

# **Bylaws of the Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club, Inc.**

## **ARTICLE I. Name**

The name of this Club shall be the Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club, Inc. The name is abbreviated "SVSVC" and is commonly referred to as "Sugarloafers Walking Club".

## **ARTICLE II. Incorporation**

- A. The SVSVC is incorporated in the State of Maryland as a nonprofit Corporation.
- B. The SVSVC is tax-exempt under the provisions of Section 501(C)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code by virtue of its affiliation with the American Volkssport Association, Inc. ("AVA").
- C. SVSVC's Fiscal Year is from January 1 to December 31.

## **ARTICLE III. Affiliation**

- A. The SVSVC is affiliated with the Maryland Volkssport Association (MVA).
- B. The SVSVC is a member of the AVA. The AVA is, in turn, a member of the Internationaler Volkssportverband ("IVV") which is also known as the International Federation of Popular Sports.
- C. The SVSVC shall operate in accordance with the established rules and policies of the AVA.

## **ARTICLE IV. Purpose**

The key purpose of the SVSVC is to organize, conduct and promote activities of non-competitive, family-oriented lifetime sports.

## **ARTICLE V. Goals**

- A. The SVSVC is a voluntary membership corporation organized, as described in Article II of these bylaws, to promote the public health, physical fitness, and well-being of the people of Montgomery County, Maryland, and the surrounding areas.
- B. The club may engage in other legal activities at the discretion of the Executive Board.

## **ARTICLE VI. Membership**

Membership is open to all individuals and households that agree with the Club's purpose and goals. Members are those individuals or households who pay their dues on an annual basis, three-year basis, or pay a single life membership fee.

## **ARTICLE VII. Officers And Executive Board**

### **Section 1. Officers**

- A. The elected officers of the SVSVC shall be:
  - a. President
  - b. Vice President
  - c. Secretary
  - d. Treasurer
- B. Officers shall be elected annually for a one-year term beginning July 1 of the year of the election.
- C. These officers constitute the Executive Board.
- D. The officers serve without pay or remuneration.

### **Section 2. Qualifications for Office**

- A. Each officer shall be a member in good standing of the SVSVC.
- B. These qualifications also apply to any person appointed to fill a vacated office. A vacated office may be filled by appointment of the Executive Board without membership vote only for the remainder of the current term.

These amended bylaws were adopted on January 14, 2020.

## **ARTICLE VIII. Meetings**

- A. Meetings shall be held at least annually.
- B. Members shall be notified in writing of the annual meeting at least thirty (30) days before the date of the meeting.

## **ARTICLE IX. Committees**

Committees shall be determined and appointed by the President.

## **ARTICLE X. Parliamentary Authority**

The club's parliamentary authority shall be the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order*.

## **ARTICLE XI. Amendments**

Proposed amendments to the bylaws of the Club may be submitted in writing by any member in good standing to any member of the Executive Board. The Club's Standing Rules shall determine how these proposed amendments are managed.

## **ARTICLE XII. Adoption**

The Club's bylaws were first adopted January 21, 1996.

By adoption of these amended bylaws, all previous bylaws are considered null and void.

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