

FOX RIVER GROVE HARBOR TEAM

BYLAWS

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ARTICLE I

Name and Location

Section 1: Fox River Grove Harbor Team

The name of the club shall be the Fox River Grove Harbor Team.

Section 2: Location

The club shall be located in Fox River Grove, Illinois.

ARTICLE II

General Objectives

Section 1: General Objective

The general objectives of the club, to which its members are joined together and mutually pledged, shall be the furtherance and promotion of the following:

- a. The highest standards of courtesy and safety on the waterways.
- b. The enjoyment and sharing of goodwill and fellowship engendered by owning a boat and engaging in such social or other events as may be agreeable to the membership.
- c. The provision of proper berths, piers and care of the harbor area in a clear, attractive manner including the dredging of the harbor when needed.

ARTICLE III

Powers, Corporate Seal and Flag

Section 1: Powers

The club shall be empowered to do all things and conduct all business, not for profit, necessary to carry out the objectives of the club as set forth on the Certificate of Incorporation, issued under the Statutes of the State of Illinois and those bylaws.

Section 2: Corporate Seal

The corporate seal of the club shall be circular in form, being inscribed with the name of the club and the year and place of its incorporation (Fox River Grove, Illinois - 1983).

Section 3: Flag

The flag of the club shall be in the form of a pennant, its name being inscribed thereon, and the initials "F.R.I.G.H.T." The colors of the flag shall be orange and blue and shall be of a design symbolic of boating and displaying a fox head thereon.

ARTICLE IV

Membership

Section 1: Members

Membership in the club shall be restricted to residents of the Village of Fox River Grove, Illinois, who are 21 years of age or older.

Section 2: Membership Applications

- a. All applications for membership shall be made in writing and delivered to the Secretary of the club.
- b. The Secretary shall immediately assign a number to each application for membership as it is received. The numbers assigned shall begin with 1 and progress in numerical order.
- c. If the applicant is found eligible for membership, they shall be assigned a pier or berth for the use of their boat if any are available. If a pier or berth is not available, the application with said number thereon shall be placed on file with the Secretary.
- d. The waiting member holding the lowest application number shall be assigned the first available pier, and so on.

Section 3: Membership Year

The membership year shall begin January 1st and terminate December 31st.

Section 4: Initiation Fee, Pier Deposit and Annual Dues

- a. All dues and fees must be paid in full prior to membership.
- b. Initiation Fee – The initiation fee is \$500.00. This fee is non-refundable.
- c. Security Deposit – The security deposit is \$300.00. This deposit is refundable upon approval of the Board of Directors at the termination of membership.
- d. Annual Slip Dues – The current annual dues is \$250.00. Annual slip dues for the new membership year shall be due January 1st, however, must be paid no later than April 15th. A late fee of \$10 per month for unpaid dues will be assessed after April 15th. Annual dues are non-refundable.
- e. Dues and Fees may be amendable at any annual meeting.

Section 5: Responsibilities

- a. All members on an annual basis must have, in members name, proof of boat ownership, current registration and insurance and provide copies to the Secretary of the club

- b. All boats must be motorized and no longer than 26' in length, said boat must occupy slip during boating season (June through September) and subject to Article IV, Section 5 c.
- c. All members must notify the Secretary if their slip will be vacant for a period of two weeks or more during the boating season. Members are allowed to vacate their slip for no more than one concurrent year. Temporary pier vacancies will be filled per the requirements in Article XII Section 1. Slip rental fees will be credited to the club. If a member(s) fail to occupy their slip and abide by vacancy notification, they will incur the current rental fee payable to the club.
- d. All members are required to attend club meetings and scheduled clean up dates. An Officer (prior to the meeting) must approve "Excused" absences. "Excused" absences will result in the member's proxy vote on club issues to be given to a club Officer. No more than one (1) excused absence from club meetings/clean up days will be permitted within one calendar year.
- e. All members must abide by the club by-laws set forth herein and by the current Fox River Grove Village and Harbor Team License Agreement.
- f. New members admitted to the club are allowed one season to obtain a boat and meet the requirements herein or forfeit membership. Forfeited members are allowed to re-apply for membership per the requirements set forth in Article IV.

Section 6: Compliance

Non-compliance will result in membership review by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V

Officers

Section 1: Officers

The elected officers of the club shall be:

- a. President
- b. Vice President
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer

All officers of the club shall serve for a term of one year and until their successors are elected and duly qualified for office. No officer may continue in office if he shall move his residence outside of Fox River Grove, Illinois.

Section 2: Duties of the Officers

- a. President – The President shall preside at all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors, and shall perform the duties usual appertaining to his office. He may call special meetings of the membership. In the absence of the President, all duties shall be performed by the Vice President.
- b. Vice President – The Vice President shall assist the president in the conduct of the administrative affairs of the club and perform such other duties as may be

- assigned to him by the President. The Vice President shall stand first in succession in the event of the President's resignation or inability to act.
- c. Secretary – The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the members and Board of Directors and shall record full and complete minutes of the proceeding and all the votes in books kept for that purpose. He shall keep a current roster of all club members. He shall likewise perform all other duties incident of this office required by law or these bylaws. The Secretary shall have custody of the corporate seal at all times, as well as the club's records.
 - d. Treasurer – The Treasurer shall have custody of all monies, debts, obligations and assets belonging to the club. He shall receive all monies of the club and deposit them to the club account in a regularly constituted bank or savings and loan. The Treasurer shall maintain books of account, which shall properly reflect the true and correct financial status of all receipts, disbursements, balances, assets and liabilities of the club.

ARTICLE VI

Board of Directors

Section 1: Board of Directors

The elected officers, [immediate past president](#) and chairmen of the standing committees shall constitute the Board of Directors of the club. It shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors to determine all matters of club policy not otherwise determined by the members at any annual or special meeting.

Section 2: Duties of the Board of Directors

In the event of a Secretary or Treasurer's resignation or inability to act, the Board of Directors shall make an interim appointment to that office for the balance of the term.

ARTICLE VII

Committees

Section 1: Standing Committees

There shall be three standing committees of the club, as follows:

1. Grounds Care, Improvement and Construction
2. Pier Monitoring (Safety, Appearance & Regulation)
3. Special Events

The President shall appoint the chairman of the standing committees and such other members as may be desirable for a term of one year. Committee chairmen shall keep adequate records and books of the proceeding and actions of their committees and make full and complete reports at any annual meeting. All committee decisions shall be determined by a majority vote of the committee members. The President shall appoint such other committees from time to time as may be desirable and necessary.

ARTICLE VIII

Election of Officers

Section 1: Nominating Committee

At least 45 days prior to the annual meeting, the President shall appoint a nominating committee of three members. The nominating committee shall submit a slate of nominees for each office at the annual meeting.

Section 2: Nominations by Members

Any member that is in good standing may make nominations of officers from the floor at the annual meeting.

Section 3: Ballot

All balloting shall be done by secret ballot. The member who receives the greater number of votes cast for the office for which he is a candidate shall be declared elected.

ARTICLE IX

Annual and Special Meetings

Section 1: Time of Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the club shall be held in February of each year on a date and place in Fox River Grove designated by the President.

Section 2: Special Meetings

A special meeting of the members may be called by the President or by a majority of the Board of Directors.

Section 3: Quorum

At any annual or special meeting of the members, two-thirds members of the club shall constitute a quorum. All decision of the members at any annual or special meeting shall be by majority vote of those present unless otherwise provided by these bylaws.

ARTICLE X

Fiscal Year, Dues and Fees

Section 1: Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the club shall be the calendar year.

ARTICLE XI

Obligations and Indebtedness

Section 1: Authority to Incur Obligations or Indebtedness

Only the elected officers or persons authorized by the Board of Directors to act on the behalf of the club shall incur any obligation or indebtedness in the name of the club. No elected officer or other person authorized to act on behalf of the club shall incur any obligation or indebtedness in excess of the sum of \$50.00 without prior approval of a majority of the Board of Directors.

Section 2: Unauthorized Obligations or Indebtedness

No elected officer or any person authorized to act on behalf of the club shall incur any obligation or indebtedness which is not for the general benefit of the entire membership of the club, nor shall the Board of Directors approve the incurring of any such obligation or indebtedness.

ARTICLE XII

Miscellaneous

Section 1: Temporary [Slip](#) Vacancies

In the event of a temporary vacancy, the [Slip](#) will be offered to the first applicant on the waiting list. If said applicant is unavailable or not interested, they may pass on the offer without losing application position for permanent pier or berth. The offer will go down the applicant list in numerical order until it is accepted. The cost will be \$100.00 per month, pro-rated, if necessary, per week.

Section 2: Pier Usage and Maintenance

- a. The member's pier or berth is available from April 1 - November 1; Maintenance on each pier or berth will be the responsibility of the assigned member(s).
- b. Member shall not alter, modify, or attach any accessory to a pier without prior club approval.

Section 3: Boatlifts

- a. Boatlifts may be used without disrupting the appearance of the harbor. Canopies on the lifts may not be used.
- b. Club members owning a boatlift are responsible for care and maintenance. Boatlifts must be kept in working condition. Members are responsible (including costs) for the disposition of the lift (i.e. selling, removal, etc.) upon leaving the club.
- c. In case of a rental, the renters are subject to liability due to any negligence.

Section 4: Partnership

- a. Sharing a slip as partners is permitted between current members and the lowest number member applicant on the waiting list if admitted to the club.
- b. Both partner's names must appear on the proof of boat ownership, current registration and insurance documents provided to the club Secretary.
- c. Partner's shall be considered both members of the club and must adhere to the by-laws set forth herein; however, partners shall have only one vote for any club motions (i.e. one vote per slip).
- d. If a partner forfeits club membership, the remaining partner has the option to remain in the club, as long as they adhere to the by-laws set forth herein.
- e. Only one designated boat is allowed per partnership.

[If partnership dissolves, the member who was originally assigned to pier retains slip rights. The other member can become partner with another member of the club or relinquish his membership. If the partner is relinquishing their membership, Their deposit is refundable upon approval of the Board of Directors. In so doing, they may enter their name back to the waiting list with current date](#)

ARTICLE XIII

Amendment of Bylaws

Section 1: Amendment of Bylaws

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members assembled at any annual or special meeting.

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