

Spokane Valley Sea Hawkers

By-Laws

Article I – General Provisions

I. MEMBERSHIP

Dues paying members shall have full access to Spokane Valley Sea Hawk

ers events, Sea Hawker benefits, and voting rights at chapter meetings, subject to Article II #2.

II. CHAPTER DUES AND ENROLLMENT

1. The annual dues of members shall be established by the By-Laws of the Sea Hawk

ers Central Council. Dues are currently \$15.00 for a single membership and \$25.00 for two adults in the same household. For each additional adult in the same household, add \$10.00. 18 years of age constitutes an adult.■

2. Member dues are due with initial application and at time of renewal of membership. Membership is *
September 1st ^ from January 1st until September 1st ^ January 1st ^ December 31st of the following ^same
year.* Renewals not paid by February 28th ^ February 1st will be dropped from the membership list until
paid.

III. MEETINGS

1. REGULAR - Regular meetings shall be held the 3rd Wednesday ^Tuesday of each month, ♦except in the
month of November, when Thanksgiving falls in the third week, then the meeting will be the second
Wednesday♦ ^Tuesday unless otherwise set.■ Appropriate notice of the meeting time and place shall be
given. Additional meetings will be held at the discretion of the Board of Directors ^Members. There will be
no general meetings in July and December due to annual picnic and Christmas party.■

2. ANNUAL – The Regular meeting in January shall be the Annual meeting.

3. QUORUM – At any ^general meeting of the chapter, a minimum of 15 members is required in order to
constitute a quorum to do official business.

4. MEETING PLACE AND TIME – The place and time of Spokane Valley Sea Hawk

ers meetings shall be
announced to all members with appropriate notice.

Article II – Board of Directors ^Members

1. The business and property of the chapter shall be managed by the Board of Directors [^]Members (here after referred to as the Board). The Board shall consist of seven (7) members initially. When membership reaches fifty (50) the board shall be increased to nine (9) members.

2. Effective January 1, 2009, Board Members [^]which from this point on include the officers, shall be elected to serve for a two-year term [◆]. ~~Four persons are to be elected in even years and the remaining five positions are to be elected in odd years.~~ Nominations of members for these positions must be made in good faith and with a commitment that such nominees, if elected, would attend a minimum of eight [^]nine meetings a year.■

~~The~~ Voting members must have a current membership and voting rights shall be granted at the members 2nd general meeting. To be elected to the Board, the nominee must have been a member for three months and in attendance at two of the three meetings prior to election day.■

3. The Board shall meet monthly to manage the chapter's affairs outside of the Regular meetings. These meetings shall be the first ~~Wednesday~~ [^]Tuesday of every month. Appropriate notice must be given of change of time or venue.

4. At Board meetings, five ~~Directors~~ [^]Board Members shall be present to constitute a quorum. Each ~~Director~~ [^]Board Member shall possess one vote. Voting by proxy shall not be allowed.

5. Any ~~Director~~ [^]Board Member who is absent from three (3) unexcused consecutive Board meetings may be removed from the Board by a majority vote of the ~~Directors~~ [^]Board Members. Excused absences include Family Emergency, Illness or Work. This vote of removal must be taken within one month of the third meeting from which the ~~Director~~ [^]Board Member was absent.

6. Any vacancy occurring on the Board shall be appointed by the president, subject to approval of the general membership.■ [^]Any vacancy occurring on the Board by such reason as the death, resignation or removal of a Board Member shall be filled by the Board for the unexpired term for the designated position to be filled.

7. At the annual meeting in January the general membership shall elect the following ~~Directors~~■ Board Members as needed.

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. [◆]Additional Open Board Positions. as per Article II, Section II. [◆]

8. Committees shall be established from the General Membership. The President shall appoint the chairperson(s) of such committee.

9. The Officers [^]and/or Board Membrs shall not serve in the same position for more than ~~two (2)~~ consecutive one year terms.■ [◆] [^]1-2 year term. If there is no nomination for a board position, the outgoing board member may be nominated for a second 2-year term. In that case there can be no other nomination for the position and the outgoing officer and/or board member must accept the nomination express his/her willingness to accept the nomination and to serve the additional term.

10. ♦In the event that a returning Board member is elected ~~as an~~ to an Officer position, their vacated Board position ^{^for the unexpired term} shall be filled in a special vote held immediately ~~to be held immediately~~ following the elections during the Annual General Meeting. Nominations for these vacant positions may be taken from the floor for this special election.♦

Article III – Duties of the Board of Directors-Officers

1. President

The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Spokane Valley Sea Hawkets and its Board and shall preside at all their meetings. He/She shall have the general and active management of the Spokane Valley Sea Hawkets and its Board; may execute all instruments in their behalf; and shall see that their business and policy is carried into effect. He/She shall be an ex-officio member of all committees and have such other powers and perform such other duties as is usually inherent to such office. ~~The president has the power to appoint and fill any vacancies on the executive Board subject to approval of the general membership.■~~

2. Vice President

The Vice President shall have the primary responsibility of assisting the President and the other officers of the Board as requested by the President. The Vice President will also maintain order and structure at the General Meetings and the Board Meetings. The Vice President shall assume the position of the President in the event that the President resigns or is removed by the executive Board.■

3. Secretary

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all Spokane Valley Sea Hawker Board meetings; make available the minutes to all chapter members and board members of the Spokane Valley Sea Hawkets;■ distribute all official notices of such meetings; maintain a central mailing/^{^email} address for receipt of mail; maintain addresses for Board members and chapter members; carry on all correspondence of the Spokane Valley Sea Hawkets and its Board; and perform such other duties pertaining to the secretarial requirements of the Spokane Valley Sea Hawkets and its Board. The minute books, records, correspondence files and all central files shall be maintained by the Secretary and belong to the Spokane Valley Sea Hawkets.

5. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall receive and be accountable for all General Funds belonging to the Spokane Valley Sea Hawkets. He/She shall deposit all such funds in the name of the Spokane Valley Sea Hawkets. He/She shall disburse such funds as the Spokane Valley Sea Hawkets or its Board may direct and shall sign all checks together with such other officer as the Board may direct. He/She shall keep accurate books and records, provided by and belonging to the Spokane Valley Sea Hawkets, of all receipts and disbursements and make available a copy of the monthly financial statements.

Article IV – Elections■

1. ♦Nominations will be held at the November ^{^and December} General Membership Meetings for ~~President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and~~ ^{^all} open board positions.♦
 - a. He/She must be nominated from the floor
 - b. If a member cannot be present for the nomination meeting, he/she must have a letter ^{^or email} on file with the Board accepting the ♦nomination♦.
2. Elections will be held at the Annual General Meeting in January. ^{^All voting shall be by secret ballot.}

Article V – Chapter Funds

1. The funds of the Spokane Valley Sea Hawkers must be deposited in the chapter name in a financial institution approved by the Board of ~~Directors~~ ^{^Members}. ~~At least two current Board members must~~ ^{^The President and Treasurer} have authority to deposit/transfer/withdraw funds. The designated board members cannot be of the same household.■
2. All checks/withdrawals of ~~more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00)~~ must be ^{^reported to the Board and} ~~voted on and approved by a quorum at a meeting.~~ ^{general membership.}■

Article VI – Affiliation

1. The Spokane Valley Sea Hawkers shall affiliate with the Sea Hawkers Central Council and other Sea Hawker chapters recognized by the Sea Hawkers Central Council. The Spokane Valley Sea Hawkers Board of ~~Directors~~ ^{^Members} may appoint representatives to attend Central Council meetings, as necessary. They may only take part in the discussion of agenda items, but have no vote.
2. The Board of ~~Directors~~ ^{^Members} is ^{^are} authorized to submit dues from the Spokane Valley Sea Hawkers funds each year to the Central Council. The amount of dues is to be determined by the Central Council and consistent with the amount paid by other associate satellite Sea Hawker Chapters.■

Article VII – Dissolution

The Spokane Valley Sea Hawkers shall be considered “dissolved” when it is considered inactive by Sea Hawkers Central Council or has less than fifteen (15) active members. Upon dissolution, all property of the Spokane Valley Sea Hawkers shall be forfeited to the Sea Hawkers Central Council or to charity. The last members of the Spokane Valley Sea Hawkers would direct Central Council to this decision.

Article VII – Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended by a sixty percent (60%) majority vote of the regular members present at a meeting of the chapter. Members should receive notice of a potential by-law change at least twenty-one days before the meeting to make such a change take place.

The above and foregoing By-Laws and Amendments were duly adopted by at least a sixty (60%) vote of the members of the chapter as the By-Laws of the Spokane Valley Sea Hawkens on the 18th day of ~~November, 2009.~~ ^{^date of approval.}

Secretary

■ Denotes April 2008 Amendment

◆ Denotes November 2009 Amendment

* Denotes March 2012 Amendment

[^]Denotes MMDD 2016 Amendment