

GHAC Greater Houston Aquarium Club

Constitution

Article 1 - Name

1. The organization shall be known as Greater Houston Aquarium Club, herein after known as GHAC. The Organization shall be "Not for Profit".
2. The objectives shall be the maintenance, reproduction, preservation, distribution, and discussion of aquatic life, with particular emphasis on social interaction within the club.

Article 2 - Membership

1. Any person interested in the activities of GHAC shall be eligible for membership, and subject to its constitution and by-laws.

Article 3 - Organization

1. The society shall have the following officer positions:
a) President b) 1st Vice-President c) 2nd Vice-President d) Secretary e) Treasurer.
2. Special committees shall be appointed by the Executive Board as needed to serve at the discretion of the Board. Special committees will be terminated upon election of officers or upon determination of the Executive Board that said committee is a) no longer needed, or b) inadequately performed.
3. Officers and committee members shall have and perform duties as are customary to their offices or as assigned in our by-laws.
4. Officers shall be elected by majority vote of eligible club members every two (2) years with no term limitations.
5. Executive Board members shall keep an accurate record of their acts and proceedings, and report to the club at any annual business meeting, or on demand.
6. The Executive Board shall have the power to fill any vacancies which may occur until the next election.
7. Any action of the Executive Board may be reviewed by the members at the regular meeting. All actions shall be deemed valid actions unless disapproved by a simple majority of the General Membership at that time.
8. In case of absence and/or resignation, the order of succession to the Presidency shall follow the order listed in Article 3 section 1.

9. Any Executive Board member or Officer of the GHAC, if found unsatisfactory in performing duties of their position and/or their actions are deemed detrimental to GHAC, may be relieved of their duties, after a formal complaint has been presented at a general meeting and by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those in attendance.
10. Any Executive Board member or Officer may be relieved by a unanimous vote of the Executive Board, not counting the one in question, if he/she fails to attend three (3) Executive Board meetings in a year.

Article 4 - Meetings, etc.

1. The GHAC shall hold monthly meetings at such time and place as shall be arranged by the Executive Board. Regular meetings shall be open to the public. Said meetings shall be on the 3rd Friday of each month, unless changed by the Executive Board by two-thirds (2/3) vote.
2. All business meetings shall be held at such time and place as determined by the Executive Board. Business meetings shall be attended by the members of the Executive Board and all active committee members.
3. The Executive Board shall hold regular monthly meetings.
4. Three-fifths (3/5) of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article 5 - Dues

1. All members shall be required to pay dues as set forth in our by-laws.
2. The Executive Board is empowered to waive all or part of the dues of any members unable to pay them.

Article 6 - Amendment

1. To amend or repeal this Constitution or any part of it, it shall be necessary that the proposed amendment be presented in writing and signed by at least three (3) members in good standing.
2. The proposed amendment shall be read at the next Executive Board regular meeting and voted on at that time. The affirmative vote of a simple majority shall pass said proposal and send it to the floor of the next regular meeting.
3. An affirmative vote by 2/3 majority of all members in good standing, shall be required for the adoption of an amendment to this constitution.
4. Any proposed amendments to the constitution or by-laws shall be published in the clubs newsletter 30 days before being voted on.

Article 7 - Duration

1. The life of the Organization shall be perpetual.

Article 8 - Assets

1. Any and all assets, including but not limited to web domains, copyrights, and trademarks amassed by GHAC shall become and remain the sole property of GHAC.

Article 9 - Dissolution and Disposal of Assets

1. Should at any time it would occur that a motion to dissolve GHAC be made, then the following, non amendable steps must be taken: Said motion must be published in 3 consecutive issues of the GHAC newsletter, it then must be approved by 100% of the Executive Board and voted on and approved by no less than 75% of the Members in Good Standing.
2. These events having taken place, all assets of GHAC must be sold at public auction and 100% of the revenue earned shall be donated to The State of Texas for use in Aquatic research.

Article 10 - Conclusion

These Articles are the Common Effort of the five Founding Members and have been offered to establish a social and educational Aquarium Club that all Members may enjoy equally, regardless of Race, Religion, National Origin or Sexual Orientation.