

I. TITLE

The name of this organization shall be "Saratoga Stryders Inc.", hereafter referred to as "this association" or "this organization".

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be the promotion and encouragement of running and related activities for physical fitness.

III. ACTIVITIES

- A. In furtherance of our purpose, this association may hold recreation runs, track workouts, races, championships, and other running related activities.
- B. In addition, this organization may sponsor and provide educational activities including demonstrations, clinics, social events, newsletters, sponsorship of awards, etc.
- C. Also, this organization may engage in community activities to publicize the benefits of running, jogging, and physical fitness.

IV. ORGANIZATION

This association shall be incorporated in the State of New York as a non-profit organization for educational purposes as specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

This association may be affiliated with any organization that is approved by the majority of voting members present at any meeting.

V. MEMBERSHIP

The only requirement for membership shall be the payment of annual dues.

The general membership shall set the dues for the club, act on the reports of committees, approve resolutions and other policy statements, and elect the officers of the club.

VI. MANAGEMENT/GOVERNMENT

A. Executive Committee:

This organization shall be governed by an Executive Committee comprised of the officers. In addition, the immediate past President may sit on the Committee if he/she desires.

B. Officers:

The officers of this club shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

1. Duties:

President: To preside over meetings, to call special meetings, appoint committees and chairpersons thereof.

Vice President: To assume the duties of the President in his/her absence and to take on special assignments as requested by the President.

Secretary: To record attendance at each meeting, to keep the minutes of all general meetings and to maintain the official files. The Secretary shall be responsible for all official club correspondence.

Treasurer: To hold the funds of the club and disburse them upon direction by the President, to keep accurate records of receipts and disbursements, to report at each meeting and to prepare an annual financial statement for publication to the members.

2. Term of Office:

- a. Term of office shall be one year, commencing at the conclusion of the March meeting.
- b. Offices filled upon resignation shall expire at the conclusion of the March meeting.

3. Election:

- a. An Elections Committee shall be formed annually to obtain a slate of nominees and present it at the February meeting. The general membership may nominate other candidates from the floor.
- b. The general membership shall vote for officers by ballot at the March meeting, using procedures developed by the Elections Committee. The Elections Committee will report the results to the President, who shall announce them. New officers shall take office effective at the conclusion of the March meeting.

VII. MEETINGS

A. General:

1. An annual meeting shall be held in March of each year. Other general meetings shall be held at the discretion of the officers. Notice must be distributed to each member at least ten (10) days prior to the annual meeting. Such notice shall include the date, time, and place of the meeting.
2. No official meeting shall be held unless a quorum is present. A quorum shall consist of twice the number of elected officers plus one.
3. Parliamentary procedure will be carried on at meetings and every effort will be made to discuss any measure coming before the group.
4. A majority vote of the members present is necessary to pass ordinary measures. All measures shall be deemed ordinary except those proposing an amendment to the Constitution or By-laws.
5. Amendments to the Constitution or By-laws may be accomplished by three-fourths vote of the members present at the meeting. Only those who have been members of this organization for thirty (30) days prior to the proposal of such amendment may vote upon such. Notice must be distributed to each member at least ten (10) days prior to any vote to amend the Constitution or By-Laws of the organization. Such notice shall include a copy of the proposed amendment and the date and time such amendment will be considered.

B. Special:

Special meetings may be held at the call of the President, or by written request to the President by three members. Notice must be distributed to each member at least ten (10) days prior to the special meeting. Such notice shall include the date, time and place of the meeting and the agenda to be discussed.

VIII. FINANCES

- A. Dues shall be determined by a majority of the members present at a meeting and shall not be changed more than once per year.
- B. This is a non-profit organization. Dues and all other monies received by the organization will be spent entirely for carrying out the stated purpose of this organization and shall not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, any member, except as reasonable compensation for goods or services rendered.

- C. Members using association funds for any purpose shall give a full record of expenditures to the Treasurer.
- D. This organization shall be empowered to participate in fund raising activities.

IX DISSOLUTION

In the event of the dissolution of this association, any and all funds in the treasury, after all creditors are paid, shall be distributed to another non-profit running club classified as tax-exempt under section 501 (xc)(3) of the Internal Revenue code.

Adopted March 10, 1986 (Complete replacement of original constitution)

Amended November 14, 1988 - Section VI B c - deleted
Section VI B 3 a - amended
Section VI B 3 b- amended
Section VII A 1 – amended
Section VIII C., D. added

Amended September 14, 1992- Section VI B 2 a,b - amended
Section VI B 3 b- amended

Amended March 3, 2010 – VII A - amended