

Bylaws of *Tampa Bay Naturists*

1 Demographics of Organization

- 1.1 The Organization shall be known as *Tampa Bay Naturists*.
 - 1.1.1 TBN is an acceptable abbreviation for *Tampa Bay Naturists*.
- 1.2 *Tampa Bay Naturists'* fiscal year runs from January 1 through December 31.
- 1.3 A business meeting with the general membership will be held at a time to be determined by the Steering Committee, but at least once annually.

2 Purpose of Organization

- 2.1 The purpose of *Tampa Bay Naturists* shall be to promote and encourage:
 - 2.1.1 An active interest in non-sexual social nudism
 - 2.1.2 Actively supporting the goals and objectives of *Gay Naturists International* and *The Naturist Society*.
 - 2.1.3 Collaborating with other nudists/naturists on use of appropriate public land and facilities for clothing-optional purposes.
 - 2.1.4 The promotion and enhancement of a positive gay/bisexual lifestyle by networking and cooperating with other gay and lesbian organizations in the Tampa Bay region and Florida.

3 Membership in Organization

- 3.1 *Tampa Bay Naturists* shall be open to all gay, bisexual, and gay-friendly men without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, economic status, physical appearance, HIV status, or age (except a member must be at least 18 years of age).
- 3.2 Each applicant for membership shall submit a completed membership application together with all fees as required by the Steering Committee.
- 3.3 No membership is transferable or assignable.
- 3.4 A member may resign by supplying written notice to *Tampa Bay Naturists* and the resignation will become effective as of the date *Tampa Bay Naturists* receives the notice.
 - 3.4.1 There shall be no refund of membership fees.
- 3.5 An applicant shall attend at least one event prior to being accepted as a member.
- 3.6 The Steering Committee is the final authority of whether an applicant will be accepted into membership.
- 3.7 To remain a member in good standing:
 - 3.7.1 Dues shall paid on or before the member's expiration date
 - 3.7.1.1 If renewal dues are not paid by the due date, the member in question will be considered to have resigned.
 - 3.7.1.2 Payment of dues will return a member to good standing provided the additional qualifications in Paragraph 3.7 are met.
 - 3.7.2 Members will conduct themselves in a manner which is not harmful or detrimental to *Tampa Bay Naturists* or to the other members as determined by the Steering Committee.

- 3.7.3 The Steering Committee has the authority to enforce rules governing member conduct at, or in conjunction with events which have been adopted by the general membership at a General Business Meeting. These may include, but are not limited to:
 - 3.7.3.0.1 Smoking restrictions
 - 3.7.3.0.2 Photography limitations
 - 3.7.3.0.3 Use of alcohol and other drugs
 - 3.7.3.0.4 Sexual activity
 - 3.7.3.0.5 Confidentiality issues
 - 3.7.3.1 The Steering Committee is empowered to temporarily adopt new rules subject to approval by the general membership at the next general business meeting.
- 3.7.4 Show proper etiquette and respect for the hosts' property and personal possessions.
- 3.7.5 Members are encouraged to assist in the functioning of *Tampa Bay Naturists*. Examples include but are not limited to:
 - 3.7.5.1 Hosting or cohosting an event
 - 3.7.5.2 Housing out-of-town guests
 - 3.7.5.3 Helping with the newsletter by writing articles, assisting with mailings, etc.
 - 3.7.5.4 Serving on the Steering Committee
 - 3.7.5.5 Helping with an event, such as cleaning up or setting up, checking in members, etc.
- 3.7.6 Members in good standing may not be denied admission to any TBN event with the exception of size limitations
 - 3.7.6.1 This admission to events provision does not apply to guests.
- 3.8 Questions of whether a member is a member in good standing ultimately rests with the Steering Committee.
 - 3.8.1 Membership may be terminated by the Steering Committee without notice for serious or repeated violations of Paragraphs 3.7.2 and 3.7.3.
 - 3.8.2 Members who no longer are in good standing will be notified in writing by the Steering Committee. Problems and necessary corrective action will be outlined.
 - 3.8.3 Members who do not meet the qualifications in Paragraphs 3.7.2 through 3.7.4 will be allowed to renew their membership subject to a review in three months.
 - 3.8.3.1 If they meet the qualifications outlined in Paragraphs 3.7 at the end of three-month period, they shall be reinstated as a "member in good standing".
 - 3.8.3.2 If they do not meet the qualifications outlined in Paragraphs 3.7, their membership shall be terminated and they will not receive a refund.
 - 3.8.4 Terminated members may reapply for membership in 6 months at the discretion of the Steering Committee.
 - 3.8.4.1 They must meet the qualifications outlined in Paragraph 3.1 and 3.2.
 - 3.8.5 Terminated members may not attend a TBN event as a guest without prior approval a majority of the Steering Committee.
- 3.9 Guests must meet the qualifications set forth in Paragraph 3.1.
 - 3.9.1 Guests from the Tampa Bay area are allowed to attend 3 events as a guest.
 - 3.9.1.1 After a local guest has attended 3 events, they must join *Tampa Bay Naturists* as outlined in Paragraphs 3.1 and 3.2 to attend future events.
 - 3.9.2 Non-local guests from other nudist groups as recognized by the Steering Committee are not subject to the limits of Paragraph 3.9.1.

4 Steering Committee

- 4.1 The Steering Committee shall be composed of 5-8 *Tampa Bay Naturists'* members elected at large by the membership will assume their positions on January 1st. Terms are for two (2) years.
 - 4.1.1 Only members who are in "good standing" are eligible to be on the Steering Committee.
- 4.2 Positions within the Steering Committee are Coordinator, Assistant Coordinator, Treasurer, Secretary, Event Coordinator, and At-Large Members.

- 4.2.1 Who serves in what position will be negotiated by the Steering Committee members at the first regular Steering Committee meeting.
- 4.2.2 Positions may be renegotiated during the year.
- 4.3 Each member of the Steering Committee has one vote. A majority of the Steering Committee shall constitute a quorum.
 - 4.3.1 Meetings may be held by phone under exceptional circumstances that require immediate action.
 - 4.3.2 These will be coordinated by the Coordinator.
- 4.4 The Steering Committee will meet as often as necessary, but at least quarterly.
 - 4.4.1 All meetings will be held in accordance with the current issue of Robert's Rules of Order.
 - 4.4.1.1 Paragraph 4.4.1. may be suspended by a 2/3 vote of the Steering Committee in attendance
- 4.5 A Steering Committee member may be removed from office by either of the following:
 - 4.5.1 A vote to do so by at least a 2/3 vote of the total Steering Committee membership.
 - 4.5.2 A 2/3 majority vote of the total general membership.
- 4.6 A Steering Committee member will consider to have resigned by any of the following:
 - 4.6.1 missing three (3) Steering Committee meeting without prior notice within a 12 month period or
 - 4.6.2 missing two (2) consecutive Steering Committee meetings without prior notice
 - 4.6.3 notifying the Steering Committee of his intention to resign. The resignation will be in effect at the time the notice is received by *Tampa Bay Naturists*
 - 4.6.4 losing "member in good status" status as outlined in Paragraphs 3.7.
 - 4.6.4.1 Member may be reappointed to the Steering Committee after again becoming a "member in good standing".
- 4.7 Vacancies deemed by the Steering Committee as necessary to fill shall be filled by an affirmative vote by a majority of the remaining Steering Committee members from the membership of *Tampa Bay Naturists'* interested members in good standing to fill the unexpired terms.

5Duties of Steering Committee Officers - Duties may be shifted from one position to another by mutual consent of the Steering Committee members involved.

- 5.1 The Coordinator shall preside at all meetings and have general supervision of the business affairs of *Tampa Bay Naturists*. He will prepare an agenda for the Steering Committee meetings.
- 5.2 The Assistant Coordinator shall preside in the absence of the Coordinator and will assist him with the business affairs of *Tampa Bay Naturists*. The Assistant Coordinator will also serve as the Membership Committee chairman.
 - 5.2.1 The Assistant Coordinator and one At-Large Member shall form the Membership Committee: The Committee duties shall be to:
 - 5.2.1.1 Maintain a role of current members.
 - 5.2.1.2 Assist in efforts to recruit and retain members
 - 5.2.1.3 Welcome new members and encourage participation in TBN activities.
- 5.3 The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings and proceedings of the Steering Committee. The Secretary is responsible for maintaining the Post Office Box, collecting and distributing mail, and answering correspondence.
- 5.4 The Treasurer shall keep and maintain correct and proper books of account of the business transactions of *Tampa Bay Naturists*. The Treasurer shall render to the Steering Committee, when requested, an account of all transactions and statements of the financial conditions of the *Tampa Bay Naturists*. The Treasurer also presents a monthly summary for the newsletter. No obligation, debt or other liability shall be incurred by the Treasurer without the specific approval of the Steering Committee.
 - 5.4.1 Two (2) signatures are necessary on all withdrawals from *Tampa Bay Naturists* accounts.
- 5.5 The Event Coordinator, with the aid of a At-Large Member will be responsible for planning and coordinating *Tampa Bay Naturists'* events. They will also be responsible for the *Tampa Bay Naturists'* newsletter.
 - 5.5.1 The newsletter tasks may be assigned to interested members with input from the Steering Committee.
 - 5.5.2 The newsletter shall be published at least quarterly.

5.6 Other duties necessary for the functioning of *Tampa Bay Naturists* may be assigned to various Steering Committee members.

6 Election of Steering Committee

6.1 Only *Tampa Bay Naturists'* members in good-standing may vote. Members shall have one (1) vote each. Voting by 1/4 of the *Tampa Bay Naturists'* membership sent ballots shall constitute a quorum.

6.2 The Secretary shall prepare and distribute to all members a written ballot. The ballot shall provide an opportunity for write-in votes as well.

6.3 Voting shall be by secret ballot. A member may cast his ballot in person at the time and place of the election or by absentee ballot.

6.3.1 Absentee ballots must be placed in a separate envelope with the member's signature on the envelope for identification purposes.

6.3.1.1 No absentee ballot will be counted that can not be verified.

6.3.1.2 The ballot shall be then removed from the envelope and added to the other ballots in such a way that it cannot be identified among the other ballots.

6.4 The vote shall be tabulated and the results of the election announced immediately following the voting at the Annual General Business Meeting.

6.4.1 A ballot shall not be deemed valid that has been received after the vote is tabulated.

6.4.2 Ballots shall be counted by three (3) members selected from the membership by the Steering Committee.

6.4.2.1 No one on the ballot (except for those written-in during the election) shall be involved in the tabulation of the ballots.

7 Compensation and Reimbursement

7.1 Steering Committee Members - no Steering Committee member shall receive compensation for any services rendered to *Tampa Bay Naturists*. Steering Committee members may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in performance of duties of office. Prior approval of the Steering Committee will be required for reimbursement of expenses in excess of \$25.00.

7.2 General Members - Prior approval of the Steering Committee will be required for reimbursement for reasonable expenses as the host of any event.

8 Amendment of Bylaws

8.1 Amendments to these bylaws may be adopted by either of the following:

8.1.1 A majority vote of the total Steering Committee or

8.1.2 Upon a written petition signed by 1/4 of the membership, by a majority vote of the total general membership. Voting may be done in person or by absentee ballot and shall be consistent with the procedures established in Paragraphs 6.

8.2 *Tampa Bay Naturists* shall keep the original copy of the bylaws as amended to date which shall be open to inspection by any members at all reasonable times.

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