

BY-LAWS
OF
GREAT LAKES JEEP THING

ARTICLE I

NAME

SECTION 1. This organization shall hereby be known as The Great Lakes Jeep Thing (GLJT).

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

SECTION 1. GLJT shall be a non-profit organization oriented towards the gathering of Jeep owners, on the Internet, and at facilitated meetings and/or events.

SECTION 2. Off-highway events and the organization there of are one aspect of GLJT's activities but will not be GLJT's sole endeavor as a organization.

SECTION 3. GLJT will provide it's community with legal and operating structure to facilitate:

- Technical Jeep discussion
- Provision of Jeep related resources
- Responsible use of public lands through membership in land-use focused organizations
- Exploration, maintenance, preservation, and enjoyment of OHV trails w/ fellow club members
- Provisions for social, educational, and family recreational activities
- Coordination and/or hosting of off-highway events
- Participating in and supporting activities to further the causes of OHV enthusiasts and users of the outdoors.

SECTION 4. GLJT will make efforts to improve the overall status of our hobby through development of better public image and association with individuals who are interested and active in the hobby.

SECTION 5. GLJT will endorse the ideals of the United Four Wheel Drive Association (UFWDA) and promote the off-highway practice of "Tread Lightly!".

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. GLJT is interested in responsible Jeep owners and off-highway enthusiasts who want to participate in Jeep related events and uphold club standards.

SECTION 2. Membership is not transferable and all incurred membership fees are non refundable.

SECTION 3. Memberships will only be accepted if they follow the proper GLJT membership procedure.

SECTION 4. Each individual membership, although it may include an entire family, only holds one vote during elections.

SECTION 5. Honorary memberships may be granted by a majority vote of the directors of the Board and are intact for one year. Honorary memberships do not carry voting rights.

SECTION 6. The directors of the Board may limit membership at any time but at no time shall membership be reduced to meet a membership cap imposed after induction.

SECTION 7. The directors of the Board reserve the right to reject any membership or renewal at its discretion.

SECTION 8. The directors of the Board for any reason may revoke individual memberships.

SECTION 9. All members agree to conduct themselves in a respectable manner both in and out of club activities.

SECTION 10. Upon selling his/her Jeep, the member MUST take all identification of GLJT membership off of the vehicle.

SECTION 11. Any person leaving under unfavorable conditions may be asked to return all evidence of club membership.

SECTION 12 All members shall be bound by these bylaws.

ARTICLE IV

DUES

SECTION 1. Dues for the first year of membership will total \$35.00 and will subsequently be \$20.00 per year thereafter.

SECTION 2. The membership renewal fee will be due on December 1st. One (1) month will be given as a grace period to pay renewal dues. Failure to pay will result in membership rights being rescinded.

SECTION 3. No portion of dues will be refunded if a member chooses to leave or is terminated by the directors of the Board.

SECTION 4. Dues, membership fees, or any existing extraneous charges will be subject to change due to an increase in operating costs or for any other reason deemed necessary by the Board and will be subject to a majority vote by the directors of the Board.

ARTICLE V

QUALIFICATIONS

SECTION 1. To qualify for membership a potential member must legally possess and/or has right to legally operate a Jeep vehicle.

SECTION 2. All members must be a minimum of 18 years of age and possess documentation showing proof of said age.

SECTION 3. No member will be without ownership of a Jeep vehicle for more than a six (6) month period without having membership rights revoked.

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS

SECTION 1. Officers of the organization shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Events Coordinator, Public Relations Director, and Trail Master and will hereby referred to as the directors of the Board.

SECTION 2. The officers of the organization (specified in Section 1) shall first be nominated by the general membership of GLJT.

SECTION 3. The officers of the organization (specified in Section 1) shall subsequently be elected by the general membership of GLJT.

SECTION 4. Elections will be yearly and for all positions specified in Section 1.

SECTION 5. In the absence of the President or in the event of his inability or refusal to act the order of succession is as follows,

1. Vice President
2. Secretary
3. Treasurer
4. Events Coordinator
5. Public Relations Director
6. Trail Master.

SECTION 6. Any member may submit a motion in the manner explained in Article VIII, Section 2 to the directors of the Board to have any officer removed from his office.

SECTION 7. Any officer at any time may determine that their performance is not up to the standards outlined in these bylaws may chose to resign from their position without scrutiny from the directors of the Board or any other member.

SECTION 8. In the event an officer is either removed or chooses to resign the position will be left vacant for a term of one (1) month until suitable nominees are chosen and an election can be scheduled and executed with proper notification given to the membership. If this order cannot be completed within the term of three (3) months a suitable candidate shall be selected by the directors of the Board.

SECTION 9. In the event that the office of President is vacated the Vice President shall immediately assume the office of President thereby leaving the office of Vice President to be filled in the manner designated in Article VI, Section 8.

ARTICLE VII

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. PRESIDENT. The President shall be the principal executive officer of the organization and shall in general supervise and control all the business and affairs of the organization. He shall preside at all meetings of the directors of the board. He may sign, with attestation of the Secretary or any other proper officer of the organization authorized by the board, any deed, mortgage, bond, contract, or other instrument which the Board, these bylaws, or statute requires. In general he shall perform all duties incident to the office of President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board from time to time.

SECTION 2. VICE PRESIDENT. In the absence of the President or in the event of his inability or refusal to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President, and, when so acting shall have all the powers of and be suspect to all restrictions upon the President. The Vice President shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the President or the Board.

SECTION 3. SECRETARY. The Secretary shall keep minutes of the meetings of the directors of the Board in one or more books provided for that purpose. He shall see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws or as required by law. He will keep a register of the post office and e-mail addresses of each club member, which shall be furnished to the Secretary by such member, and in general perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and other such duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the President or the Board.

SECTION 4. TREASURER. The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the organization. He shall receive and give receipts for monies due and payable to the organization from any source whatsoever and deposit all such monies in the name of the organization in such banks, trust companies, or depositories as shall be selected in accordance with the provisions of Article IX of these bylaws. In general, he will perform all duties incident to the office of Treasurer and other such duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the President or the Board.

SECTION 5. EVENTS COORDINATOR. The Events Coordinator will have custody of and be responsible for the planning of all of the outward activities held by the organization. He shall keep a

record of all such events and outings available for the directors of the Board and be responsible for informing the membership of planned activities. He will, in general, perform all duties incident to the office of Events Coordinator and any other such duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the President or the Board.

SECTION 6. PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR. The Public Relations Director will be responsible for the outward appearance of and all advertising aspects to the organization. He will negotiate relationships with vendors, proprietors, public officers, and any third party he chooses or is deemed necessary by the directors of the Board. He will set forth and uphold policy regarding any outward use of GLJT name, logo, web address, or identity. In general he will perform all duties incident to the office of Public Relations Director and any other such duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the President or the Board.

SECTION 7. TRAIL MASTER. The Trail Master will be responsible for the general trail leadership of and have custody over the safety requirements for the organization. He will advise on mechanical requirements, driver experience, safety equipment, and liability requirements and will promote and enforce GLJT's required equipment and required safety equipment lists. He will exemplify tread lightly philosophy to the membership and assist in educating membership about tread lightly principles. In general he will perform all duties incident to the office of Trail Master and any other such duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the President or the Board.

ARTICLE VIII

VOTING

SECTION 1. The Secretary will keep records of all voting activity and motions for a period of 5 years as part of the permanent GLJT records. All voting activity records will be kept in one or more books provided for their purpose.

SECTION 2. All voting will follow Parliamentary Procedure whereby,

- A member must make a motion in order to establish the requirement for a vote.
- Another member must second the motion for it to become a formal motion.
- Any other members may make subsequent motions.
- A motion under consideration may then be tabled or dismissed.
- Tabled motions will be tabled for one month unless otherwise specified.
- Successful motions to dismiss are the equivalent of a failed vote.
- All motions must either pass, fail or be tabled.
- Motions may be made either through the members' board, in person, or at the general meetings.

SECTION 3. There is no official quorum for a general vote.

SECTION 4. On the occasion a general vote is called for by the directors of the Board a formal one-week notice will be electronically sent to all the club members and an announcement placed on the members' board announcing the vote.

SECTION 5. It will be the sole duty of the members to electronically file, by the means as specified by the directors of the Board, their vote in the time allotted by the directors of the Board.

SECTION 6. Any member voting twice will be subject to disciplinary action.

SECTION 7. Votes, once registered, cannot for any reason be changed.

SECTION 8. All votes will be tallied on the set date by the Secretary and one Board appointed member, the results shall then be compared and presented to the members of the Board for approval.

SECTION 9. A vote shall be considered complete and enforceable when all of the votes are counted and approved.

SECTION 10. Complete votes are posted for the general membership.

SECTION 11. The directors of the Board shall have sole discretion to determine which motions shall be placed to the general membership for vote and which will not.

SECTION 12. Motions that are not scheduled to be decided by the general membership shall be voted on by the directors of the Board and their ruling shall be considered final.

ARTICLE IX

FINANCES

SECTION 1. The Treasurer will be responsible for establishing a non-profit organization banking relationship with a local bank.

SECTION 2. The Treasurer will process all dues and maintain records of all financial activity with the organization.

SECTION 3. These records shall be presented to the directors of the Board on a monthly basis, an abbreviated version of this shall be presented to the members every month with detailed records available upon registered request.

SECTION 4. All monies received from any source shall be forwarded directly to the Treasurer as rapidly as possible.

SECTION 5. Aside from general monthly expenses (i.e. web hosting) no withdrawals of funds shall be made with out prior approval from the directors of the Board.

SECTION 6. The club shall maintain a \$500 minimum cash balance to be drawn from only in emergency situations. The directors of the Board will determine such emergencies.

SECTION 7. The directors of the Board may authorize any officer, agent or agents of the organization, addition to the officers so authorized by these bylaws, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver

any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the organization. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instance.

SECTION 8. Any checks, drafts, or order for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the organization shall be signed by the Treasurer and in such a manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board.

SECTION 9. The organization's fiscal year shall begin on January 1st of each year.

ARTICLE X

MANDATORY FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND EXPENDITURES

SECTION 1. Allocation of any and all funds must have prior approval from the directors of the Board.

SECTION 2. Allocation of funds for events, promotions, and awards will not be taken out of general funds unless specifically approved by the directors of the Board. These activities will be individually funded and their funds shall be dealt with separately from the general funds.

ARTICLE XI

OFFICIAL EVENT AND TRIP RULES

SECTION 1. To be recognized as an "official" GLJT event the event shall be announced to the general membership as such and all details regarding the proposed event be made available to the general membership.

SECTION 2. To be recognized as an "official" GLJT event there shall be two directors of the Board present at all times. Small, informal, "get-togethers", and pop up runs are encouraged by GLJT but are not considered "official" events.

SECTION 3. Events will be planned by the Events Coordinator and regulated by the Trail Master.

SECTION 4. The Events Coordinator shall have the ultimate decision making authority for "go/no-go" event decisions unless a higher ranked Board member is present at the event, in which case that Board member assumes unilateral decision making authority.

SECTION 5. The Trail Master will inform the Events Coordinator about current trail conditions, vehicular compliance, weather precautions, or any other issue that might influence the decision making for event.

SECTION 6. If the Events Coordinator or Board selected representative fails to show up for a scheduled event, the event is automatically cancelled as an “official” GLJT event. Any further activity by members, guests, or others shall no longer be considered “official” nor will this activity be affiliated with GLJT.

SECTION 7. Events shall consist of the off-highway trail rides and other Board designated activities.

SECTION 8. An event shall begin at the conclusion of a pre-run driver’s meeting or functional equivalent and concludes when the group or groups have returned to a designated location.

SECTION 9. In the event of multiple day events the organization and procurement of accommodations is the sole responsibility of the participant and not considered a portion of the event. The event itself is limited to the organized trail rides.

SECTION 10. Any measures taken by GLJT to acquire, provide, reserve, or guarantee accommodations are done solely as a service to the participants of the event and are not considered a part of the event.

SECTION 11. Each participant shall be held responsible and liable for his/her own safety. Concerns about safety should be brought to the attention of the Trail Master or designated officer immediately, if possible before trail bound.

SECTION 12. All event participants shall obey the GLJT rules of trail conduct. Anyone not conforming to these rules will be asked to leave the group.

SECTION 13. Participants who chose to bring pets will be expected to keep their pet under control and behaved at all times. The behavior and any damage or injury caused by the pet will remain the sole responsibility of the owner.

SECTION 14. Profane or colored language shall be used with the utmost discretion at any event. GLJT “official” events are family oriented and there is likelihood that young children may be present.

SECTION 15. Any person behaving or operating their vehicle in an unsafe, rude, or negligent manner shall be asked to leave the event and will forfeit their attendance as well as any costs incurred for the event.

SECTION 16. All participants shall be required to have the following items and fulfill all of the requirements explained in the Equipment List in order to attend and participate in “official” GLJT events

- Valid driver’s license;
- Proof of valid automobile insurance;
- Proof of vehicle registration (exceptions may be made on a case by case basis as directed by the Board for “trail only” vehicles);
- An operating brake system including indicator lamps;
- Properly mounted and operational safety belts;
- An operating horn;

ARTICLE XII
AMMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. The by-laws of this organization may be made, altered, amended or repealed by majority vote of the directors of the Board. The by-laws may contain any provisions for the regulation of the management of the affairs of the organization not inconsistent with the law.

SECTION 2. All changes to these bylaws shall be noted in Article XIII as well as the date of their revision.

ARTICLE XIII

REVISIONS

Dated _____, 2008

Signed by: _____