

SNO-KING STAMP CLUB

BYLAWS

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ARTICLE I -- Name and Purpose

- a. The name of this organization shall be the Sno-King Stamp Club.
- b. The purpose of this organization is to promote philately in Snohomish County and northern King County and to provide times and places for meetings to stimulate participation in this hobby.

ARTICLE II -- Membership

- a. Membership is open to any person interested in collecting stamps, covers or other philatelic and postal items.
- b. Dues will be established by the membership at regular club meetings. Annual dues will cover membership through December 31. Members who fail to renew by January 31 will not have voting rights or other privileges of membership until dues are paid. The membership can authorize reduced rate of dues for youth and students under the age of 23.
- c. Members can be dropped from the club, by majority vote, for good and reasonable cause, such as conduct which infringes on the rights of other members or for a pattern of dishonest financial dealings with collectors and dealers, such as to bring disrepute to the club. Such removal shall be subject to the following procedures:
 - (1) Removal proceedings shall be initiated by a petition, signed by no less than three members in good standing, specifying the grounds for removal.
 - (2) The Officers of the club shall, through club newsletter or other written communication, notify the membership that a vote on removal shall be taken at the next regular meeting.
- d. Members who have been removed from club membership can be reinstated by majority vote, following a petition signed by three club members and written notification prior to the meeting at which a vote shall be taken.

ARTICLE III -- Meetings

- a. The club will meet on the second Wednesday evening each month (with the exception of one summer month each year) within the City of Everett.
- b. The club will meet on the third Wednesday evening each month (with the exception of one summer month) within the city limits of any community in South Snohomish County or in King County north of the Seattle city limits. During years when the third Wednesday falls on the day before Thanksgiving, club Officers will have the power to hold this meeting at some other time.
- c. Club Officers shall designate meeting places and will provide adequate and timely notice to club members. Should meeting places designated by club Officers be unavailable on the designated meeting nights, club Officers shall, with timely notice to members, designate alternate times or places of meetings. Should such meeting places be permanently unavailable, club Officers will arrange for alternate sites on an interim basis, but shall submit new meeting places to the club membership at the earliest reasonable opportunity.
- d. Members may attend one or both meetings each month. Members attending both meetings will vote only once on any item of club business for which votes are taken at both meetings. The presiding officer will designate procedures to assure that only one vote shall be tallied for each individual member.
- e. Unless otherwise provided for in club bylaws, Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of meetings. The presiding officer may appoint a parliamentarian to assist at meetings where official business is being conducted.

ARTICLE IV -- Officers

- a. Club Officers are President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Officers will serve terms of one year, beginning (month) January 1 of each year.
- b. Members will nominate officers in October. Elections will take place in November. At the November meetings, the club will select an election monitor who will supervise the balloting, count the ballots and report the results to the membership. The election monitor shall be any member in good standing who is not a candidate for office.
- c. There will be no prohibition against any member holding more than one office.

- d. Officers may be removed from office, prior to the expiration of their term, for cause. Causes for removal include, but are not limited to, dereliction of duty, arbitrary and capricious actions in the exercise of duties, and conduct which would be grounds for revoking club membership. Extended medical incapacity shall also be grounds for removal of an officer.
- e. Proceedings to remove officers shall be initiated by motion of no less than five members, who shall specify the grounds for removal and the allegations supporting them. Members shall vote on such motions the month after the officer is notified in writing of the motion. Such written notice shall be made by any other officer of the club. Once an officer has been served, the membership shall be provided copies of the motion.

ARTICLE V -- Duties of Officers

- a. The President shall preside at all club meetings, except that he or she can delegate the Vice-President to preside at one meeting a month.
- b. The Vice-President shall preside at club meetings in the absence of the President. The Vice-President shall perform other duties, normally performed by the President, in the event of any extended absence of the President.
- c. The President shall appoint chairpersons of committees and shall appoint members to special tasks which carry out the club's purpose.
- d. The President shall appoint Delegates to any philatelic federation of which the club is a member, except that such appointments will not take effect until confirmed by a majority vote of the members.
- e. The Secretary shall conduct the interim business of the club, shall notify club members of meetings and shall supervise publication of a club newsletter. The Secretary shall preside at meetings, when the President and VicePresident are both absent.
- f. The Treasurer shall account for all monies which are property of the club. The Treasurer will deposit club monies in the club's bank account and will disburse all funds for necessary expenses of the club. The Treasurer shall maintain ledgers recording all financial transactions involving club funds. The Treasurer shall, with reasonable notice, make club ledgers available for inspection by members, upon request. The Treasurer shall preside at club meetings when no other officer is present.
- g. Each October, the President shall cause an examination of the club's financial records, as maintained by the Treasurer. The President may personally perform this examination or may designate any other officer other than the Treasurer, to do so. The officer performing this examination shall report to the membership on the findings. This examination shall be

conducted, to the extent possible, in a manner consistent with generally accepted auditing principles.

- h. If the presidency becomes vacant during the terms of service of the officers, the Vice-President will become President. Upon filling such a vacancy, the President shall appoint members to fill any vacancies. Members appointed to fill such vacancies shall serve out the remainder of the term, unless the club, by majority vote, decides to hold a special election to fill such vacancies.
- i. Club Officers shall provide all other club officers phone numbers or electronic mail addresses at which they may be contacted.

ARTICLE VI -- Amendments

- a. This Constitution may be amended by a simple majority vote of the membership present at meetings where amendments are properly submitted. Voting will be done by written ballots, which have been signed by the Secretary. The Secretary will circulate ballots at the first set of meetings following publication. The Secretary will certify results and will announce the results in the next edition of the club newsletter or in a mailing sent to all current members.
- b. Amendments will not be submitted to the membership, unless presented, in writing, to the Secretary by no less than three members. Prior to any vote, proposed amendments must be published in the club newsletter or in a mailing sent to all current members.
- c. If the membership adopts, at meetings, amendments to published amendments, a final vote on such revised amendments shall not take place until the following meetings. Club Officers shall publish the amendment, as revised, in the next club newsletter or in a general mailing to the membership. This shall not apply to a friendly amendment, defined as a proposed revision agreed to by all the proponents of the published amendment who are present at the meeting, provided a majority of the proponents are in attendance.
- d. A copy of these bylaws and all amendments, together with the dates of adoption, shall be filed with the Secretary of the club.
- e. The Officers of the club will cause to be published, each January, the club Bylaws, with all amendments.