

CONSTITUTION
OF
SOUTH ALABAMA HISTORICAL RESEARCH & RECOVERY ASSOCIATION

Purpose of the Organization

The dedication to the preservation of historical artifacts.

To share with the public our knowledge. To participate in activities that promote the good will of the organization and give recognition to those who support our hobby.

To educate our members on the proper operation of metal detectors and the proper excavating techniques. To keep the membership up to date on legal issues that affects our hobby. To help fellow members with identification of artifacts and the proper preservation methods of historical artifacts.

To promote the hobby and most of all have FUN and Enjoy the hobby.

Membership

Membership in the organization is open to all interested individuals. Individual and Family membership Applications with sponsorship by an active member shall be reviewed by the Board. A majority vote shall be required for membership. Upon acceptance of membership and receipt of membership fee, a packet of information regarding the organization including a copy of this Constitution, by-laws, and a code of ethics shall be given to the new members.

Active Membership

Upon acceptance and payment of dues, an individual will be an active member entitling the member to full voting rights, participation in club meetings, hunt competition and a monthly newsletter. Active membership shall be maintained by yearly dues to be due January 1st of each year. All members are equal and no-one will receive any special entitlements and/or exceptions to the membership rules.

Officers

The officers will consist of a President, a Vice President and a Secretary/Treasurer.

Elections and Terms of Office

The President shall appoint a nominating committee of at least three active members at the October/ November meeting each year. The nominating committee shall present a proposed slate of officers accepting the nomination for the coming year to be published in the next newsletter. A majority vote of the members present at the December Meeting shall be necessary for election. Only active paid members will be eligible to vote. Additional nominations can be made from the floor prior to the vote. The newly elected officers shall take office effective at the January meeting. The new officers shall serve one complete year. In the event an office position becomes vacant during the year, the President or Acting President shall appoint an interim officer from the active membership to serve the remainder of the term.

Duties of Officers

President: Shall preside over regular and special meetings of the organization and shall represent the association in all matters. The President shall coordinate all club publicity and activities. The President shall appoint chairpersons of committees. The Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer shall report directly to the President on all organizational matters. The President is responsible for organizing all club hunts and activities.

Vice President: Shall preside over all regular and temporary committees and report any progress or problems to the President. The Vice President shall perform the duties of President during their absence.

Secretary/Treasurer: Shall maintain the minutes of the meetings and prepare the Monthly Newsletter. Shall maintain accurate financial records and handle financial matters for the organization. The Secretary/Treasurer is responsible for acquiring all raffle prizes to be utilized at monthly club meetings. Shall perform the duties of President in the event both the President and Vice President are not present.

Committees

Regular committees shall be formed to deal with normal club business. Temporary committees shall be formed as necessary to plan, organize and manage events, ie: club hunts, raffle prize acquirement and fund raising. Special Committees shall be established for emergencies or internal probes and will report directly to the President. Upon completion of assigned tasks committees shall disband. Membership Committee shall be an independent committee in that the members shall consist of three elected officers for the duration of their terms of office.

Committee Chairpersons

Shall be appointed by the President to manage regular, temporary and special committees. The chairperson shall have the option to appoint members to the committee or accept those appointed by the President. The chairperson shall hold and preside over meetings and report the progress or problems directly to the Vice President.

Amendments

An amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws may be proposed by any active member. The amendment must be submitted in writing to the President. The President shall be responsible for having the proposed amendment published in the monthly newsletter for consideration by all members. At the following meeting the proposed amendment shall be considered for adoption. A vote not less than two thirds of the active paid membership shall be required for adoption.

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Meetings

Meetings of the organization shall be held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at a location selected by the officers with approval of the membership. Any change in the time or location must be published in the newsletter. At least twenty-three per cent (23%) of the active membership, but not less than seven active members must be present to constitute a quorum.

Club Dues

Dues for club membership shall be set at \$20.00 for individuals and \$30.00 for family. Club member dues after June 1st of each year will be reduced to \$15.00 for individuals and \$25.00 for families. Fees are due in January of each year. After February of each year non-paid members will not receive newsletters until dues are paid in full.

Behavior

All members shall observe the rules of this organization as prescribed by the constitution, by-laws and code of ethics. Members should always conduct themselves in such manner as to bring credit upon the organization. The elected officers shall address any violations of the constitution, by-laws or code of ethics and will decide the severity of the violation. Dismissal from this association shall be decided by a vote of the active membership.

Code of Ethics

Members shall observe all local, state and federal laws regulating the excavation and recovery of historical artifacts.

Members shall obtain permission of land owners prior to metal detecting or excavating on private property.

Members shall take care to avoid any destruction of public or private property. Leave the area as you found it.

Members shall not use South Alabama Historical Research & Recovery Association's name or logo for any reason without the expressed consent of the officers and membership.

All artifacts shall be correctly represented as to the authenticity to the best of the members' knowledge. Wanton misrepresentation of articles for personal gain is forbidden by this organization.