

Overview of The Hikers

Articles of Agreement

First adopted May 1946 and revised effective December 2011

Article I – Name

The name of the corporation shall be “The Hikers”.

Article III – Mission

The Hikers is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation with the object of raising monies for scholarship awards to Tuftonboro students and/or children of The Hikers membership, to make donations to area charities, and to promote community awareness through social and intellectual cooperation.

Article VIII – Amendments

The corporation may adopt such Bylaws and make such rules and regulations as may be deemed necessary. The bylaws may be amended at any meeting by a two-thirds vote of members present, notices of the proposed amendment having been presented at the previous meeting. These Articles of Agreement may not be amended without the prior approval of at least seventy percent of the entire Board of Directors.

Article X - Membership

Membership in The Hikers shall be determined by the criteria established by the Board of Directors.

- Membership is open to all by recommendation of two members.
- Members are expected to participate in at least one meeting a year in whatever capacity she is best qualified.
- Scholarship and assisting those in search of higher learning is a dedicated and prime concern of every member.
- Members are expected to contribute to all fund-raising projects.
- Women in The Hikers pride themselves in their readiness to serve without being asked.

Overview of Bylaws of The Hikers

Article III – Board of Directors

Section 2 – Nominations and Elections

The Nominating Committee shall be composed of three members, to be selected as follows: one by the incoming president, one by the incoming Executive Board and one elected from the floor of the annual meeting after the new president is

installed. The Nominating Committee shall present an official ballot for president, vice president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer, assistant treasurer, and auditor, to be voted on at the May meeting. The entire slate should take office at the annual meeting.

Section 3 – Directors

(a) The Board of Directors shall consist of not less than five and not more than eleven persons; and the precise number shall be fixed by the Board of Directors and shall include all officers and two independent directors.

(b) The officers shall be a president, a vice president, a recording secretary, a corresponding secretary, a treasurer and an assistant treasurer, elected by ballot to serve one or two consecutive years with the exception of the treasurer who may serve for five years. These officers and two directors, appointed by the president, shall constitute the Board of Directors.

Section 8 – Regular, Annual and Special Meetings

(a) (amended 6-7-18) The annual meeting shall be held the first Thursday of June of each year at such place and time as may be determined by the Program Committee.

(b) Membership meetings shall be held twice a month on the first and third Thursday unless otherwise announced.

Section 10 – Quorum

Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum of The Hikers and five members shall constitute a quorum of the Board of Directors.

Overview of Rules of The Hikers

(Amended 6-30-22) All applications for membership must be signed by two members of good standing, accompanied by a year's dues, plus a \$5.00 application fee. New member applications are to be distributed by the corresponding secretary to the President, Treasurer and New Member Committee chair. The new member shall be received into The Hikers when introduced by a sponsor or member of The Hikers.

(Amended 2-7-13) Honorary Membership may be conferred upon any member by majority vote upon recommendation of the Executive Board. From the date of acceptance, such a membership will carry the privilege of making motions and voting.

(Amended 5-5-22) The annual dues shall be \$15.00 payable on June 1st of each year. Any member a year in arrears shall be dropped from the membership list after due notification.

The complete Articles of Agreement and Bylaws may be obtained from The Hikers Treasurer.