

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Placer Pacers. The abbreviated name shall be PP and such abbreviated name shall hereinafter refer to the organization in this constitution and the by-laws.

ARTICLE II. RESIDENCE

PP is organized under the non-profit laws of the State of California and shall have its registered office in the City of Auburn, County of Placer, State of California.

ARTICLE III. AFFILIATION

The PP is a sanctioned member of the American Volkssport Association, aka AVA and the California Volkssport Association, aka CVA.

ARTICLE IV. PURPOSE

Section 1. The organization is a non-profit, voluntary membership club, organized under the laws of the State of California, and organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue law), to promote the public health, physical fitness and well-being of the people of the United States by organizing, promoting and conducting scheduled programs of non- competitive, family oriented, participatory lifetime sports, including, but not limited to walking (including jogging and running), bicycling, swimming, cross-country skiing, and such other events as may be sanctioned by the American Volkssport Association (AVA), and including the following specific purposes:

- a to develop and implement a program of public information and education to engender interest in scheduled programs of non-competitive, family oriented, participatory lifetime sports;
- b to supervise the compilation of a calendar of events to made available to its members and the general public (primarily in the form of a news letter);
- c to increase communication among volkssport participants and foster the organization of other such clubs within the State of California;
- d to provide understanding of the benefits of participation in organized programs of non -competitive, family oriented participatory lifetime sports;
- e to foster a preventative maintenance concept in health care;
- f to stress the fun and exhilaration of walking (including jogging and running), bicycling, swimming, cross-country skiing and such other events as may be sanctioned by the American Volkssport Association (AVA);
- g to foster an understanding and appreciation of the natural and cultural aspects of areas in which sanctioned events are held.

Section 2. All activities of the organization shall be carried on so as to be responsive to the needs of all persons, without regard to race, religion, sex, age, national or cultural origin, place of residence, economic circumstances, lifestyle, or social status.

ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Regular membership is open to all persons who pay the annual dues established in the by-laws.

Section 2. Rights and Obligations of Members.

- a Every principal member shall have the right to participate in all activities conducted for the members, to file petitions, and exercise the right to vote
- b All members of the PP are obligated to:
 - i. promote the aims and goals of the PP to the best of their abilities. (ii) uphold the reputation of the PP at all times.
 - ii. obey the constitution and by-laws of the PP.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

Section 1. The elected officers of the PP shall be:

- a President
- b Vice President
- c Secretary

d Treasurer

Section 2. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined if necessary and upon approval of the membership

Section 3. Election Procedures for Officers.

- a A Nominating Committee of not less than three (3) individuals shall be appointed by the president at the regular meeting held in April.
- b It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to nominate candidates for the offices to be filled by election at the regular meeting held in June. No member of the Nominating Committee may accept nomination for an office. If a committee member does choose to run for office, such candidate's membership on the Nominating Committee shall terminate and the President of the PP shall immediately appoint a replacement.
- c The Nominating Committee shall report to the membership at the regular meeting held in May.
- d Prior to holding the election at the June meeting, nominations from the floor shall be permitted.
- e The officers shall be elected at large by ballot of the membership at the June meeting.
- f Where only one (1) candidate for an office has been nominated, no ballots shall be cast by the Members and the Secretary shall cast the unanimous ballot of the meeting.
- g. In the event that more than two (2) candidates are nominated for the same office and upon the first ballot, no candidate receives a simple majority of the ballots cast, the two (2) candidates receiving the most ballots shall run against each other. Upon the subsequent ballot, the candidate receiving a majority vote shall be declared elected.

Section 4. General Requirements for Officers.

- a The term of office shall be for one (1) year, or until their successors are duly elected or appointed. The term of office shall begin at the regular meeting held in July.
- b No person shall hold more than one (1) office at the same time, except when the office of Secretary and Treasurer are combined on vote of the membership.
- c No person shall be eligible to serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same elected office.

ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS.

Section 1. The regular meetings are held once a month, unless ordered by a majority vote of the officers .

Section 2. The regular meeting shall be for the purpose of electing officers, receiving reports of officers and committees, and for such other business which may arise.

Section 3. Special meetings can be called by a majority vote of the officers. Notice of special meetings shall be given to all members at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date set for the special meeting, if notice for such meeting be given by mail, or ten (10) days prior to the date set for the special meeting, if notice for such meeting be given by telephone . The purpose for a special meeting shall be set forth in the call for such a meeting.

ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEES.

Such committees as are required shall be established in accordance with the by-laws .

ARTICLE IX. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY.

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the PP in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with this constitution, the by- laws, or any special rules of order which the PP may adopt .

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENT

Section 1. This constitution may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the PP by a two -thirds (2/3) vote of the eligible voting members present. Proposals for amendment must be presented at the meeting prior to the actual vote.

Section 2. The requirement to present proposals at the meeting prior to the actual vote may be waived by a one-half (1/2) vote of the eligible membership at a regular or special meeting.

ARTICLE XI. DISSOLUTION OF THE PP.

Section 1. The PP may only be dissolved upon decision of the eligible voting members at a regular or special membership meeting of the PP.

Section 2. The proposal for dissolution must be submitted by at least one-half (1/2) of the regular members of the PP. Dissolution shall be decided by a two -thirds (2/3) majority of eligible voting members. Members will be provided timely notice for meetings concerning votes for club dissolution and elections. The meeting shall also decide on the terms of dissolution.

ARTICLE XII. CONCLUDING CLAUSES.

Section 1. This constitution goes into effect November 1990 after acceptance by the membership of the PP.

Section 2. The duly elected officers are empowered to make editorial changes in the text.

Section 3. This constitution was amended on November 3, 1992 by vote of the membership.

Section 4. This constitution was amended on February 9, 1999 by vote of the membership for a change of meeting night (Article VII).