

Blue Spring Lake Ski Club

By-Laws

Amended February 2022

Article I

Name

The name of this organization shall be known as the Blue Spring Lake Ski Club (BSL Ski Club) and is a nonprofit organization.

Article II

Purpose

The purpose of the club is to develop lasting friendships, build leadership skills, and provide a fun and safe environment through the love of water sports.

Article III

Membership

Membership starts on the first due date of membership fees which is May 1st and ends April of the following year.

Membership Restrictions: Applicants must be Blue Spring Lake residents, a family member of a Blue Spring Lake resident, or be invited by a member and approved by majority of team vote.

Article IV

Dues

Annual dues for members shall be paid before the first ski practice or skiers will not be allowed to ski. An executive decision by majority of the officers shall be made each year to determine the cost of dues for that ski season. Member shall not be able to vote unless dues are paid in full.

Article VIII

Section 1 Officers

The Officers of the club shall be:

President
Vice-President
Secretary
Treasurer
Trustee

Non-Executive Board Officers:
Show Director/s
General Board member

Section 2 Election

All officers shall be elected at an annual meeting to be held, by a simple majority of all members then present after the Labor Day weekend show in a group discussion form. All members of the club will make a collective decision on each officer position. Club members are allowed to nominate themselves or others. If they nominate another individual, the individual has to accept the nomination. As soon as the elections are final, the newly voted in officers will immediately take on their positions.

If an officer can longer perform his or her duties or an officer is not performing his or her duties up to the standards of the club, officers can resign or be removed by a simple majority of the members in a meeting called for that purpose.

Section 3 Removal of Officers

Any officer or executive board member or an individual can bring up the recall or removal of an officer from the board.

Section 4 Vacancies

Vacancies that might occur before the annual meeting in the elective offices shall be filled by a two-thirds vote of the remaining executive officers.

Section 5 President

The president shall be the executive officer of the club. The position of President includes but is not limited to the following duties: holding of regular meetings, writing of the agenda for meeting discussions, correspondence with all positioned officers for agenda items, coordinate with the President and members of the Blue Spring Lake Management District/ regarding Show Dates, present information regarding ski club at Blue Spring Lake Management District meetings, work with Treasurer to comply with budget, and coordinate with Vice President regarding agenda, calendar of events and committee activities. The president will also renew insurance policies for team and equipment coverage and register boats.

Section 6 Vice President

The position of Vice President includes but is not limited to the following duties: helping president in planning of agenda and topics of discussion, running meetings in president's absence, assisting the president in calendar of events, and working with other officers of the club to keep communication flowing.

Section 7 Secretary

The position of Secretary/ Teams Communications Coordinator includes but is not limited to the following duties: taking meeting minutes, distributing any notes or correspondence to all the members, helping with coordinating ski club thank you notes, other mandatory materials and getting them sent out.

Section 8 Treasurer

The position of treasurer includes but is not limited to the following duties: handling all financial transactions of the club, invoicing and logging all member dues, invoices advertisers and collecting payments, making deposits, reconciling bank statements, providing financial report to the club at each board meeting including a budget for each year completed by December board meeting, maintaining team roster, tracking USA Water Ski and WWSF membership status for team and members.

Section 9 Trustee

The position of trustee serves as a fiduciary who manages the history, property and assets of the organization. The trustee should be committed to maintaining the club's aims and values. They should also understand the community in which they serve.

Section 10 General Board Member

This board position involves attending board meetings and have the ability to vote on all decisions. This is an entry-level opportunity to join the board, learn, and contribute.

Section 11 Junior Board/Skier Representatives (3)

These are non-voting positions reserved for young members. The junior board members will shadow the President, VP, and Secretary. Each official will have the ability to delegate responsibilities to the junior board member as they see fit. The Junior board will rally the team with special events and/or practice themes, etc.

Section 12 Show Director/s

- 1. Skills necessary for success**
 - a. Time management
 - b. Leadership
 - c. Creativity
- 2. Practical Application of Logistics/Planning**

- a. Design show theme and acts to represent skiers' CURRENT talents and skill levels.
- b. Choreograph boat patterns; pick up boat locations, and personnel issues.
- c. Train/educate skiers for safety on the water and the floaters.
- d. Coordinate with equipment committee to get necessary equipment for practices and shows. Equipment including but not limited to, boats, floaters, ropes, wetsuits, and skis.

3. Practices

- a. Sanction all practices with USA Waterski.
- b. Coordinate drivers and pick up boat crew.
- c. Promote a POSITIVE LEARNING / SAFE ENVIRONMENT
- d. With skiers skill level, and life experience in mind encourage them to learn new things.
- e. Set priorities for practices, based on the time of year, water conditions, and personnel available.
- f. Create realistic goals for the team, keeping practices fun for everyone.

4. Shows

- a. Sanction all shows with USA Water Ski.
- b. Coordinate drivers and pick up boat crew.
- c. Write script and select music for announcer/s.
- d. Provide skiers, drivers, and announcer with show schedule including listing skiers, drivers, and boat patterns for each act. Include helpful information to announcer for communicating with audience.
- e. Remain positive throughout the show by supporting and encouraging skiers.
- f. Adapt to changing water, environmental, and weather conditions.
- g. Manage personnel so everyone is effective in their own way.
- h. Create act captains or delegate responsibilities.
- i. Coordinate with costume committee for needed costumes prior to the start of the season.
- j. HAVE FUN.

5. State

- a. Fill out and file necessary paperwork according to rules and timeline.
- b. Plan and coordinate practice/s at a relevant site.
- c. Make presentation to team for or against attending state. Survey team for final majority decision.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE, AND YOU CAN NEVER FAIL IF YOU NEVER GIVE UP

Article IX

Executive Board

Section 1 Purpose

The position of the Executive Board is to develop and form ideas and policies to perform the activities of the club.

Section 2 Members

The board shall consist of the president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, trustee, general board member, and show director/s of the club. If there is more than one show director, their vote counts as one.

A junior board of President, VP, and Secretary shall be elected and consist of minors for the purpose of shadowing the executive board and providing skier representation. Junior board members shall be elected by their peers. Juniors will have no executive voting rights.

Section 3 Meetings

The board shall meet monthly at a time and location previously agreed upon. The meetings will be announced at prior meeting. Emergency board meetings can be called at any time by means of the president or the vice president. Any motion brought to the board shall be decided by majority rule. Members are welcome to attend.

Section 4 Quorum

A quorum shall consist of a majority of the club officers.

Section 5 Approval of Minutes

The minutes of any meeting of the board must be approved by the board in the following board meeting.

Section 6 Order of Business

The order of business at all meetings shall be:

1. Call to order
2. Introduction of guests
3. All Officer and Committee reports
4. Correspondence
5. Uncompleted business
6. New business

7. Meeting adjourned

The president shall present the order of business at every board meeting.

Article X

Annual Budget Forecast and Financial Reports

Each year by December 31st, Treasurer, with the help of the executive board, shall prepare a budget for the following year.

Article XI

Liability to Members

The club will not be liable to anyone for injury or loss incurred by him/her while participating in an activity sponsored by the club, including meetings.

Article XII

Rule of Order

Robert's Rules of Order shall be followed for executive board and annual member meetings.

Article XIII

Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended by member suggestion and board vote.