

CONSTITUTION
of the
AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the organization shall be the AUSTIN METAL DETECTING CLUB and herein referred to as the "CLUB".

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The purpose of the CLUB shall be to provide education and instruction in the recovery of historical facts, relics and artifacts. The CLUB shall be a non-profit organization.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to any person regardless of race, creed, ethnic background, sex, physical handicap or location of residence, who is willing to abide by the Laws of the CLUB and the Laws of the legislative bodies. A person is not a member if the dues as set in the Laws of the CLUB are not paid.

The types of membership shall be as follows:

- (a) CHARTER – A continuous member from September 1969;
- (b) INDIVIDUAL – A person in good standing having one vote;
- (c) FAMILY – A family group residing in the same residence have two votes;
- (d) HONORARY – A person voted on as per the Laws of the CLUB;

The dismissal of a member of the CLUB shall be by the following method:

- (a) Written charges will be filed with the CLUB president
- (b) At the next scheduled executive meeting, the charges will be discussed. One month will be allowed for the charges to be researched. At that time the executive committee will vote on dismissal of the member. A majority vote is needed for forfeiture of membership.

(c) A member may appeal the dismissal by bringing it to a vote at the general meeting of the CLUB. A two-thirds vote is needed to override the expulsion.

(d) If a member is expelled from the CLUB, there will be no reimbursement of dues

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

Elected officers of the CLUB shall be the president, the vice-president, the secretary and the treasurer.

The nomination, election, installation of officers shall be done in accordance with the Laws of the CLUB.

In the event of a vacancy in an office, a new officer will be elected at the next CLUB meeting.

The president can only serve two consecutive terms.

All officers are allowed to vote with the exception of the president who can vote only to break a tie vote.

ARTICLE V. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

The president shall be the chief executive officer of the CLUB. The president shall ensure that all resolutions of the CLUB are carried out, officiate at the meetings of the CLUB, and appoint members to committees as specified in the Laws of the CLUB. The president may delegate duties but is still responsible for them. The president may disburse funds.

The vice-president shall perform the duties of the president in the absence of the president.

The Secretary shall record minutes of all meetings of the CLUB, keep an up-to-date roster of all committees, keep up-to-date copy of the Constitution and Laws of the CLUB, give to each new member and to each member requesting it, a copy of the Constitution and the Laws of the CLUB, and turn over all records to his successor.

The Treasurer shall be the custodian of the CLUB's funds. The Treasurer shall maintain in the CLUB's name, a banking account for the CLUB's funds, disburse funds as authorized by the action of the CLUB, its committees or by the Laws of the CLUB, and keep an up-to-date roster of the membership of the CLUB.

ARTICLE VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The executive committee shall govern and direct the policies of the CLUB.

The executive committee shall consist of the elected officials of the CLUB and other members as per the Laws of the CLUB. The executive committee shall elect a presiding officer for the committee.

ARTICLE VII. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order shall be the parliamentary authority in all cases not covered by the Constitution.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

The constitution may be amended or revised by the following method. The proposed changes shall be presented at the CLUB meeting. The proposed changes shall be presented to all members by way of the newsletter. At the next meeting a vote will be taken. The changes must pass by a 2/3 vote of the members present to be accepted.

President date

Vice President date