

PAHRUMP VALLEY DUST DEVILS
A Chapter of the Good Sam Club
THE BY-LAWS OF THE PAHRUMP VALLEY DUST DEVILS

DEFINITION OF TERMS: In this document, certain words and abbreviations, when used, will have the following meanings:

- A. CLUB:** Shall mean the International Good Sam Recreational Vehicle Club.
- B. CHAPTER:** Shall mean the local members of the Pahrump Valley Dust Devils, chartered under the By-Laws of the International Good Sam Club.
- C. FVM: (Full Voting Member)** Shall mean each of up to two adults per member rig who are in good standing in the Dust Devil chapter.
- D. MEMBER RIG:** Shall mean one rig with one or two FVM adult members and any dependents living with them at their residence.

ARTICLE I - NAME

- A. The name of this chapter shall be "Pahrump Valley Dust Devils"**

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

- A. The purpose of this chapter, a non-profit organization, shall be to promote fun and fellowship for the benefit and well being of all concerned.**

ARTICLE III - MEETING DATE

- A. Meeting of this chapter shall be held the weekend containing the second Saturday of each month.**
- B. The chapter may vote to suspend, or change any meeting date by a vote of the majority present at the meeting in which the vote is taken. In no case will a vote be taken unless a quorum is present.**
- C. If an RSVP or FEES are required in advance for a campout, the fees must be paid in advance. Failure to attend will result in forfeiture of fees.**

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

- A. Membership in this chapter shall be open to residents of Pahrump Valley and the surrounding area who are members in good standing with the Good Sam Club.**
 - 1. Any member in good standing of this chapter shall remain as a FVM for as long as they abide by these By-Laws.**
 - 2. Number of rigs for membership will be limited to (30) thirty rigs.**
 - 3. There will be a waiting list administered on a first-come basis.**

B. GUESTS:

1. Guests may become members after attending three campouts and meetings if the membership consists of less than 30 rigs. If there is no opening, the name will go on a waiting list.
2. Guests may be invited to attend the chapter outing by a member in good standing. The member must notify the host for that campout of the number of guests attending.
3. The sponsoring member must attend the campout and attend the meeting to introduce their guests.

C. CONDUCT:

1. All members shall be expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the Good Sam principles and ideals. Misconduct or distasteful behavior will be grounds for termination of their chapter membership.

D. FORFEITURE OF MEMBERSHIP:

1. Failure to maintain membership in the Good Sam Club shall be cause for membership forfeiture.
2. Failure to pay chapter dues by the specified time shall be cause for membership forfeiture.
3. Failure to attend three (3) campouts and meetings of the chapter during the calendar year (January - December) without due cause, as approved by the Executive Committee, shall result in membership becoming inactive. Inactive members will receive a newsletter but will no longer retain FVM (Full Voting Member) privileges.
4. Failure to abide by the rules and by-laws of the Good Sam Club, or the Dust Devils chapter by-laws shall result in forfeiture of membership in the chapter.
5. Any member subject to membership being placed on the inactive list must be notified in writing by the chapter Secretary, and will be allowed thirty (30) days to appeal in writing to the Executive Committee.

E. REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP:

1. Reinstatement of an inactive membership may only be granted upon by the recommendation of the Executive Committee.
- ~~2. If reinstatement of an inactive membership is granted, all dues must be paid in advance and it must be shown that the rig in question is still a member in good standing of the Good Sam Club.~~

ARTICLE V: DUES

- A. Annual dues per rig shall be assessed to cover the chapter and state obligations as directed in the Standing Rules.
- B. Dues will be due and payable on the first of November of each year, and shall be considered delinquent if not paid by November 30th.

- C. No dues will be assessed on a visiting guest rig, nor will that rig have any voting rights until they are accepted as Full Voting Members.

ARTICLE VI: QUORUM

- A. A quorum of any meeting shall consist of not less than five (5) FVM rigs, which shall include the President or Vice President in attendance. Upon the expected absence of the Officers, the President may appoint a FVM to act as pro-tem to conduct the monthly meeting for that outing only.
- B. Each member rig will have one vote for each adult, not to exceed two votes per rig.
- C. In the event of a tie vote, it will be the duty of the presiding officer to flip a coin, which shall be allowed to land on the floor or ground. The decision of "heads" or "tails" shall be made by a different person selected by the members and the result of the toss shall be binding.

ARTICLE VII: USE OF GOOD SAM LOGO & CHAPTER LOGOS & ARTICLES OF IDENTIFICATION

- A. The chapter and its members will only use the Good Sam name and logo in good taste and to promote the Good Sam pledge and chapter activities in a manner consistent with the Club constitution and by-laws.
- B. The chapter agrees to cease and desist from all use of the Good Sam name and logo in the event of the loss of their chapter.

ARTICLE VIII - NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- A. Nomination of Officers shall take place at the October meeting.
- B. Election of Officers shall take place at the November meeting.
- C. Installation of Officers shall take place at the December meeting.
- D. The term of office shall be one year commencing in January and running thru December. No Officer may hold the same office for more than four years consecutively, unless there is a majority vote of the FVM.

ARTICLE IX - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- A. The Executive Committee shall consist of all elected officers of the chapter, and shall be authorized to make decisions concerning the chapter functions not specifically required by a full membership vote.
- B. The Executive Committee shall be authorized to approve payment of any bill less than \$50. Any bill over \$50 shall be submitted to the general membership for approval.
- C. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for enforcing the rules and by-laws of the chapter, and shall make recommendations as necessary concerning the termination of, or reinstatement of memberships.

ARTICLE X: OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

- A. PRESIDENT:** Presides at all meetings and supervises all chapter activities and appoints all committees. Represents the chapter as a member of the State Committee at all State Committee meetings.
- B. VICE PRESIDENT:** Conducts meetings in the absence of the President. Coordinates the activities of all committees. Serves as a member of the Executive Committee.
- C. SECRETARY:** Records the minutes of all meetings of the chapter. Handles all correspondence from the chapter. Maintains an up-to-date roster of all FVM, and takes attendance at each meeting. Keeps the President informed on all matters concerning the Chapter.
- D. TREASURER:** Has custody of all funds, securities, and assets of the chapter. Responsible for keeping complete and accurate records and accounts of all receipts and disbursements. Shall at each meeting or other times as required present an accounting to the members of all funds in the chapter account. The Treasurer shall be authorized to establish a checking account in the name of the chapter and shall provide that a double signature withdrawal system is established and maintained. The second signature shall be that of one of the Executive Committee.
- E. WAGONMASTER/HOST:** Shall be responsible for organizing chapter campouts under the direction of the President. The host/wagon master will be responsible for making reservations, if necessary, and collecting any fees required for the outing. The wagon master/host shall be responsible for promulgating all logistics pertaining to the campout. Wagon master is voluntary and defined as host.

ARTICLE XI - DEATH OF FVM

- A.** A donation of \$25 in the deceased name will be given to a charity as voted by the full membership.

ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

- A.** These by-laws may be amended at any regular meeting by a majority vote, provided a quorum is present.
- B.** Any proposed amendment, in order to be voted upon, must first be submitted to the general membership for review. This must be done at the meeting preceding the one in which the vote is taken.

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