the amount of money in the savings account on June 1<sup>st</sup> of the fiscal year (May 1<sup>st</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup>). This ability to financially support an organization/program should never be looked upon as an annual responsibility of the board. The board must consider all other fiduciary responsibilities and this support is only to be utilized under when deemed appropriate.

The organization (or program) must present a completed application to a member of the NSBC Board of Directors a minimum of one month prior to the funds being requested and they must understand that it may take multiple months for a decision to be made.

The members of Long Range Planning Committee will vet applications prior to taking them to the board for a vote.

The funding must be used for the beautification, maintenance of, or preservation of the river, riverbank, and surrounding shoreline.

The 10% of the savings account that is entrusted to the NSBC Board of Directors is the total amount that is allowed in any given year. If the NSBC Board of Directors chooses to award the total amount to an organization there will be no more funds available for that fiscal year.

The NSBC Board of Directors have the authority to allow a special collection to be taken for a special cause that falls outside of the above stated guidelines. These could take place at a special event, pot luck, or any other means that the NSBC Board of Directors feels appropriate. No monetary donation may be made from any North Shore Boat Club account for these special causes. All donations must be made by NSBC members (or friends) directly to, and for, the special cause.