



Bylaws

Inland Sea Kayakers (ISK)

Article I. Name and Purpose

The name of the club is Inland Sea Kayakers (ISK).

The purpose of the club is:

- To increase the opportunities for enjoyable and recreational group paddling through organized outings and trips.
- To promote safe sea kayaking through education, instruction, and leadership.
- To encourage exploration and recreational use of the Great Lakes and smaller bodies of water by offering instruction and training, by providing and developing leadership, and by scheduling trips throughout the year.
- To promote public goodwill and understanding of sea kayaking and foster its development in Minnesota and adjoining states.
- To encourage, aid, and give direction to conservation of water resources and adjacent lands for recreational purposes.

Article II. Membership

The club shall have one class of voting members, and each member shall have one vote.

Membership shall be open to all persons who interested in sea kayaking, subscribe to these Bylaws, pay the dues established by the Directors, and are named on the membership application form.

Article III. Board Of Directors

Section 1. Powers. The business and affairs of the club shall be managed by the Directors, who shall exercise or direct the exercise of all club powers except to the extent otherwise required by law or these Bylaws. The Directors shall set the amount of the annual dues.

Section 2. Number. The number of Directors shall be six. The Directors shall be officers of the club. The Directors shall be members in good standing.

Section 3. Election and Term of Office. The Directors shall be elected each year by the members at the annual meeting in March. The term of office shall be one year and the term of office shall begin on the April 1 following election. In the event of a vacancy, the Board of Directors may appoint a Director to fill the remaining term of the office.

Section 4. Meetings. The annual meeting shall be held each March at a time and place to be decided by the Directors. Notice of the annual meeting shall be given to the membership at least ten days in advance. Regular meetings of the membership shall be monthly or as otherwise scheduled by the Directors. Special meetings of the Directors may be called at any time by the

President, on the request of two Directors, or upon written request of at least ten members. Notice of both regular and special meetings shall be given by the Secretary to each Director at least seven days before such meeting.

Section 5. Quorum. A majority of the Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A minority of Directors in the absence of a quorum may meet from time to time but may not transact any business. The action of a majority of the Directors present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the Board of Directors except as otherwise provided by these Bylaws.

Section 6. Consent Action. Any action which the law or the Bylaws require or permit the Directors to take at a meeting may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing setting forth the action so taken is signed by all the Directors entitled to vote on the matter. The consent shall have the same effect as a unanimous vote of the Directors and shall be filed in the records of the minutes of the club.

Section 7. Removal of Directors. A Director may be removed for cause by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 8. Resignation of Directors. A Director may resign at any time by submitting a letter of resignation to the Secretary or any other Director.

Article IV. Officers

The President and other officers shall oversee the operation of the club with the advice of the members. The Officers and their principle duties are:

President. The President is the chief executive officer of the club. The President shall call and preside at meetings, prepare the agenda, arrange schedules of club activities, request on behalf of the club that members perform services or tasks, appoint temporary ad hoc committees, represent the club, and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Directors. The President may designate a president pro tem to perform the President's duties during any period in which the President is unavailable to do so. The President shall serve as the Chapter Representative on the MCA Board of Directors or shall appoint someone else to that position.

Secretary. The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining a record of club decisions, minutes of meetings, and answering written inquiries. If the President or president pro tem is unavailable to conduct any meeting, the Secretary will preside in lieu of the President.

Treasurer. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse club funds, collect membership dues, maintain the membership roster, and present a monthly financial report to the Board of Directors, an annual report for publication in the newsletter, and when requested by at least five members at any meeting. The Treasurer shall verify that all persons voting at the annual meeting are members of the club.

Trip Director. The Trip Director is responsible for scheduling club trips and outings, and for arranging suitable trip leadership. The Trip Director will prepare a schedule of trips for publication.

Program Director. The Program Director shall arrange for speakers, programs, and logistics at the monthly meetings.

Communications Director. The Communications Director will be responsible for publishing news and information about the club and keeping the Web site current.

Other Officers. The Directors may designate other officers.

Article V. Checks and Funds

All checks, drafts, or orders for the payment of money, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the club shall be signed by the President and Treasurer or such other officers as the Directors shall determine except that the Treasurer may sign checks for routine periodic expenses. Payments of amounts greater than \$100 will be reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors. The President shall monthly receive copies of all bank statements. Annual dues shall be set by a two-thirds vote of the Directors.

Article VI. Records

The club shall maintain adequate and correct books and records and accounts. All such records shall be kept at the place fixed by the Directors and shall be open to inspection at any reasonable time by a Director.

Article VII. Dissolution

Upon the winding up and dissolution of the club, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the club, the remaining assets shall be equally distributed among the membership.

Article VIII. Discrimination

The club shall conduct no practice and shall make no distinction, discrimination or restriction on account of race, religion, color, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, national origin, age or disability.

Article IX. Amendment to Bylaws

The Directors may propose amendments to these Bylaws for approval by a simple majority of the members present at any general meeting, providing that notice of the proposed amendments has been given to the membership at least ten days before the meeting.