

# INDIAN MOUNDS ROCK & MINERAL CLUB

## BYLAWS

**The Indian Mounds Rock & Mineral Club is a nonprofit organization incorporated under the laws of the State of Michigan. Its objective is to develop and encourage interest in, and to further the study of minerals, gems, fossils, rocks, the lapidary arts, and earth science. The Club will provide specimens and speakers to those interested.**

### ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP

**Section 1.** Any person of good character who is interested in the objectives of this club is eligible for membership, and may become a regular member on payment of the dues as determined in the Bylaws.

**Section 2.** Any person of acknowledged standing as a mineralogist, geologist, craftsman, or collector who has rendered outstanding service to the Club may be elected to honorary membership by a majority vote of the regular members present at a scheduled meeting.

**Section 3.** A Life Member is a member who through his service and commitment to the Club has been selected by the membership to be a Life Member. A Life Member has all the privileges and responsibilities of membership with the exception of paying dues. An Inactive Life Member is a Life Member who due to age, infirmity, or relocation is unable to participate in Club activities, yet wishes to continue to be part of the Club.

**Section 4.** Any person between 10 and 17 years of age inclusive may be a junior member, provided an adult member sponsors them.

**Section 5.** A parent, or other adult selected by the parent, must accompany all minors on any field trip.

**Section 6.** No member or officer shall receive compensation for his or her services.

### ARTICLE II – MEETINGS

**Section 1.** The annual meeting shall be held the third Tuesday of November, or as determined by the Executive Committee.

**Section 2.** The regular meetings of this club shall be held the third Tuesday of each month, September through May.

**Section 3.** Field Trips shall be scheduled at such times and places as the Club members may determine.

**Section 4.** Special meetings may be called during the summer or at other times at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

**Section 5.** Written or oral notice of regular meetings shall be given to the members a reasonable time in advance. All members shall be notified by mail or email sent at least 10 days prior to the date of a special meeting stating the purpose and time of the meeting.

**Section 6.** The board meetings of this club shall normally be held on either the third Tuesday of each month, in conjunction with the regular club meeting, August through April, or the fourth Tuesday of each month, August through April.

### ARTICLE III – DUES

**Section 1.** The Board shall set dues as it deems necessary. The dues structure shall be printed in the club bulletin as part of the club information page.

**Section 2.** All membership dues are payable by the third Tuesday of September. Members who have not paid their dues by the third Tuesday in December shall be dropped from the membership roll. They may be reinstated upon receipt of the dues.

**Section 3.** Any new member joining at the annual show, or anytime later in the year, shall pay one-half of the yearly dues.

**Section 4.** The Club's fiscal year is from January 1 to December 31.

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## ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

**Section 1. Board:** The Board shall be comprised of the following officers elected by the regular members of the Club present at the annual meeting: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Field Trip Chairperson, Librarian, and three Board members. The President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall comprise the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have exclusive voting rights on corporate matters. Corporate matters are defined as having the nature or acting by means of a corporation.

The President may appoint to the Board, with the Board's approval, persons serving in the following capacities; Liaison Officer, Bulletin Editor, Sunshine, Historian, Kitchen/Hostess (Courtesy), Membership, Monthly Meeting Publicity, Show Committee Chairperson, Show Dealer Chairperson, and Show Publicity Chairperson. The Immediate Past President shall also be a Board member. These board members along with the elected board members shall have voting rights on all club matters brought before the Board. The Show Committee Chairperson shall have the right to vote on corporate matters that relate to the annual show. Formal meetings of these board members shall be called Board Meetings.

A simple majority of the board members present at a Board Meeting, meeting the requirement of Article IV, Section 1, shall decide any issue before the Board, with the exception of financial matters, where a two-thirds majority of those present shall be required.

**Section 2. Officers:** Officers shall be elected by the regular members present at the annual meeting for a one-year term. The nominees for President must have served at least one term on the Board.

**Section 3. Club Members:** Club members may, at any meeting called for that purpose, remove any officer from office by a two-thirds majority of the members present.

**Section 4. Vacancy:** Any vacancy occurring among the officers shall be filled for the remainder of the term by appointment made by the Executive Committee.

**Section 5. President:** The President shall:

- A) Be the chief executive officer of the Club.
- B) Be subject to the direction of, and under the supervision of the club members.
- C) Have general charge of the business affairs and property of the Club and the control over its officers, agents, and employees.
- D) Preside at all meetings of the membership at which he or she is present.
- E) Perform such other duties and may exercise such other powers as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by these bylaws.
- F) Be an ex officio member of all standing committees, and at the expiration of his or her term of office shall serve on the Board as Immediate Past President until replaced by his or her successor.

**Section 6. Vice President:** At the request of the President, or in the event of his or her absence or disability, the Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President, and when so acting shall have all the powers of, and be subject to all the restrictions placed upon the President. The Vice President shall also serve as Program Chairperson.

**Section 7. Secretary:** The Secretary shall:

- A) Record all the proceedings of the Club in the minutes book, to be kept for that purpose, and have charge and possession of such book in which the minutes are recorded. The book shall be kept in order and available to the Club officers and members.
- B) See that all books, reports, statements, certificates, other documents and records as required by law or these bylaws are kept or filed.
- C) Carry on club correspondence.
- D) Be in charge of the safe deposit box, or assign it to another member upon approval of the Executive Committee.

**Section 8. Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall:

- A) Have supervision over the funds, securities, receipts, and disbursements of the Club and collect all dues.
- B) Cause all moneys and other valuable effects of the Club to be deposited in its name in such depository as shall be selected by the officers or pursuant to authority conferred by the officers, as shall be convenient to the Treasurer.

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- C) Cause the funds of the Club to be disbursed by check or draft upon the authorized depositories of the Club when such have been duly authorized by the Board members.
- D) Take and preserve proper vouchers for all the money disbursed.
- E) Keep correct books of account of all business and transactions.
- F) Render to the President or officers, whenever requested, an account of the financial condition of the Club and his or her transactions as Treasurer, and prepare a financial statement to be presented at the Board meeting and for publication to the membership.

**Section 9. Field Trip Chairperson:** The Field Trip Chairperson shall arrange and conduct all field trips, serve as Safety Chairperson, report to all members any safety suggestions from the Midwest Federation as well as from other sources, and perform other duties as the Board may request.

**Section 10. Historian:** The Historian shall record an official history of the activities of the Club in a book kept for that purpose. Special occasions, speakers, field trips, pictures, fines levied against or for the Club, etc. shall be included in the history.

**Section 11. Liaison Officer:** The Liaison Officer shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board. The Liaison Officer shall:

- A) Maintain a permanent mailing address for the Club.
- B) Receive all communications from the Midwest and American Federations of Mineral Societies and their member societies.
- C) Forward such communications to the proper officer or individual.

**Section 12. Bulletin Editor:** The President, with the approval of the Board shall appoint the Bulletin Editor. The Bulletin Editor shall see that the Club Bulletin is edited, printed, and distributed to the members prior to the regular meetings.

**Section 13. Librarian:** The Librarian shall have custody of such books, magazines, and videos as the Club may own, and record their circulation among club members.

**Section 14. Board Members:** Board members shall serve in various capacities as determined by the Board, which shall be responsible for conducting the business of the Club, with the best interest of the Club and the will of its members in mind.

## ARTICLE V – ELECTIONS

**Section 1.** Duties of the Nominating Committee are outlined in Article VI, Section 5. A).

**Section 2.** Persons accepting nomination to an office shall not be allowed to withdraw their names from the ballot on the night of the election or for one week prior to the election, nor shall they give any indication at the election of their reluctance to serve.

**Section 3.** Nominations may be made from the floor, providing the nominee gives consent.

**Section 4.** A simple majority of those present shall constitute an election.

## ARTICLE VI - COMMITTEES

**Section 1.** The President shall appoint standing committees as soon as possible after taking office.

**Section 2.** Standing committees and their duties:

- A) **Finance:** The Finance Committee shall consist of the officers of the Club. The duties of the Finance Committee shall be to prepare a budget for the Clubs regular and special activities, and to devise and carry out plans for raising money to finance special activities authorized by the Club.
- B) **Membership:** The duties of the Membership Chairperson will be to promote and sustain membership in the Indian Mounds Rock & Mineral Club and to act as the Club's Good Will Ambassador and maintain contact with club members who cannot attend meetings on a regular basis. The chairperson shall:
  - 1) Be a member of the board.
  - 2) Maintain, with the help of the Club Treasurer, a copy of the Treasurer's official roster of all Club members, their addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses, their hobby interests, and other necessary directory information, which the Bulletin Editor shall use to prepare the Club Directory.

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- 3) Remind club members through articles in the Arrowhead News that they are to pay their dues before the December 31 deadline, and tactfully contact the delinquent members to ask them if they wish to be included in the directory and maintain their membership.
- C) **Publicity:** The duty of the Publicity Committee shall be to distribute the Club's news regularly to the appropriate newspapers, radio and television stations, and periodicals.
- D) **Auditing:** The duties of the Auditing Committee shall be to make an annual audit of all accounts in the hands of the Treasurer and submit a report at the annual meeting before the official change of officers.
- E) **Hostess/Courtesy:** The Hostess shall greet the visitors, supply them with a name tag, and have them write their name and address in the registration book, and introduce them to the Club. The Hostess shall have the Club members sign the registration book beside a number which will be used to distribute door prizes.
- F) **Show:** The Show Committee shall consist of a Chairperson, Dealer Chairperson, Publicity Chairperson, Display Chairperson, Demonstration Chairperson, General Sales Chairperson, Club Sales (donated items) Chairperson, and Mineral Kit Chairperson. The committee will report to the Club and its officers on a regular basis.
- G) **Kitchen:** The Kitchen Chairperson is responsible for purchasing paper and food supplies needed to serve refreshments at regular meetings, and shall maintain a calendar listing volunteers to bring the refreshments and will assist in serving them.
- H) **Sunshine:** The Sunshine Chairperson is responsible for sending greeting cards to shut-in or sick members, and is authorized to send or bring flowers or a fruit basket to hospitalized members. Sympathy cards and/or flowers may be sent when a member passes away, or when requested, a donation to charity may be made.

## Section 3. Special Committees:

- A) **Nominating Committee:** The Nominating Committee shall be appointed at least four weeks in advance of the annual meeting and shall inform the candidates of Article V, section 2. Its duties shall be to select the names of the candidates ascertained to be available for each of the elective offices and to inform the candidates of their responsibilities
- B) **Special Activities Committee:** The duties of this committee shall be to make arrangements for special activities such as exhibits or other club activities of a public nature.
- C) Other standing or special committees may be appointed at the discretion of the President.

## ARTICLE VII – EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS

**Section 1. General Execution of Instruments:** All documents, instruments, and writings of any nature shall be signed, executed, verified, acknowledged, and delivered by such officer or such agent of the Club in such a manner as the officers from time to time may determine.

**Section 2. Checks, Drafts, etc.:** All notes, drafts, acceptances, checks, endorsements, and all evidence of indebtedness of the Club whatsoever, shall be signed by such officer(s) or such agent(s) of the Club on and in such manner as the officers from time to time may determine. Endorsement for deposit to the credit of the Club in any of its duly authorized depositories shall be made in such manner as the officers from time to time may determine.

**Section 3. Dissolution:** Upon dissolution of the Indian Mounds Rock & Mineral Club all assets shall be distributed to an organization that qualifies within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

## ARTICLE VIII – CHANGE OF BYLAWS

**Section 1.** These Bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Club by a two-thirds majority vote of regular members present, and after the preliminary steps outlined in Section 2 of this article have been taken.

**Section 2.** No amendment shall be acted upon unless the proposed amendment has been read at a previous meeting and copies have been sent to all members at least seven days prior to the meeting at which the amendment is to be acted upon.

## ARTICLE IX – RULES OF PROCEDURE

Simplified parliamentary procedure based upon Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised, © 1979 League of Women Voters of the U.S., shall be the prevailing authority for all questions of procedure at any meeting.

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## ARTICLE X – CLUB EMBLEM

The Club emblem is basically a circle within a circle. In the outer circle, the Club's name, Indian Mounds Rock & Mineral Club, is printed in black letters on a white background. The inner circle shows the upper and lower peninsulas with a blue lake and a mountain background, and a rock hammer is suspended over all. Both peninsulas are in the pattern of a Petoskey Stone.

### Revisions

Revised 2/21/6 – Changed Article IV, Section 1. ...*and two Board members.* to state ...*and three Board members.*

Revised 1/9/7 – Changed Article 11, Section 6 to read...The board meetings of this club shall normally be held on either *the third Tuesday of each month, in conjunction with the regular club meeting, August through April, or the fourth Tuesday of each month, August through April.*