



*SASKATCHEWAN FALCONRY ASSOCIATION
INCORPORATED*

*CONSTITUTION
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ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1: Name

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

Section 2: Purpose

1. To sustain and urge recognition of the art of falconry as an honorable practice and world heritage sport.
2. To promote the proper care and training of raptors in captivity.
3. To promote the observation, scientific study and welfare of raptors.
4. To co-operate with individuals and groups in matters relating to the conservation of wildlife resources.
5. To act as a liaison with the Saskatchewan Government with regards to the legal aspects of falconry.

Article II: Membership

Section I: Membership Categories and Criteria

Regular membership

Regular membership shall be limited to those persons qualified in terms of knowledge and experience in the practice of falconry. Such qualifications may be demonstrated by satisfactory completion of an Apprentice program or proof of equivalent experience.

Apprentice membership

- 1) Any person interested in becoming a falconer and residing in Saskatchewan may apply for an Apprentice membership.
- 2) An Apprentice must have a sponsor from among the Regular membership.
- 3) Apprentice membership shall be considered a learning period at the completion of which the sponsor shall apply to the Regular membership, in person at a Regular meeting for acceptance of the Apprentice as a Regular member.

Affiliated Membership

Any reputable person or organization interested in the sport of falconry may apply for affiliated membership.

Honorary Membership

Honorary membership shall be awarded by a vote of the membership and they shall continue as honorary members at the pleasure of the association.

Section 2: Admission to Membership

- 1) New applicants for Regular, Apprentice or Affiliated membership must submit an application to the Association.
- 2) Acceptance requires an affirmative vote cast by Regular members only.
- 3) Membership dues must be paid upon acceptance.

Section 3: Privileges of Membership

- 1) Regular and Apprentice members in good standing shall be entitled to all rights of the Association, including the rights to vote, (except as noted elsewhere in this constitution), and to hold office.
- 2) Affiliated and Honorary members shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of this Association except the rights to vote and to hold office.

Section 4: Dues

- 1) Dues shall be of an amount set by the membership.
- 2) Changes in dues may be proposed at an Annual General Meeting and shall be subject to the approval of the membership at said meeting by an affirmative vote of attending or responding Regular members.
- 3) Honorary members shall be exempt from payment of dues.
- 4) Dues will be for the calendar year, January 1 to December 31. Members will be considered in arrears if full dues are not paid by the start of the Annual General Meeting.

Section 5: Termination or Suspension of Membership

- 1) Members in arrears will be suspended, (no voting or speaking privileges at meetings), and will be notified of such, 30 days prior to the next regular meeting.
- 2) Full membership privileges will be reinstated immediately upon payment of dues within the calendar year.
- 3) Memberships shall automatically terminate if not renewed by payment of prescribed annual dues on or before December 31.
- 4) Membership may be terminated for cause by an affirmative vote of the attending or responding Regular members for either of the following reasons: Violations of any of the conditions listed on their Falconry License issued by the Ministry of Environment, Fish and Wildlife Branch in the province of Saskatchewan. Practicing falconry in any way that in the opinion of the membership brings discredit to this Association or the art of falconry.
- 5) Thirty days before the date of termination of membership, a written notice of such action shall be sent to that member. This member may then present a defense to the membership at a Regular meeting during which the termination charges will be heard and voted upon.
- 6) Upon termination of membership, notice shall be sent to the Ministry of Environment Fish and Wildlife Branch in the Province of Saskatchewan stating the name of the person and the reason for termination.

ARTICLE III: THE EXECUTIVE

Section 1: Election of the Executive

- 1) The executive shall be made up of a minimum of two people. President and a secretary/treasurer elected by the Regular membership.
- 2) The Secretary/Treasurer position may be split into separate positions.
- 3) Additional executive positions may be added as desired by the membership.
- 4) Executive officers of this Association will normally serve a term of two calendar years and may stand for re-election for additional terms.

Section 2: Duties of the Executive

The President shall:

- 1) Call for and preside at all meetings. In exceptional circumstances either the President or the members present may choose a different person to chair the meeting.
- 2) Be responsible for the planning and presentation of all matters requiring action and the conducting of all Association business in accordance with policies set by the voting membership.
- 3) Act as the primary liaison with the Ministry of Environment, Fish and Wildlife Branch in the province of Saskatchewan.
- 4) Be entitled to ask any member to take on any role deemed necessary to facilitate Association business.

The Secretary/Treasurer shall:

- 1) Keep minutes and or records of all meetings and distribute them to the membership in a timely fashion prior to the next meeting.
- 2) Keep records of all actions taken by the Executive.
- 3) Conduct Association correspondence and maintain a complete file of all Association records and correspondence.
- 4) Maintain complete lists and contacts of current members in all categories.
- 5) Issue membership cards as appropriate.
- 6) Collect and receive all monies due the Association and serve as custodian of all Association funds and property.
- 7) Pay only such expenditures as authorized by the Executive.
- 8) Deposit all Association funds in a suitable bank account.
- 9) Maintain complete financial records of the Association and upon 30 days prior notice from the President, submit a balance sheet itemizing receipts and expenditures and showing the current cash balance.
- 10) The duties of Secretary/Treasurer shall be distributed in a manner agreed to by the executive if this position is split.

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

Section 1: Meetings

- 1) The Association will meet at least twice per calendar year, one meeting to take place by May 31, which will be the Annual General Meeting. The second meeting in late summer or fall prior to or at any fall field meet.
- 2) The Executive will decide the time and place for both meetings. At least thirty days prior notice will be given to all members.

Section 2: Voting

A quorum to conduct business shall consist of a minimum of five voting members including at least one member of the executive. All votes will be by a simple majority vote by eligible voting members present or by proxy.

Section 3: Rules of Order

- 1) Roberts Rules of order will be followed in all meetings and a simple majority vote by voting members will carry all motions unless otherwise indicated in this constitution.
- 2) Written or emailed votes from eligible voting members not attending the meeting will be forwarded to the Secretary at least 5 days in advance of the meeting, and will be counted.

ARTICLE V: AMMENDMENTS

Section 1: Submissions

Proposed amendments to this Constitution must be submitted to the Executive in writing by email or post and sent to all members not less than thirty days before the proposed vote.

ARTICLE VI: DISSOLUTION

The existence of this Association shall be terminated in the same manner as provided for amending this Constitution with any remaining assets being donated to one or more charities or organizations chosen by the majority of the membership at dissolution.



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.