

BYLAWS

ARTICLE 1
NAME

The name of the organization shall be Mosquito Lagoon Paddlers of Volusia County

ARTICLE 2
OBJECT

The object of the organization is to encourage the enjoyment, preservation and exploration, of America's waterways for self powered craft, coordinate group activities such as day trips, camp outs, scouting trips, waterway clean ups and other social, environmental /educational functions, exchange ideas and share information, build memories and preserve our waterways for future generations.

ARTICLE 3
MEMBERS

- Section 1 The membership in this organization shall not be limited in number.
- Section 2 No application will be denied due to age, race, creed, ancestry, national origin, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, mental, medical or physical disability
- Section 3 Membership fees are to be posted on the web site, payable in advance and renewable at each anniversary date. A member is in good standing up to one year from the date of payment of dues.
- Section 4 The membership committee shall notify members before the renewal date of their membership. If those membership dues are not paid within thirty days thereafter said member shall be dropped from membership in the organization. The membership committee must attempt to contact said member before termination can be executed.
- Section 5 Membership in this organization may be terminated by a majority vote at any meeting. Termination may be carried out for unethical behavior of said member or conduct detrimental to the purpose and objectives of the organization. This will consist of a three step process:
1. Complaint to the Board of Directors.
 2. Official Warning by the Board of Directors to be presented verbally and in writing.
 3. The vote at a Meeting. In case of emergency, any member or membership may be terminated for just cause by a majority vote of members present. This action will be followed by the three step process.
- Section 6 Any person who applies for and is accepted as a member shall be deemed to have accepted these bylaws and subsequent changes and shall be bound by them in all respects.

ARTICLE 4
Officers

- Section 1 The officers of the organization shall be the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer., and a Chairman of the Board (past President). The officers shall perform the duties prescribed by the bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the organization

- Section 2 Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of members present at the general meeting in November. Officers shall take office in January . Proxy and absentee ballots are prohibited.
- Section 3 The Chairman of the Board shall be the previous year's President. This is an appointed position.
- Section 4 At the meeting in July, a nominating committee of three or more members shall be appointed at the planning meeting. It shall be the duty of the committee to nominate candidates for the offices to be filled in January. The nominating committee shall report At all meetings-August through October, seeking nominations.
- Section 5 The membership chairs and the Secretary will make ballots and a ballot box. The officers shall be elected to serve one year or until their successors are elected. Their term of office shall begin at the start of the January meeting.

ARTICLE 6

- Section 1 Club sanctioned outings/trips/events procedures: Each trip or club sanctioned event shall have a leader. The leader shall have prior and current knowledge of route, shall give the web master event details and contact information for the trip leader. The leader will be responsible to assign safety boats, sweeps or other needed personnel.
- Section 2 Non-members may participate in 2 club sponsored paddles and then will be asked to join the club to participate in future paddles.

ARTICLE 7

- Section 1 All meeting will follow and be governed by Robert's Rules of Order. The rules contained In Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and to the extent they are consistent with the policies and procedure of this Organization.
- Section 2 Membership meetings shall be held monthly at a time and place posted on the web site. monthly planning meetings will also be posted on the web site and the business of the Organization hall be open to all members.
- Section 3 The Mosquito Lagoon Paddlers President shall preside over all meetings. If the President is not able to preside, then the First Vice President shall preside in his/her place.
- Section 4 Meetings hall normally include business from the planning meetings, special guest speakers, or a program .
- Section 5 The membership meeting in November shall be for the purpose of electing officer and for any other business that may arise.
- Section 6 The membership meeting in January shall be known as the annual meeting at which new officers shall preside and the President will appoint committee heads.
- Section 7 Special meetings may be called by the President or the executive board and shall be called upon the written request of ten members of the organization. The purpose of the meetings shall be stated in the notice. Except in cases of emergency, at least three days notice shall be given.

ARTICLE 8

The Executive Board

- Section 1 The officers of the organization including committee chairs shall constitute the Executive Board.
- Section 2 The Executive Board shall have general supervision of the affair of the organization between Its business meetings, fix the hour and place of meetings, make recommendations to the organization and shall perform other duties are specified in the bylaws. The Board shall be subject to the order of the organization and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by the organization.
- Section 3 Standing committees shall consist of the following; events, publicity, club liason, membership, social, web site, historian and safety.
- Section 4 Committees shall be headed by co-chairs, distributing the work load among more than one Member.

ARTICLE 9

Bylaw Amendments and Changes

- Section 1 These bylaw may be amended at any regular meeting of the meeting by two-third vote of members present,
- Section 2 Votes to change the bylaws shall be announced at the prior planning meeting.