

BY-LAWS

BAYOU CHAPTER OF THE OZARK SOCIETY

ARTICLE I: TITLE AND DEFINITION

This Chapter shall be known as the Bayou Chapter of the Ozark Society. It shall function as an authorized Chapter of the Ozark Society, Inc. It shall be referred to herein as the Chapter.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSES

The purpose of the Chapter shall be (1) to save wild places for future generations; (2) to provide recreational experiences in wilderness areas; (3) to be concerned with the conservation of natural resources, with emphasis in this region; (4) to inform the general public of the pertinent issues in the field of conservation, making a particular effort in conservation education; and (5) to encourage and cooperate with individuals, groups and organizations which have similar purposes.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

The membership shall consist of all persons who have a sincere interest in the purposes of the Chapter and have paid Society and Chapter dues.

ARTICLE IV: DUES AND FINANCES

Section 1: The calendar year shall be the fiscal year.

Section 2: Annual dues shall be set by a majority vote of the members present and voting at any meeting of the Chapter, provided at least five days notice of the item is given.

Section 3: Dues shall be payable in advance and will be accepted by the treasurer beginning November 1 for the coming year. The treasurer shall send a dues statement to all members November 1, and a final notice to delinquent members by February 15. Members whose dues are not paid by March 31, shall be dropped from the roster. Alternatively dues may be paid electronically via the Ozark Society Website.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTIONS

Section 1: The officers of the Chapter shall be a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer, to be elected and take office at the annual meeting in January.

Section 2: Term of most officers shall be for one year or until their successors are installed. Officers may serve no more than two consecutive terms in the same position. The Treasurer may serve more than two consecutive terms.

Section 3: Vacancies in any office shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the Chair.

Section 4: The Nominating Committee shall consist of the current officers, the immediate past Chair and a member at-large appointed by the Chair. The Nominating Committee shall present a slate of officers at the October meeting. Nominees from the floor can be accepted at the October meeting. The Nominating Committee shall present the final slate at the November meeting for the vote. The consent of the nominees must be obtained in advance.

Section 5: Each Chapter Member shall have one vote. In the case of Family Memberships, each member of each household 18 years of age or older shall have one vote.

ARTICLE VI: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1: The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Chapter and of the Executive Board; supervise the work of the Chapter; appoint all committees except the Nominating Committee; serve as ex-officio member of all committees; and serve as the liaison between the Chapter and the Ozark Society.

Section 2: The Vice-Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair in his/her absence and shall assume the duties of that office if it becomes vacant.

Section 3: The Secretary shall keep in permanent form the minutes of the Chapter and the Executive Board and handle correspondence as directed by the Chair and the Executive Board. The minutes will be published in the monthly newsletter and on the Ozark Society website.

Section 4: The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds of the Chapter; disburse same in accordance with the standing and special orders of the Executive Board; collect membership dues and maintain a current roster of the paid membership and be responsible for publishing and distributing a Roster to the membership annually; shall present a report of the finances of the Chapter at every meeting and a written report to be filed in the minutes. The Treasurer shall have the books available for inspection by the membership at all meetings.

ARTICLE VII: EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1: The Executive Board shall be composed of the officers, the Chairs of the standing committees of the Chapter and may include two members at large appointed by the Chair-

Section 2: The Executive Board shall recommend business to be conducted by the Chapter and conduct the affairs of the Chapter between membership meetings.

ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS AND QUORUMS

Section 1: Executive Board meetings shall be held at the discretion of the Chair, and must be held upon written request of three members of the Board. Three days advance notice must be given. A quorum shall consist of the members present.

Section 2: A minimum of four meetings of the Chapter shall be scheduled by the Chair each year. Special meetings may be called by the Chair and must be called upon written notice of five members to the Secretary. At least five days advance notice of all Chapter meetings must be given. A quorum shall consist of the members present.

ARTICLE IX: STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee Chairmen shall be appointed within 30 days after election of officers. The Standing Committees of the Chapter shall be (1) Conservation; (2) Newsletter, (3) Special Events; and such other committees at the discretion of the Chairman.

ARTICLE X: POLICY

Section 1: The Chapter shall participate and cooperate in the support of the goals and activities of the Ozark Society.

Section 2: The Chapter may undertake activities and support projects which are consistent with the purposes of the Ozark Society.

Section 3: Major undertakings of the Chapter which involve matters of the Ozark Society policy must be submitted for the approval of the Board of Directors of that body before the Chapter initiates action or support.

ARTICLE XI: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall govern the proceedings of the Chapter in all cases to which they apply and in which they are not inconsistent with these by-laws.

ARTICLE XII: AMMENDMENTS

The by-laws may be amended at any meeting of the Chapter by a majority vote of the membership present and voting, provided the amendments were submitted in writing at least three weeks in advance of the meeting.

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