

BYLAWS
of the
SUN COUNTRY STRIDERS, LTD.
(Restated, Revised and Approved by Club 6/19/98)

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be SUN COUNTRY STRIDERS, LTD. (hereinafter referred to as the Club), a member in the American Volkssport Association (AVA) and in the Internationaler Volkssportverband (IVV). Sun Country Striders, Ltd. is located in the City of Las Cruces, in the county of Doña Ana, New Mexico.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of this non-profit organization shall be to promote public health, recreation, fun and fellowship through Volkssporting events such as walking, biking, swimming, cross country skiing, and such other events as are approved by the AVA and IVV. Responsibilities include:

- a. The Club shall act as the official representative of the AVA at all sanctioned events sponsored by the Club.
- b. The Club shall provide educational and promotional programs for all persons or groups interested in the Volkssport program.
- c. The Club shall assist in the organization of new Volkssport clubs within the area of interest of the Club.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

1. Eligibility

Membership in the SUN COUNTRY STRIDERS, LTD. shall be open to all without restriction as to race, color, ethnic origin, sex, religion, age, national origin or physical ability.

2. The membership shall consist of two (2) classes:
 - a. Individual membership.
 - b. Family membership includes the immediate family.
3. Dues shall be established by the Board of Directors and are renewable on or before January 1 of each year.

4. Each Individual member is entitled to one (1) vote and each family to two (2) votes on all matters brought before any General Membership Meeting.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS OF THE CLUB

1. Elected Officers

- a. The elected officers shall be the President, Vice President, Vice President for Trails, Secretary and Treasurer. These officers shall constitute the Board of Directors elected in the manner prescribed by these Bylaws.
- b. The officers shall be elected by majority vote of regular members present and voting at the General Membership Meeting to be held annually in May of each year and who shall take office July 1 of that same year.
- c. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice President shall assume the duties of that office for the remainder of the term. In the event of a vacancy in any other elected office, a candidate may be recommended by any member of the Club and approved by the Board of Directors.
- d. Any elected officer desiring to resign shall submit a resignation in writing to the Board of Directors.

2. Duties of Elected Officers

a. President

- (1) Establishes the agenda and presides at all General Membership and Board of Directors' meetings.
- (2) Calls special meetings of the Club and Board of Directors when necessary.
- (3) Appoints special committees with advice and approval of the Board of Directors and serves ex officio as a member of all committees.
- (4) Provides overall guidance and assistance to all other Club officers.
- (5) Has general responsibility for all Club sponsored events and represents the Club officially in all affairs, or in his/her absence designates a representative to do so.
- (6) Shall have responsibility for the newsletter.
- (7) Shall appoint, annually, with the approval of the Board of Directors, a Nominating Committee for the election of officers of no more than three (3) Club members who shall choose their own chairperson.

- (8) Shall be responsible for maintaining a Procedure Manual with approval of the Board.
- b. Vice President
- (1) Assumes the duties of the President during his/her absence.
 - (2) Shall be responsible for maintaining and keeping on hand an adequate supply of AVA merchandise.
 - (3) Shall be responsible for all Year Round Events (YRE) to include but not limited to accounting, consumable inventories, AVA requests for YRE and Quarterly After Action reporting.
 - (4) Shall coordinate preparation of YRE brochures with Vice President for Trails.
 - (5) Shall be responsible for arranging for the annual General Membership Meeting in May and any other activities as directed by the Board.
- c. Vice President for Trails (Trail Master)
- (1) Selects the course/trail and/or Start-Finish Points and all necessary check points for each sanctioned Event and Year Round Event (YRE), sponsored by the Club.
 - (2) Submits necessary AVA paper work for sanctioned Events only to President who then presents them to the Board for approval.
 - (3) Prepares a brochure for each Event and submits them to the Board of Directors.
 - (4) Supervises printing of brochures.
 - (5) Marks the course/trail prior to the Event.
 - (6) Establishes a periodic patrol of the course to insure the course markings are adequate and to provide assistance to participants if necessary.
 - (7) Is responsible for obtaining and maintaining all course marking materials and equipment belonging to the Club.
- d. Secretary
- (1) Takes minutes of all General Membership and Board of Directors meetings.
 - (2) Prepares all official correspondence for the Club as approved by the President and/or the Board of Directors.

- (3) Maintains membership records.
 - (4) Maintains Club records and files, which shall include all real property.
- e. Treasurer
- (1) Receives all income from all sources.
 - (2) Keeps an accurate account of all money matters and makes payments as authorized by the Board of Directors.
 - (3) Presents a written financial report to the Board of Directors at each meeting.
 - (4) Prepares and distributes a written financial report to the Board of Directors and all Club members at the annual General Membership Meeting.
 - (5) Makes all necessary payments to AVA for membership affiliation on or before July 1 of each year.
 - (6) Makes timely payments of all obligations as required by these Bylaws and those of AVA.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

1. The General Membership Meeting shall be held in May of each year; notification of which shall be made thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting.
2. Additional meetings shall be scheduled and announced by the Board of Directors at least ten (10) days prior to any such scheduled meeting.

ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The elected Club Officers constitute the Board of Directors who shall serve from July 1 to June 30.
2. Board of Directors meetings shall be held at the discretion of the President. Special meetings may be called by the Club President or the Vice President in his/her absence.
3. The Board of Directors shall have general supervision and control of the affairs of the Club.
4. The Board of Directors shall designate an Auditing Committee or Auditor to Audit the Treasurer's Records in April of each year.

5. The Board of Directors shall carry out the provisions of the Club Bylaws.
6. The Board of Directors may appoint, by majority vote, as many as three (3) members-at-large as voting representatives to the Board of Directors.
7. Board of Directors' meetings shall be open to all members.

ARTICLE VII - FINANCE

1. The Fiscal Year of the Club shall be from July 1 through June 30 of the following year. The Club membership/activity year shall be January 1 through December 31 of each calendar year.
2. The Club shall be financed through annual dues, Event fees, donations and any other projects as determined by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII - DISSOLUTION

1. The Club may be dissolved only by the decision of the members at a General Membership meeting.
2. The Petition for Dissolution must be submitted in writing by the Club Board of Directors. The Petition must be in accordance with the State of New Mexico Corporation Laws and AVA. The Board of Directors shall schedule and announce a General Membership Meeting for the purpose of dissolution not less than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.
3. Dissolution of the Club shall be decided by three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of eligible members, present and voting, as verified by the Secretary.
4. Upon the decision of the required vote to dissolve, the Club General Membership Meeting members must decide on how dissolution shall be executed, consistent with the status of the Club as a non-profit organization affiliated with AVA and the Corporate Laws of the State of New Mexico
5. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for carrying out the directive of the membership.

ARTICLE IX - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order (newly revised, latest edition,) shall apply on all questions of procedure and parliamentary law not covered by these Bylaws or by the Bylaws of AVA.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

1. These Bylaws may be amended at any General Membership Meeting of the Club by a two-thirds(2/3) vote of the eligible, voting members present, provided the proposed amendments were presented in writing to all members of the Club at least thirty (30) days in advance and were signed by at least three (j) members of the Club.
2. Amendments may also be made at the Annual General Membership Meeting without previous notice by unanimous vote of eligible members present.

ARTICLE XI - CONCLUDING CLAUSE

1. These combined/revised Constitution and Bylaws (as revised June 19, 1998, filed and approved by the State of New Mexico Corporation Commission), shall be called the BYLAWS of the SUN COUNTRY STRIDERS, LTD.
2. These Bylaws shall become effective immediately upon adoption by a majority vote of the general membership who have received copies of the newly revised Bylaws thirty (30) days in advance and are in attendance at the Annual General Membership Meeting and upon approval by the State of New Mexico Corporation Commission.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 19 ____.

President

ATTEST:

By _____
Secretary

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of the
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