

*SASKATCHEWAN*

*FALCONRY*

*ASSOCIATION*

*CONSTITUTION*

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## **CONSTITUTION**

### **ARTICLE I NAME AND PURPOSE**

#### **Section 1:**

The name of this organization shall be the **SASKATCHEWAN FALCONRY ASSOCIATION.**

#### **Section 2:**

The purpose of this Association shall be:

- a) to sustain and urge recognition of the art of falconry as a honourable practice in the province of Saskatchewan,
- b) to promote the proper care and training of raptors in captivity,
- c) to promote the conservation, scientific study and welfare of raptors,
- d) to co-operate with the Provincial and Federal governments, Conservation organizations, and sportsmen in matters relating to the conservation of wildlife resources.

### **ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP**

#### **Section 1:**

Any individual of good character, whom in the opinion of the membership of this Association supports the purposes of this Association, may apply for membership as set forth in the By-laws.

### **ARTICLE III DIRECTORSHIP**

#### **Section 1:**

Offices of the **SASKATCHEWAN FALCONRY ASSOCIATION** shall be elected by and from the Regular Membership and shall consist of President, Secretary/Treasurer.

#### **Section 2:**

Process of election and terms of office shall be as set out in the By-laws.

#### **ARTICLE IV MEETINGS**

##### **Section 1:**

A business meeting shall be held whenever deemed necessary by the Directors of this Association at a time and place convenient to most of the membership upon at least ten days prior notice to all members.

#### **ARTICLE V BY-LAWS**

##### **Section 1:**

The Regular Membership shall establish By-laws governing the management of the Association.

#### **ARTICLE VI AMENDMENTS**

##### **Section 1:**

Proposed amendments to this Constitution shall be submitted by the Directorship in writing to all Regular members, not less than thirty days before the vote.

##### **Section 2:**

This Constitution may be amended by affirmative vote of two-thirds of the attending or responding present Regular Members who make timely response to such proposed amendment, either in person or by mail.

#### **ARTICLE VII DISSOLUTION**

##### **Section 1:**

In the same manner provided for amending this Constitution, the existence of this Association shall be terminated providing that upon dissolution no member of any category shall receive all or any part of the assets of this Association.

### **BY-LAWS**

#### **ARTICLE I MEMBERSHIP**

##### **Section 1: Membership Categories and Criteria**

**a) Regular Membership**

**i) Regular membership shall be limited to those persons deemed qualified, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the attending or responding present Regular Membership, in terms of knowledge and experience in the practice of falconry. Such qualifications may be demonstrated by satisfactory completion of an apprentice program or equivalent experience. Voting privileges in the Association shall be limited to Regular Members.**

**ii) In order to be accepted as a regular or Apprentice member that person must attend a meeting and apply in person.**

**b) Apprentice Membership**

**i) any interested person may apply for Apprentice membership.**

**ii) an apprentice must have a sponsor from among the Regular Membership.**

**iii) equipment and housing requirements must be met before any apprentice obtains a raptor at any time.**

**iv) apprentices may not possess more than one raptor at any time of a species recommended by the responsible sponsor and approved by the membership.**

**v) apprentice membership shall be considered a trial period of not less than one year at the completion of which the apprentice must apply to the Regular membership for acceptance as a Regular member.**

**vi) before an apprentice member can be accepted as a Regular member, he must prove his ability to care adequately for and fly his hawk at wild quarry in the natural state.**

**c) Affiliated Membership**

**Any reputable person or organization may apply for Affiliated Membership.**

**d) Honourary Membership**

**Honourary Membership shall be awarded according to criteria and in numbers to be determined by the Directorship.**

## **Section 2: Admission to Membership**

- a) Applicants for Regular, Apprentice or Affiliated membership must, before acceptance, submit an application form determined by the Directorship. Applications shall include the current dues and the applicant's home of record that shall be used for all purposes.**
- b) Regular, Apprentice, and Affiliated membership applications shall be presented to the Regular members present at the meeting of application.**
- c) Apprentice applications to become Regular members shall require a two-thirds affirmative vote of the attending or responding present Regular Membership at that meeting, after the apprentice shows his proficiency and capability to care for and handle raptors. Advance notice must be made to the membership, by the person or persons making application for Regular Membership from Apprentice Membership or Associate Membership.**

## **Section 3: Number and Duration of Memberships**

### **a) Number**

- i) Regular, Apprentice, and Affiliated Membership shall be without restriction as to number.**
- ii) Honourary membership shall not exceed the number of ten at any one time.**

### **b) Duration**

**Upon the timely payment of annual dues, Regular, Apprentice, and Affiliated membership shall be from October to October without interruption, unless terminated according to these By-laws. Honourary membership shall be exempt from payment of dues and shall continue at the pleasure of the directorship.**

## **Section 4: Privileges of Membership**

- a) Regular members shall be entitled to all rights of this Association, including the rights to vote and to hold office.**
- b) Apprentice, Affiliated, and Honourary members shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of this Association except the rights to vote and to hold office.**

## **Section 5: Dues**

- a) Dues for Regular, Apprentice, and Affiliated membership shall be of an amount set by the Directorship and announced in advance at a regular meeting and shall be subjected to the approval of the membership at said meeting.**
- b) Dues shall be payable to the Secretary/Treasurer of the SASKATCHEWAN FALCONRY ASSOCIATION at the time of submission of application for membership or between October first and December thirty first.**
- c) Membership shall be October to October or fraction of it.**
- d) Dues shall not be apportioned for any part of the twelve-month term, either upon admission to or termination of membership.**

## **Section 6: Termination or Suspension of Membership**

- a) Regular, Apprentice, or Affiliated membership shall automatically terminate if not renewed by payment of prescribed annual dues on or before March 31<sup>st</sup> annually.**
- b) Regular, Apprentice, or Affiliated membership shall be terminated by resignation or death of the member (to include dissolution of the organization concerning Affiliated membership).**
- c) Membership may be terminated by an affirmative two-thirds majority vote of the attending or responding Regular membership for any of the following reasons:**
  - i) violation of any of the conditions listed on the permit issued by the Wildlife Branch, Department of Natural Resources, Province of Saskatchewan.**
  - ii) practising falconry in any way that, in the opinion of the Regular membership, brings discredit to this Association or the Art of Falconry.**
  - iii) failing to abide by the Constitution, By-laws, rules and regulations of this Association.**
- d) Notice of termination of membership shall be sent to the Wildlife Branch, Department of Natural Resources, Province of Saskatchewan, stating the name of the person and the reason for termination.**

e) Thirty days before the date of termination of membership a written notice of such action shall be sent to that member. He may then prepare a defence to such action, which may be presented to the membership at the Regular meeting during which the termination charges will be heard, and such action taken as necessary.

## **ARTICLE II DIRECTORS**

### **Section 1: Electorate, Qualifications, and Terms**

#### **a) Electorate**

The Directorship of this Association shall be elected by the Regular Membership.

#### **b) Qualifications**

The Directorship of this Association must consist of Regular members residing in Saskatchewan.

#### **c) Terms**

Directors of this Association shall serve a term of two, or less than two, calendar years.

### **Section 2: Duties of Directories**

#### **a) President**

The President shall call and preside at all meetings of the Directorship and of the Association. He shall be responsible for the planning and presentation of all matters requiring action by the Regular membership or the Directorship and the conducting of all Association business in accord with policies set by the Regular Membership.

#### **b) Secretary/Treasurer**

The Secretary/Treasurer shall:

- i) keep minutes and/or records of all meetings, either by mail or by person, of the membership.
- ii) keep records of all the action taken by the Directorship.

- iii) conduct Association correspondence and maintain a complete file of all Association publications and records of correspondence.**
- iv) issue membership cards as appropriate.**
- v) maintain complete lists and addresses of past and current members in all categories.**
- vi) maintain all Association files and records that are necessary for the conduct of Association affairs.**
- vii) serve as custodian of all Association funds and property and keep strict accounting of all receipts and expenditures.**
- viii) collect and receive all monies due the Association from whatever source.**
- ix) pay only such expenditures authorized by the Directorship.**
- x) deposit all Association funds in a suitable non checking interest bearing account and insure that signature cards on file with the bank bear the signature of the Secretary/Treasurer.**
- xi) insure that expenditures do not exceed cash on deposit in the account.**
- xii) maintain complete financial records of the Association and, upon ten days prior written notice from the Directorship, submit a balance sheet itemizing receipts and expenditures since the last audit and showing the current cash balance.**
- xiii) insure that the Association books are audited at the end of each calendar year and that a report of an audit is furnished to the Directorship on or before January 31<sup>st</sup> annually.**
- xiv) perform other further duties as the Regular membership and/or Directorship may prescribe.**



## **ARTICLE III MEETINGS**

### **Section 1: Regular Meeting**

#### **a) Time and Place**

**The Regular Membership shall physically meet in April at a time and place designated by the elected officials. The August meeting time and place to be determined by the membership at the April meeting. Such meetings shall be termed a "Regular Meeting".**



## **SASKATCHEWAN FALCONRY ASSOCIATION INC.**

### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

Members support the conservation of raptors, the species which we hunt, and the ecosystems that support them all.

Members will make every effort to keep and fly their birds humanely and with respect, and to ensure their safety, health and general welfare.

Members will refrain from participating in any activities which might bring the Saskatchewan Falconry Association Inc. or the sport of falconry into disrepute.

Members will be respectful at all times in interactions with other members, conservation officers, landowners and the general public.