

SWTH BYLAWS

These Bylaws were passed by a quorum of members at a special meeting of the members called on January 10, 2011 at 7:00 pm. Those in attendance voted by secret ballot at 8:30 PM after discussion by the members present. Meeting was conducted under Roberts Rules of order. These Bylaws take effect immediately except those noted in Article I, Section 2 will take effect on January 1, 2012. However those who wish to become an associate member earlier than 2012 may do so as described below.

PURPOSE: The purpose for which this club is organized is to promote recreational electronic prospecting, education, and research as a hobby and to provide meetings, outings and organized hunts as a venue for developing skills with a metal detector. These By Laws may be amended from time to time as needed by the Board of Directors and members of the club. This club was established at the first annual meeting with the election of officers on the second Wednesday of January 1989 at 7:00 PM.

ARTICLE I - MANAGEMENT OF THE CLUB

SECTION 1

Management and control of this organization shall be vested in the members acting through the Board of Directors. Roberts Rules of Order will apply to all meetings.

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

SECTION 2

Applicants will become members upon payment of dues and receipt of a copy of the Bylaws and by the applicant's assent thereto. One vote per household. The primary member is an individual that pays yearly dues. Another member of the household can be an Associate Member for an annual fee of \$10.00. The Associate Member will have all privileges of a member except voting and participation in the big hunts. If the Associate Member wants to participate in the big hunts they must pay additional membership fees currently (\$15.00) or per the then current rate and hunt fees.

Every member shall have the right to partake of all the privileges of the club as long as dues are current. Dues are payable by the January 1, of each year. Dues are \$25.00 per year. Visiting family/friends can participate in hunts and other activities of the club after becoming members by paying the membership fees and the fees for that activity. They then become a voting member.

SECTION 3

Every member shall have the right to partake of all the privileges of the club as long as dues are current. Dues are payable by January 1, of each year. Dues are \$25.00 per year. Visiting family/friends who visit can participate in hunts and other activities of the club after becoming members and paying appropriate fees for that activity.

SECTION 4

Membership dues changes shall be recommended by the Board of Directors and must be approved by the majority vote of the general membership at the regular meeting.

SECTION 5

The Board of Directors by majority vote shall have the power to expel or suspend a member for violation of the club Bylaws or Rules and Regulations. The member shall have at least thirty (30) days previous notice in writing by certified letter with a return receipt and a date and place of the meeting called to consider the action. The member shall have the right to appear in his or her own defense before the membership within sixty (60) days at a regular meeting after notification has been given by registered mail.

SECTION 6

Any prospective member or guest/family member may attend one (1) regular meeting and (1) outing prior to joining the club. Continued participation in club activities will require a paid membership to the club.

ARTICLE II - OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1

The officers of the club shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Board members will be elected to 1 year, 2 year, 3 year and 4 year terms and can be re-elected.

SECTION 2

The management and business of the club shall be vested in the Officers and Board of Directors elected from among the members of the club. Vacancies of an Officer or Board of Directors will be filled by election at the next regular meeting after notifying the membership in the next issue of the official newsletter. The membership may nominate additional candidates from the floor.

SECTION 3

The Board of Directors shall not receive a salary or compensation for their duties

SECTION 4

Duties of the Officers are as follows:

PRESIDENT:

The President shall preside at all meeting of the membership. He or she shall have a general supervision of the affairs of the club and shall sign or countersign all certificates, contracts and other instruments of the club authorized by the Board of Directors.

VICE-PRESIDENT:

The Vice-President shall serve in all absence or disability of the president or in the absence of any other officer,

SECRETARY:

1. Duties of the Secretary are: to keep a record of all the proceedings of the organization in a book of minutes on forms provided for that purpose.
2. To keep on file all committee reports when required.
3. To make the minutes and records available to members upon request.
4. To receive oral and or written reports from committee heads and pass these on to the President as received and required.
5. To maintain record books in which By-Laws and special rules and amendments are kept and to have these on hand at every meeting.

6. To conduct meetings in the absence of the President and Vice-President by calling the meeting to order and to preside until the immediate election of a chairman Pro-Tern.

TREASURER:

The treasurer is entrusted with the custody of the club's funds and any monetary items that are for club use. The Treasurer shall keep record of the transaction of said funds in the Treasurer's Book on the forms provided for that purpose. The Treasurer shall read the Treasurer's Report at each meeting. The Treasurer shall have the authority to issue payments of less than two hundred dollars and one (1) cent (\$200.99) for club use only without prior approval of the proposed expenditure from the membership ... at the next regular meeting. The Treasurer shall enroll new members, maintain the membership roll, issue receipts and membership cards.

SECTION 5

At the first annual meeting of the members four Directors shall be elected and their terms of office are as follows: one year, two year, three year and four year board service. The President's vote will be considered a tie breaker in case of a tied vote by the members or by a tied Board vote.

SECTION 6

Minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors and their respective dates shall be made public at the next regular membership meeting.

SECTION 7

When committees are formed one Board Member or Officer shall serve on each committee.

SECTION 8

Any Officer or Director or member may be suspended at any time with just cause after review by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast by the membership, after proper notification and appearance of the member as described above in ARTICLE 1, SECTION 5.

SECTION 9

Publicity for the club shall be under the direction and approval of the Publicity Chairperson who will also act as Managing Editor of the official publication "SUPERSTITION WEST TREASURE HUNTER'S CLUB NEWSLETTER". The club website will be maintained by the President with the help of the Publicity Chair.

SECTION 10

Robert's Rules of Order shall prevail and the Officers shall use the Rules' in conduct of the meetings.

ARTICLE III - VOTES AND QUORUM

SECTION 1

A Quorum will consist of a minimum of three (3) members. Only members in good standing with dues that are current are entitled to vote. No single individual will be allowed to make any decision for the club without discussing the issue with the Board and the club. The club membership has the light to vote on any major decision. (Some operational decisions will be made by the Board of Directors and the President and later reported to the club).

ARTICLE IV - AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1

These By-Laws may be amended, modified or repealed by a majority of votes cast by the club members at a regular meeting or special business meeting if required. Proposed amendments to the By-Laws may be submitted to the Board of Directors at any meeting.

SECTION 2

All members and Board of Directors shall be subject to the club's Rules and Regulations and standards of conduct.

ADDENDUM I SUPERSITION WEST TREASURE HUNTER'S CLUB

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Common sense and consideration for the rights of the general membership by each individual member must be observed. Each of us needs to conduct ourselves in a way that extends more than ordinary courtesy to the members.

GENERAL CONDUCT

Public drunkenness, profanity, excessive noise and other such behavior is prohibited. No member will threaten another member or guest in any way. Members and guests will abide by Federal, State and Local laws, rules and regulations.

FIREARMS

The reckless or negligent use of firearms is prohibited. Any use of a firearm in the immediate camping area is forbidden. *Shooting if it becomes necessary may not be done if your field of view is not clear of brush and trees unless under close attack by cougar, javelina, rabid coyote, bobcat, bear, or other animal.* Never point a loaded gun in the direction of a human while loaded, as accidental discharge could occur. If you point a gun at any member of the club except for the protection of another person, this will result in immediate suspension of your membership and require that you leave the area immediately. Observe all safety precautions with guns that you may wear.

DEFACING PROPERTY

Willful defacing of property is prohibited.

CAMPING AND DETECTING AREAS

FIRE:

Fire regulations must be observed at all times.

TRASH AND SANITATION:

Our motto is "PACK IT IN-PACK IT OUT." This includes all cigarette butts and PULL TABS. Use your shovel as our toilet tool away from the general camping areas and trails. Bury it all no less than (6) inches deep. You can use a Porta Potty if the club provides it.

GUEST:

Any guest will be allowed to accompany members on one (1) outing per year.

PETS:

All pets in the camp area and other areas where members congregate must be on a leash no longer than ten (10) feet at all times. Try to leave barking dogs at home or with a neighbor when camping.

PLAN OF OPERATION:

All members engaged in a group outing shall travel in accordance with the approved travel plans. A general plan will be available at the meetings and upon request.

INSURANCE:

Members are encouraged to carry individual accident insurance while engaged in club activities. You are engaging in club activities of your own free will and need to be aware that wild animals such as those noted above may be present during club outings. You are responsible for your own medical care and transport if it becomes necessary.

VIOLATION OF THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS COULD RESULT IN SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF MEMBERSHIP AS DESCRIBED IN THE BY-LAWS. ANY EXCEPTION TO THESE RULES MUST BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN ADVANCE

These Bylaws and Rules and Regulations were adopted by the members and Board of Directors on January 10, 2011 at 8:30PM. Original Bylaws were voted and implemented on the second Wednesday Jan., 1989. Revised: August 14, 1990. October 02, 2001; August 05, 2003; January 8, 2008 and January 10, 2010.