

CONSTITUTION OF FLORIDA KEYS NATURISTS

Preamble

Florida Keys Naturists was founded as an informal non-profit social organization in 1991 and was officially organized in 1994. It is dedicated to promoting nude recreation and social nudism. The organization shall endeavor to (A) secure and maintain government sanctioned clothing-optional beaches, parks and recreational areas on public lands and (B) encourage development of clothing-optional facilities on private lands.

Article I Name

The name of this organization shall be Florida Keys Naturists.

Article II General Purpose

Section 1 - Florida Keys Naturists is founded for the purposes of: (A) obtaining publicly managed, government sanctioned and designated, clothing-optional beaches and recreational sites; (B) uniting "nude minded" people in the Florida Keys area; (C) providing nude recreational opportunities for its members through regularly planned social and community service activities; (D) striving to raise awareness and increase acceptance of nude recreation among public officials and the general public through education and public relations; (E) gathering information on potential and actual clothing-optional areas; (F) contributing information and active support as appropriate to other persons, agencies and organizations requesting same; (G) welcoming new members and encouraging them to take an active part in the organization; and (H) acquiring financial support and gain as may be required for the continued operation and legal defense of the organization and its members.

Article III Membership

Section I - Membership Eligibility. Any individual having reached the legal age of eighteen (18) years old may apply for membership with any board member or appointee of the board. the General Secretary. The Executive Committee may, by majority, vote to approve or reject (without reason) any application for membership. The General Secretary need not, as a matter of course, refer membership applications to the Executive Committee.

Section 2 - Membership Responsibilities. All members shall abide by the Constitution, By-Laws, Standing Rules and Standards of Conduct of the organization. The membership application shall include a signature line for all applicants and co-applicants indicating their agreement to abide by the same.

Section 3 - Membership Term All memberships, except Honorary memberships, are for a term of one year commencing in the month of acceptance for a period of 12 months, or as may be offered by the Executive Committee. Membership dues shall not be prorated. Memberships which have expired or have been terminated thirty (30) days or more may be reapplied for as set forth in Article III, Section I of this Constitution.

Section 4 - Membership Termination. The Executive Committee shall have the right to terminate any membership without reimbursement of dues for conduct contrary to the By-Laws, Standing Rules, or Standards of Conduct of the organization, following a complete and proper investigation. A majority vote of the Executive Committee is required for termination of membership.

Section 5 - Membership Status

Section 5a - Active Members. Active members shall be those individuals who have paid their membership dues in accordance with this Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Rules. They shall be eligible for entitlements as set forth in the By-Laws. The Executive Committee may declare different types of Active memberships.

Section 5b - Honorary Members. The Executive Committee may grant Honorary Memberships to those individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the organization or to the naturist cause in general. They shall be eligible for entitlements as set forth in the By-Laws.

Section 6 - Dues.

Section 6a - Requirement. All members, except Honorary Members, shall be required to pay dues. Dues are paid as a condition of continuing membership.

Section 6b - Amount. The amount of the dues shall be set by the Executive Committee and included in the By-Laws.

**Article IV
Officers of the Organization**

Section 1 – Officers Enumerated. The organization shall have five (5) officers. They shall be, in descending order of authority: President, Vice President, General Secretary, Treasurer, and Liaison Secretary. The term of office shall be one (1) year, from the January election meeting to the January election meeting, coincidental with the membership year, with no limit on the number of terms. Not more than one (1) office may be held by the same member.

Section 2 – Nominating and Election Procedures

Section 2a – Nominating Committee. Not less than sixty (60) days before the election, the Executive Committee shall appoint four active members to act as a Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall insure a minimum slate of two nominees for each office. The same member may not be nominated for more than one office. Prior to submitting the nominees to the Executive Committee, the Nominating Committee shall request the permission of each nominee to appear on the slate. If any nominee declines, the Nominating Committee shall nominate another candidate for that office. Nominations shall be submitted to the Executive Committee not less than thirty (30) days prior to elections.

Section 2b - Election Procedures. Voting shall be anonymous. Ballots shall be mailed to eligible members within seven (7) days after receipt from the Nominating Committee. Ballots may be cast by (A) sealed absentee ballot mailed to the General Secretary and received prior to the Election annual meeting or (B) in person by those attending the Election Annual General Membership meeting. The Executive Committee shall appoint a committee of three members attending the Annual General Membership meeting to open and count the results of the election. Only members with current dues are eligible to vote.

Section 3 - Vacancies in Offices. A vacancy occurring for any reason shall be filled by majority vote of the remaining Executive Committee members for the unexpired term of the predecessor. A need for an increase in the number of Executive Committee members will be treated as a vacancy and will be filled as set forth in this section and approved by the members in accordance with Articles IV and VIII of this Constitution.

Section 4 - Removal from Office. Any elected officer may be removed from office by a majority vote of the Executive Committee whenever in its judgment the best interests of the organization can be served.

Section 4 - Compensation of Officers. Officers shall not receive any salary or fee for their services. However, necessary and approved expenses incurred on behalf of the organization shall be reimbursed to the extent the Executive Committee deems appropriate.

Article V Executive Committee

Section 1 - General. This Organization shall be managed by an Executive Committee consisting of the officers of the organization. If a member of the Executive Committee resigns or ceases to be an Active or Honorary member for any reason, that position shall immediately become vacant.

Section 2 - Power and Duties. The Executive Committee shall direct the general overall management of the business affairs of the organization and shall have and exercise all the powers which may be exercised or performed by the organization under this Constitution, which powers may include. (A) formulate the general policies of the organization, (B) manage and maintain all property of the organization, (C) approve an annual budget, (D) ratify all amendments to the Constitution, (E) adopt the By-Laws, (F) authorize the annual audit of the financial records, (G) determine the organization's policy or position with respect to all questions and designate a spokesperson for the organization on any matter upon which the Executive Committee develops a position or policy, (H) create necessary committees, (I) be the final interpreter of this Constitution, and (J) enforce the rules and regulations of the organization.

Article VI Meetings

Section 1 - Membership Meetings.

Section 1a - Annual Membership Meeting. An annual meeting of the members shall be held in January September each year at an hour and place to be determined by the current Executive Committee. The purpose of this meeting shall be the election of new officers and to conduct any other such business as may arise.

Section 1 b - Regular Meetings of the Members. Meetings of the members shall be held regularly at a time, date, and place set by the President and posted in the Newsletter. The purpose of these meetings is to review and transact all pending business of the organization.

Section 1c - Special Meetings. Special meetings of the general membership for a specified purpose or purposes may be called by the President or a majority of the Executive Committee. The notice must state the purpose(S) for that meeting and the place and time of the meeting. No other business may be conducted at the meeting.

Section 1d - Notice of Meetings. Notice of the date, place and time of such meetings shall be mailed to each member entitled to vote or attend such meeting at least fourteen (14) days before the date of such meeting.

Section Ie - Quorum. The number of members attending shall constitute a quorum.

Section If - Cost of Meetings. The Executive Committee may elect to pay all or a part of the cost of members meetings, depending on the organization's financial status. Any costs associated with Executive Committee Meetings shall be borne by the members of the Executive Committee. If a social function is held in conjunction with a Members Business Meeting and a fee is charged, no part of that fee can be used to subsidize any cost to hold the Business Meeting at that location.

Section 2 - Executive Committee Meetings. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held **monthly** at a date and time to be specified by the President or a majority of the Executive Committee. If a quorum of the Executive Committee shall meet at any time or place and consent to hold a special meeting, then that special meeting shall be valid without call or notice, and at such meetings any organization action may be taken Provided that a written record of the proceedings and action is recorded and filed with the General Secretary.

Section 2a - Executive committee Quorum. A majority of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum. No business shall be conducted nor any action taken on behalf of the organization in the absence of a quorum.

Section 2b - Acts of the Executive Committee. The act of a majority of the Executive Committee present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Executive Committee, except as may be required by law or elsewhere in the By-Laws.

Section 3 - Place of Meetings. The President or Executive Committee may designate any place within the Florida Keys for any meeting which they call.

Section 3a – Board Meeting Attendance. Any active or honorary member may sit in on any board meeting, and is welcome to present their views or opinions on any topic or issue on the board's agenda. Non board members may not, however, vote on any issue or topic before the board.

Article VII Standards of Conduct

Section 1. Adoption of Standards. The Executive Committee shall adopt such standards of conduct as it deems appropriate to govern the activities of the members of the organization. These standards of conduct shall apply to the conduct or activities of its members or guests at any social function or Business Meeting of the organization. Any violation or report thereof shall be reviewed by the Executive Committee in accordance with Article III, Section 4 of the Constitution. This Article empowers the Executive Committee to maintain a book of Organization Standards of Conduct it deems necessary for the proper interaction of its members. This book shall be maintained by the General Secretary separately from the By-Laws and may list any or all violations which the Executive Committee determines to be contrary to the naturist/nudist ethic or goals of the organization. The book may also contain suggested disciplinary actions for the Executive Committee to follow.

Section 2 - Revision. The Executive Committee may revise or add to the Book of Standards as appropriate by majority vote.

Section 3 - Rights and Restrictions. No Standards of Conduct may be adopted that would be in violation of member's **legal** rights.

Article VIII
Amending the Constitution

Section I - Motions to amend this Constitution shall be considered during the "new business" portion at any the Annual General Membership Meeting. A proposed amendment may be presented by any member and shall be read by the General Secretary or that member. The President shall call for a motion to accept the proposal for consideration. Upon seconding, an affirmative vote by two-thirds of those attending the Meeting shall be necessary for passage.

This Constitution was adopted at the Annual General Membership Meeting on October 24, 1995.

Larry Weeldreyer
General Secretary

(NOTE: Each amendment to this Constitution shall be added immediately after this Constitution as a separate page. On that page, the General Secretary shall sign a statement noting the meeting date the amendment was adopted.)

BY-LAWS OF FLORIDA KEYS NATURISTS

Article I Location of the Office

Section 1 - As Florida Keys Naturists is a non-landed organization, its working office may be located with the elected President or as decided by the Executive Committee.

Article II Membership Types and Entitlements

Section 1 - Active Single or Couple Memberships. Each Single or Couple membership in good standing shall be entitled to (A) hold elected or appointed office in the organization; (B) one vote **per person** in the annual election or any decision involving their vote; (C) receive organizational mailings and (D) participate in all organizational activities and social events.

Section 2 - Honorary Memberships. Honorary members shall receive the same entitlements as Active members.

Section 3 - Newsletter Only Memberships. Newsletter Only memberships shall be those who elect to receive the Newsletter only but not to become full participating members of the organization. This status is normally granted only to those members who do not live in the Florida Keys but wish to support Florida Keys Naturists. Newsletter Only members shall be entitled to (A) receive the Newsletter and (B) if they are in the area, participate in all organization activities and social events on the same basis as Active members.

Section 4 - Co-Applicant Memberships. Co-Applicants shall receive the same entitlements of their Active member applicant, except organizational mailings will be sent only to the applicant.

Article III Duties of Officers

Section 1 - Duties of the President. The President shall (A) preside over the Executive Committee and all Business Meetings of the members, (B) orchestrate the specific duties of the Executive Committee, (C) oversee the routine operation of the organization, (D) make all appointments to committees, (E) enforce the By-Laws, Constitution and Standing Rules, (F) call for the annual audit of the Treasurer's records, and (H) perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Executive Committee.

Section 2 - Duties of the Vice-President. In the absence of the President or in the event the office of the President becomes vacant, the Vice-President will perform and or assume the duties and obligations of the President. Additionally, the Vice-President shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Executive Committee.

Section 3 - Duties of the General Secretary. The General Secretary shall keep the minutes of all Business Meetings of the organization and all other documents as may be required. The General Secretary shall be custodian of the organization records. The General Secretary shall also keep a current register of the members of the organization and in general perform all the duties as to the office of General Secretary and such other duties as may be assigned by the President or Executive Committee.

Section 4 - Duties of the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall take custody of and have charge and responsibility for all organization funds and securities. The Treasurer shall keep full and accurate account of all monies received or paid. All books will be kept up to date and be available on demand by the President or Executive Committee. All funds received will be deposited in such accounts as may be authorized by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer's records will be reported at regular intervals as determined by the Board and audited annually. The Treasurer shall, in general, perform all duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Executive Committee.

Section 5 - Duties of the Liaison Secretary. The Liaison Secretary shall be the primary contact point for liaison / coordination with other naturist organizations and with civic organizations within the Florida Keys and such other areas as the need arises. The Liaison Secretary shall also perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Executive Committee.

Section 6 - Assistance. With Executive Committee approval, an officer of this organization may establish a committee, appoint assistants or hire outside help to assist him / her in the performance of duties of the office as the officer deems appropriate. The officer shall remain responsible to ensure the duties they have delegated have been fulfilled.

Article IV Committees

Section 1 - Types. Committees may be authorized by the Executive Committee as it may deem desirable, consisting of three (3) types. (A) A "Standing Committee" serves as a permanent committee to perform a specific ongoing task, and such Standing Committees shall be established by amending the By-Laws of the organization. (B) A "Subcommittee" serves as an aide to an existing committee, and such Subcommittees shall be established by amending the By-Laws of the organization. (C) A "Special Committee" serves to complete a short term task and is dissolved when its duties are concluded, and such Special Committees shall be established by a resolution of the Executive Committee.

Section 2 - Committee Chairperson. Each committee chairperson shall continue as such until (A) he / she resigns and his / her successor is appointed or (B) until the committee is terminated in accordance with the resolution which established it.

Article V Deposit and Disbursement of Funds

Section 1 - Checks and Drafts. All checks, drafts and orders for 'payment of monies, notes or other indebtedness issued in the name of the organization shall be signed by the President or the Treasurer of the organization, unless the Executive Committee states otherwise by resolution.

Section 2 - Deposit of Funds. All funds received by the organization shall be deposited within ten (10) days to the credit of the organization in such banks or accounts as the Executive Committee may select by resolution.

Article VI Bookkeeping

Section 1 - Books and Records. This organization shall keep correct and complete books and records of its proceedings. Among them are the minutes of all meetings, a register of all members, the organization records, and the Constitution, By-Laws and standing rules.

Section 2 - Fiscal Year. The annual fiscal year of the organization will begin on **January 1st** **October 1st** and end on **December 31st** **September 30th** each year., **coincidental with the membership year.**

**Article VII
Conduct of Business**

Section 1 - The business of the organization shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order Revised.

**Article VIII
Membership Dues**

Section 1 - Dues for membership as of the date of the adoption of these By-Laws are: \$20.00 for an Active single membership; \$25.00 for an Active couple membership; and \$15.00 for a Newsletter subscription. Life time Active membership may be obtained at a fee of 12 1/2 times the annual fee.

**Article IX
Organization-Sponsored Social Events**

Section 1 - Advance Payments to Businesses. In those instances in which costs are necessary to reserve a facility, the organization may make the required advance payment.

Section 2 - Members' Reservations. Members shall be required to make advance reservations in all cases in which a business charges the organization for the use of its facilities. Reservations and payment must be received from the member not later than the reservation cutoff date established by the business.

Section 3 - Refunding Members' Reservation Payments. Refunds shall not be made if a member makes a reservation and does not attend the event. If a reservation payment is not received and the member does not attend the event, the member shall remain responsible for the cost.

Section 4 - Non-members' Attendance. Non-members are invited to attend any organization social event. After a non-member has attended three organization events, he or she shall be charged an additional \$5.00 over the cost of the event. Individuals who are not members of the organization but who are members of any other naturist organization may attend without any additional charge.

Section 5 - Photo/Video Policy. The privacy of all members must be respected.

Section 5a - Movie and Video Cameras. Movie and video cameras shall be banned from all organization activities whether they are social or business meetings.

Section 5b - Still Cameras. If members bring still cameras to any organization sponsored meeting, they may only take pictures with the prior consent of all subjects within the frame of the picture. Pictures of attendees under 18 years of age are strictly prohibited. No distribution, dissemination, or publication of any still photos is allowed except with written permission of all subjects in the photo.

Section 5c - Responsibility for Use of Photographs. Photographers are completely responsible for the photos they take. The organization assumes no responsibility for the end use of photographs.

**Article X
Grievances**

Section 1 - All members are strongly encouraged to resolve personal disagreements regarding organization matters with other members in as informal a way as possible. If such a disagreement results in dissension among club members, it may be brought to the Executive Committee to resolve. At its discretion, the Executive Committee may initiate an inquiry whether or not the matter has been specifically brought to its attention. Grievances against Executive Committee policy shall be brought directly to the Executive Committee.

These By-Laws were adopted at an Executive Committee meeting on November 17, 1995.

Larry Weeldreyer
General Secretary

(NOTE: Each amendment to these By-Laws shall be added immediately after these By-Laws as a separate page. On that page the General Secretary shall sign a statement noting the meeting date the amendment was adopted.)

AMENDMENT 1 TO THE BY-LAWS OF FLORIDA KEYS NATURISTS

Article XI

Organization Fund-Raising Activities and the Sale of Handicrafts or Other Items Bearing the Organization's Name or Logo

Section 1 - Use of the Organization's Name on the Private Sale of Handicrafts or Other Items. Any member using the organization's name as part of the sale of handicrafts or other items shall provide 50% of the profit of the sales to the organization.

Section 2 - Organization Fund-Raisin Activities.

Section 2a - General Policy. Members are urged to submit handicraft and other items for organization fund-raising activities.

Section 2b - Organization Responsibilities for the Sale of Submitted Items. If members submit items for use in the organization's fund-raising activities, the organization shall make a good faith effort to sell the items. Items submitted shall be on a consignment basis. The Executive Committee and the member shall agree in advance on profit-sharing. The organization shall not incur any financial obligation in advance of the sale nor shall it be responsible for unsold items.

Section 2c - Members' Responsibilities for the Personal Sale of Items During Fund-Raisin Activities. Members who desire to personally sell their items during organization fund-raising activities shall be considered vendors and shall be responsible for the sale, cash control, and security of the items. The Executive Committee and the member shall agree in advance on profit-sharing. The organization shall not be responsible for the loss of any such items furnished or for any liability arising from the purchaser's use of these items.

(Article XI was adopted at an Executive Committee meeting on January 28, 1996.)

Larry Weeldreyer
General Secretary

AMENDMENT 2 TO THE BY-LAWS OF FLORIDA KEYS NATURISTS

Article XII

Expenditures on Behalf of the Organization

Section 1 - Expenditures over \$100.00. The Executive Committee shall approve all expenditures in excess of \$100.00.

(Article XII was adopted at an Executive Committee meeting on March 30, 1996)

Larry Weeldreyer
General Secretary

Article A

Standards of Conduct

Standards of Conduct shall cover practical matters which are adopted by a majority vote of the Executive Committee members at any business meeting. They may be suspended by a majority vote or be amended or rescinded by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Committee. As of the date of the adoption of the original organization By-Laws, there were no Standards of Conduct.