



BY-LAWS FOR THE SUNCOAST FLATLANDERS FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE CLUB, A NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION

RATIFIED FEBRUARY 9, 2007

ARTICLE I ORGANIZATION

1. The name of the organization shall be THE SUNCOAST FLATLANDERS FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE CLUB, INC.
2. The organization shall have a seal which shall be in the following form: A circular seal in green with the name of the club inscribed around the perimeter. In the background a four-wheel drive tire track, with the silhouette of the State of Florida in the foreground.
3. The organization may at its pleasure by a vote of the membership body change its name.

ARTICLE II PURPOSES

The following are the purposes for which this organization has been organized:

- To promote the sport and pastime of off-road motoring in all its phases.
- To enjoy and protect all natural resources.
- To promote interest in the ownership and driving of an off-road vehicle.
- To promote, organize and hold outings, meetings, runs, excursions, cross country trips, and similar events.
- To provide social, educational and recreational activities for its members.
- To promote family and participate in and support civic activities for the betterment of the community.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

To be eligible for membership in The Suncoast Flatlanders Four Wheel Drive Club ("the club"), individual ownership of an off-road four wheel drive vehicle (except motorized cycles) or express a keen interest in off-road driving shall be required.

Applicants for membership must show a minimum of state requirements on their vehicle. Each member who is under 18 years of age and desires to operate a vehicle at a club even shall be required to submit a signed parental or guardian consent form.

All members shall agree to adhere to all club bylaws, rules and other regulations.

ARTICLE IV MEETINGS

The annual membership meeting of this organization shall be held in November each and every year.

The Secretary shall cause to be posted to every member in good standing on the club's website a notice telling the time and place of such annual meeting. This notice will be posted not less than two weeks prior to the meeting.

Regular meetings of this organization shall be held at locations selected by the club's officers.



Special meetings of the general membership may be called by the president when he deems it for the best interest of the organization. Notices of such meeting shall be posted on the club's website at least ten (10) days before the scheduled date set for such special meeting. Such notice shall state the reasons that such meeting has been called, the business to be transacted at such meeting and by whom it was called. At the request of 33 percent of the members of the organization, the president shall cause a special meeting to be called but such request must be made in writing at least ten (10) days before the requested scheduled date.

No other business but that specified in the notice may be transacted at such special meeting without the unanimous consent of all present at such meeting.

ARTICLE V VOTING

At all meetings, except for the election of officers and directors, all votes shall be by voice. For contested elections of officers, ballots shall be provided and there shall not appear any place on such ballot that might tend to indicate the person who cast such ballot.

At any regular or special meeting, if a majority so requires, any question may be voted upon in the manner and style provided for election of officers and directors. At all votes by ballot the chairman of such meeting shall, prior to the commencement of balloting, appoint a committee of three who shall act as "Inspectors of Election" and who shall, at the conclusion of such balloting, certify in writing to the Chairman the results and the certified copy shall be physically affixed in the minute book to the minutes of that meeting.

No inspector of election shall be a candidate for office or shall be personally interested in the question voted upon.

Nominations for the positions of officer and director shall be made at the monthly meeting of the club held during the month of October. If interested, volunteers may nominate themselves for office candidacy.

Elections for officers and directors shall be conducted during the monthly club meeting held during the month of November. Inauguration of new officers and directors shall be during the monthly meeting of the club held during the month of December.

If a member in good standing so wishes they may obtain and vote by absentee ballot by mailing a self addressed and stamped envelope to the Club Secretary. Such an absentee ballot must be returned prior to the election to the volunteer that shall act as the Election Inspector.

ARTICLE VI ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order.
2. Approval of the Minutes of the preceding meeting.
3. Reports of Committees.
4. Reports of Officers.
5. Old and Unfinished Business.
6. New Business.
7. Adjournments.

ARTICLE VII OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Section I: The officers of the club shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be known as the Executive Board.

Section II: The Board of Directors shall consist of members of the Executive Board and up to five additional members elected by the general membership at the annual meeting to work for the benefit of the club.

Section III: The President shall preside over all membership and Board meetings and be present at all events whenever possible. He shall be the Executive Officer and shall have the duty to carry to the policies and decisions of the Board of Directors. He shall be without right of vote except in the event of a tie.

Section IV: The Vice-President shall act as President in the temporary absence of the President. He shall aid and assist the President in conducting membership meetings. He shall perform such other duties as the President shall delegate to him, or those involving his office.

Section V: The Secretary shall keep and preserve all records and minutes of the meetings of the regular membership and the Board of Directors; shall assume the responsibility of ledger roll call and determine the number of voting members present so it may be known if a quorum is in attendance; shall keep a general correspondence pertaining to the organization.

Section VI: The Treasurer shall keep accurate and complete records of the funds and accounts of this organization and shall collect all dues and assessments and maintain a record thereof. He shall make only such disbursements as are approved by the membership. The Executive Board has the authority to spend up to \$250 outside of the approved fiscal budget without member approval checks shall be signed by both the Treasurer and an additional member of the Board. This co-signer may not be related to the Treasurer.

Section VII: Discharge of any officer will be by 75% vote of the membership.

Section VII: All officers and directors shall be elected at the annual meeting and shall serve a term of one year. There shall be no term limits if duly elected to repeated terms of office, whether consecutive or nonconsecutive.

ARTICLE VIII BUDGET

An annual budget will the following fiscal year will be prepared by the Treasurer and presented for approval at the annual membership meeting. This budget shall be amendable by a simple majority of the members present at any general or special meeting of the membership.

ARTICLE IX COMMITTEES

All committees of this organization shall be appointed by the Executive Board of Directors and their term of office shall be for a period of one year or less if terminated by the action of the Executive Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X DUES

The dues of this organization shall be \$40 per annum. For the initial year or after a membership lapse of 45 days the dues shall be \$50. Payment of club dues entitles one member to tender a single vote on each item called for approval at a club meeting. Spouses or other significant others of members may request a unique log-on to the club's website at no additional cost.

ARTICLE XI AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be altered, amended, repealed or added to by an affirmative vote of not less than 51% percent of the members present at an official club meeting.