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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF THE
MIDLAND-PENETANGUISENE
FIELD NATURALIST CLUB

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The Constitution and it's By-Laws have been written, read and approved by the members of the Midland-Penetanguishene Field Naturalist Club

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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I NAME

The organization shall continue to be known as the Midland-Penetanguishene Field Naturalist Club, hereinafter called the Club.

ARTICLE II OBJECTIVES

- (a) To study and appreciate nature.
- (b) To protect and preserve wildlife and the environment.
- (c) To stimulate public interest in, and promote protection and preservation of nature.

SECTION I MEMBERSHIP

- (a) Membership in the Club shall be open to any person who is in sympathy with the objectives of the Club.
- (b) A person becomes a member in good standing by paying the prescribed dues.
- (c) Each member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote on each question arising at any general meeting or special meeting of members.
- (d) Those persons under 16 years of age are entitled to participate in all Club activities, but are not entitled to vote on matters of business.
- (e) Membership fees shall be set by the executive committee and shall become effective when approved by the membership at a annual or other general meeting.
Membership classification shall be ;
Family (Husband,Wife,Children under 16 years)
Single
Student
- (f) Any person in arrears for one year shall no longer be considered a voting member.
Membership shall be restored upon payment of unpaid dues.

BY - LAWS

SECTION II MEETINGS

- (a) Regular meetings of the Club shall be held monthly from September to June or at the direction of the executive committee at a time and place designated by the executive committee.
- (b) A minimum of 6 field trips shall be planned yearly.
- (c) The annual meeting of the Club shall be held in May of each year.
- (d) The executive committee shall meet on such dates and times as fixed by the President or by a majority of the members to formulate plans and policies for Club activities.
- (e) At any meeting of the Club 15 members shall constitute a quorum.
- (f) Monetary expenses may be allowed for guest speakers for transportation and lodging at the discretion of the executive committee. Where no expenses are incurred as above noted a suitable gift shall be selected by the program co-ordinator and the President.

BY - LAWS

SECTION III OFFICERS

- (a) The officers of the Club shall be the ;President Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. These officers shall be elected annually.
- (b) If a vacancy occurs, the executive committee shall appoint a replacement.
- (c) Any member in good standing in the Club (over 16) shall be qualified to stand for office.
- (d) The executive committee shall consist of all officers of the Club, the immediate past president, together with all chairpersons and any other members deemed necessary by the president.
- (e) An auditor shall be appointed at the annual meeting for the ensuing year.

SECTION IV DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- (a) It shall be the duty of the president to preside at all meetings of the Club, and perform such other duties as properly pertains to the office.
- (b) It shall be the duty of the vice-president to perform the duties of the president in his absence or at his request
- (c) It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep records of the proceedings of the Club, conduct correspondence and compile and present the annual report with the assistance of the other officers.
- (c) It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive, record and hold in trust, the funds of the Club. Make all duly authorized payments. to keep and render an account thereof when called upon.

BY-LAWS

SECTION V ELECTION OF THE OFFICERS

- (a) All members in good standing and over the age of 16 years have a right to vote.
- (b) A nominating committee shall be appointed at the regular monthly meeting in March (two months before the annual meeting.)
- (c) The nominating committee shall present a tentative slate of officers to the membership at the regular meeting one month before the annual meeting, at which time further nominations from the members are encouraged.
- (d) The nominating committee shall present a report to the annual meeting which will form the basis for the election of the Club officers for the coming fiscal year. Voting when necessary shall be by secret ballot.
- (e) The fiscal year of the Club shall be from June to May.

SECTION VI AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this Constitution and/or By-Laws may be made by a quorum of members present at any regular meeting of the Club, provided notice of the proposed motion has been presented at the previous meeting.