

## Bylaws of the Grand Strand Running Club

### I. TITLE

- A. The title of the association shall be “The Grand Strand Running Club”, hereafter referred to as “The Club” or “GSRC”.

### II. OBJECT

- A. The objective of The Club is the promotion and encouragement of running and walking, including the fostering of national and international amateur competition and the education of the community on the benefits of physical fitness and sports. The Club may hold championships, road races, races on a track, social runs, lectures, demonstrations, social events, time trials, field competitive teams, print and publish books, magazines and newsletters, make awards, and do all other such things as may be conducive to the encouragement of running, walking and good health.
- B. Other objectives are to engage in community activities, to publicize by appropriate means the benefits of running and walking, and to work with other agencies and organizations that advocate running and walking as a means of physical fitness.

### III. MEMBERSHIP

- A. The only requirement for Club membership shall be the payment of dues. The Club shall be open to all persons for full membership and participation without regard to race, religion, national origin, handicap, sex or sexual orientation.
- B. There shall be two categories of membership: Regular and Family.
  - 1. Regular members join as individuals and may vote at club meetings, run for office, accept appointment committees,

compete on competitive teams, wear the Club logo on clothing, and receive the club newsletter.

2. Family members must all live in the same household. Each family member of a Family membership has the same privileges as a regular member. Each family membership will receive one copy of each newsletter. Communication with one member of a Family membership group has the full effect of communicating with each member of that Family Membership group.

- a. Additional family members may be added to a Family Membership;
- b. The maximum number of additional family members that may be added is twice (2x) times the initial number.
- c.

#### IV. AFFILIATION

A. The Club shall be empowered to affiliate with any organization which may prove to be beneficial to The Club. All measures adopted by an affiliated organization must be considered by The Club.

B. The Club shall be affiliated with the Myrtle Beach Marathon.

#### V. ORGANIZATION

A. The club shall consist of members who may be organized into running and/or walking groups.

B. Running / Walking groups may be defined in terms of:

- 1. Geographic areas benefiting a particular group of members;
- 2. Running and/or walking specialties such as, for example, pace, skill, tri-athletes.

C. An Executive Committee as defined in (Sect VII. Government).

#### VI. MEETINGS

A. Regular Club meetings shall be held quarterly.

- B. A Special Club meeting may be called by the President or by written request of ten (10) members or 50% of the full membership whichever is the smaller;
- C. Executive Committee Meetings shall be held monthly.
  - 1. A Special Meeting of the Executive Committee may be called by the President or by written request of fifty percent (50%) of the members of the Executive Committee.
- D. A quorum for regular or special Club meetings shall consist of twice the number of elected officers plus one;
- E. A quorum for an Executive Committee meeting shall consist of two-thirds of the sitting members of the Executive Committee.
- F. Running Group meetings shall be held at the discretion of the individual Running Groups.

## VII. GOVERNMENT

- A. The government of The Club shall be vested in the Executive Committee.
- B. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Club President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- C. The Executive Committee shall at its discretion designate Club Running Groups. A Club Running Group shall be defined by geographic areas within the Grand Strand. Outlined in (Sect. V.B);
- D. Each designated Club Running Group may select one representative to participate in Executive Committee meetings. Running Group representatives may participate in all Executive Committee meetings in an advisory capacity but cannot vote on any issues before the Committee.
- E. The Executive Committee shall have the following general powers:
  - 1. Full responsibility for the general management of The Club;

2. Approval of the Annual Budget submitted by the Treasurer;
3. Executive Committee will review all expenditures of over \$100.00 on any non-budgeted items.
4. Establish schedules for all Club activities.
5. Establish the date of the Annual Club Meeting;
6. Annual meetings may not be separated in time by more than 15 months;
7. Executive Committee shall have authority to contract services for an Executive Director, a newsletter editor, race directors or other positions as deemed necessary and prudent by the committee;
8. The Executive Committee is the ultimate authority on all Club matters within the requirements established by these Bylaws.
9. Each year soon after elections are completed the Executive Committee shall appoint a 3 person Advisory Committee. This Advisory Committee shall be called on by the Executive Committee to discuss topics or issues that may come up from time to time. To ensure the Executive Committee is acting in the best interest of the majority of the club. The Advisory Committee shall be positive influencers among fellow club members and the community.

F. Duties of the Officers:

1. The President shall have the following duties and responsibilities:
  - a. To preside over meetings;
  - b. To serve as Chairperson of the Executive Committee;
  - c. To represent The Club in association to which the Club may be affiliated;
  - d. To call special meetings.

- e. To appoint committees and to nominate the chairpersons thereof. Any member nominated for chairperson must be seconded by a member of the Executive Committee and approved by two members of the Committee. The President is responsible for all committees accomplishing their assigned tasks.
  - f. To contract with an accountant for the preparation of the annual federal tax return (IRS 990) and to sign it on behalf of the Club. To contract with outside Auditor to review all club transactions to confirm validity.
  - g. The President shall have check signing authority and may appoint an additional signer in case of his absence;
  - h. The President shall be responsible for the timely reporting of all Executive Committee actions to the full Club membership.
- 2. Vice President: to assume the powers of the President in his absence, to take on special assignments as required by the President, and to be responsible for the ordering, storing and selling of Club assets consistent with the directions of the Executive Committee;
  - 3. Secretary: to keep a record of minutes of the meetings, to keep a file of such minutes, to keep the Club's scrapbook and, when requested by the President, to accept assignments involving correspondence and keeping of records.
  - 4. Treasurer: to administer all financial dues, prepare monthly financial statements and to have authority to sign checks, consistent with all provisions of these Bylaws, or to disburse necessary funds as directed. The treasurer shall also prepare an Annual Club Budget for submission to the Executive Committee.
  - 5. Myrtle Beach Marathon Representative: to represent the interests of the Myrtle Beach Marathon at Executive Committee meetings.

G. Eligibility:

1. All persons holding office must hold either Regular or Family Memberships;
2. All persons holding office must be 18 years of age or older;
3. All persons holding office must be members in good standing;
4. Officers may be elected to succeed themselves.

H. Term of Office:

The normal term of office for any officer shall be for a 2 year period from the date of the Annual meeting in which the officers are to the next Bi-Annual meeting;

1. Any member in office due to a vacancy shall service only to the completion of that term of office.
2. Committees shall serve for the year for which they are appointed.
3. Officers are expected to attend at least 9 of the 12 scheduled Executive Committee Meetings and to volunteer at two club events throughout the year. Group run representatives are expected to attend at least 8 of the 12 scheduled Executive Committee Meetings. Participation of less than expected attendance at 12 scheduled Executive Committee Meetings and involvement in less than two club events unless there are extenuating circumstances may be grounds for dismissal from office.

I. Elections:

1. The President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected on a staggering basis. Only 2 officers per year will be voted on. Each election will consist of either President & Treasurer and the following year will be Vice President & Secretary. This is to avoid having a full Executive Committee

change at one time. Each office has a term of a minimum of 2 years;

2. Officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting, or at any special meeting called to fill a vacant office, by a majority of those members in good standing present at the meeting.
3. Members may vote in person or by absentee ballot. A list of candidates must be mailed to all members at least ten (7) days prior to the Annual Meeting. Absentee ballots must be received prior to the meeting to be valid.
4. All members must be notified at least seven (7) days in advance of a regular or special election.
5. Nominations for the election of any Club Officer must be accepted from the floor;
  - a. Nominations can only be made and seconded by members in good standing.
  - b.
6. Each member in good standing shall be entitled to only one vote;
7. Only votes of members in good standing 18 years of age or older may be counted in any election.
8. There shall be no proxy voting;

J. Procedural Requirements:

1. A majority of the members present at an Executive Committee meeting is necessary to pass ordinary measures. All measures shall be deemed ordinary except those proposing an Amendment to these Bylaws;
2. At a Special Club meeting, members may make motions of recommendations to the Executive Committee from the floor

and vote on said motions. The Executive Committee shall consider said motion at the following Executive Committee meeting and report its action at the next regular meeting.

### 3. Bylaw Amendments

- a. A Bylaw Amendment can only be accomplished by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members in good standing present at the regular Club meeting in which the Amendment is considered;
- b. All members must be notified at least seven (7) days prior to voting that a Bylaw amendment will be discussed and voted upon.

## VIII. FINANCES

- A. Dues for all classes of membership shall be set by the Executive Committee.
- B. The Club is a non-profit organization. Dues, entry fees and other moneys received by the Club will be spent entirely for carrying out the stated purpose of the Club.
- C. No part of the earnings of the Club shall inure to the benefit of its individuals.
- D. Members or committees using club funds for any purpose shall give a full and monthly record of expenditure and income to the Treasurer.
- E. The Club shall be empowered to participate in fund raising activities for charitable organizations. The amount donated to the specific charity will be agreed upon by a majority vote of the Executive Committee;
- F. The Club will be empowered to submit a portion of the annual dues to any affiliated organization which may benefit the Club, as membership in those bodies shall require.



IX. DISSOLUTION

- A. In the event of The Club dissolution, any funds in the treasury, after all Creditors have been paid, shall go to the American Association of Running Clubs or other national organization which the club is a member of. The selection organization shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section (501C3) of the Internal Revenue Code or 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

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Secretary	Date

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President	Date