

# **CONSTITUTION OF THE STARK COUNTY BICYCLE CLUB 2025 REVISION**

## **ARTICLE I. NAME**

The name of this organization shall be The Stark County Bicycle Club.

## **ARTICLE II. GENERAL MEETING**

There will be 5-6 Members' Meetings per year at the Board's discretion.

## **ARTICLE III. PURPOSE**

The aim of this organization shall be to promote the general interest of cycling in all its phases; to encourage and facilitate touring, and cycle outings; to defend and protect the rights of cyclists; to secure a better understanding and recognition of the need for safer riding conditions; to encourage the allocation of facilities for cycling on public lands; to cooperate with the public authorities in the observance of all traffic regulations; and to advocate the recognition of the bicycle as a vehicle for pleasure, health, and economic transportation.

## **ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP**

Individual members must be 18 years of age or older. A family membership includes a spouse or partner sharing the same address, and their children who reside with them. Individuals under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or adult supervisor on all club rides and when participating in any other club activities. Honorary memberships can be awarded by plurality vote at club meetings. (Rev. 8/13/01)

## **ARTICLE V. DUES, WAYS AND MEANS**

- (1) DUES: Purpose of dues shall be to offset a basic portion of the expense of Club membership. Club dues shall be decided by the general membership for the following categories: Individual, Family and Patron.
- (2) WAYS AND MEANS: Raising of funds to meet the balance of Club operating expenses will be proposed by the Executive Board and voted upon by the membership.

## **ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS**

The following officers shall be elected by the membership:

- (1) President
- (2) Vice President
- (3) Secretary
- (4) Treasurer

- (5) Road Captain
- (6) Four Trustees-at-Large

The duties of the officers shall be:

- (1) President: Presides at all meetings, appoints committees, acts as chairman of Board meetings, appoints one Club member to audit treasurer's records annually. In general, is responsible for and to the Club in all matters
- (2) Vice President: Assumes President's office and duties in absence of the President, may head some specific phase of Club activity to lessen President's work. The Vice-President will head the process of selecting a person or a subject for the Membership Meetings program. The Vice President will also chair any fund-raising projects for the club such as the Annual Poker Ride.
- (3) Recording Secretary: Records and maintains permanent official documentation of the minutes of regular Club meetings and Executive Board meetings. Responsible for sending minutes to the Webmaster and Newsletter Editor. Handles requested correspondence for other elected officials of the Club on an as needed basis.
- (4) Treasurer: Is responsible for Club finances. Maintains budget for the Club, collects dues and prepares reports of receipts and expenditures.
- (5) Road Captain: Is responsible for ride schedules, approves ride leaders, trains ride leaders, and supervises ride leaders and sees that the rules of safe riding are observed. In the absence of both the President and Vice President, the Road Captain will assume their duties.
- (6) Trustees: Responsible to the general Club membership for the overall well-being and operation of the Club; responsible for keeping track of the location of all Club property and sit on the Executive Board. The outgoing President and Vice President each year will automatically become Club Trustees for a one (1) year term. In addition, four (4) members of the Club will be elected will be elected to serve two (2) year terms as Trustees-at-Large. These terms will be staggered so that each year only two (2) new Trustees-at-Large will be elected. If a current Trustee becomes an elected officer, the position of Trustee will be filled by election. The President may appoint Trustees to chair certain committees such as the Banquet Committee, the Kids Triathlon Committee and other special events committees as needed.

## **ARTICLE VII. ELECTION**

Election of Club officers shall be held annually in the month of December. Term of office will be January 1 to December 31. A nominating committee consisting of the President and three (3) members appointed by the President shall be formed at the October meeting. The committee shall present a list of candidates for the offices to be filled at the November meeting. Additional names may be placed in nomination from the floor at the November meeting. Nominations shall be closed after the November meeting. A plurality vote by the members present at the December meeting and by absentee ballots that are received by the December meeting shall be necessary to elect the officers.

## **ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEES**

The President shall appoint committees and positions that are necessary such as:

SCBC Plus Committee  
Cartographer  
Membership Chairman  
Statistician  
Publicity Chairman  
Webpage Administrator  
New Member Representative  
Historian  
Advocacy Chairman  
Safety Team  
Kids Triathlon Committee  
Newsletter Editor  
Banquet Committee  
Special Events Committee

## **ARTICLE IX. QUORUM**

A quorum of the membership for conducting Club business shall consist of the number present.

## **ARTICLE X. EXECUTIVE BOARD**

The purpose of the Executive Board shall be to conduct Club business and to approve the Club budget. The Board shall consist of the current elected officers. If any elected officer is unable to complete their term of office, a Club member may be appointed to complete the remainder of the term by a majority vote of the Executive Board. Appointed position holders and committee heads may attend Executive Board Meetings in an advisory capacity.

## **ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS**

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by any member and may be incorporated into this Constitution if approved by a two-thirds vote of the quorum. All amendments must be presented to the entire membership before the vote.

## **ARTICLE XII. CONSTITUTION AND CLUB POLICIES REVIEW**

The constitution and club policies in the "About Us" section of [http://bikescbc.com/about\\_us/about\\_us.shtml](http://bikescbc.com/about_us/about_us.shtml) shall be reviewed every five years.