

BY-LAWS
OF
THE
KEENESBURG AREA
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ARTICLE I - ORGANIZATION NAME

The organization shall be titled and known as the **KEENESBURG AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**, hereinafter referred to as "Chamber of Commerce".

ARTICLE II - MISSION AND GOAL

The Chamber Of Commerce is a membership organization of businesses, merchants and their employees in greater Keenesburg area.

Our mission is to:

1. Promote and support commerce and industrial interest in and around the Keenesburg area.
2. Develop positive interaction between merchants and community members.
3. To work with and aid in the development of business with the local municipality and county government.
4. Sponsor community events for the greater good of the Keenesburg area merchants and citizens.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

1. ACTIVE

Any person representing a business, firm, association, corporation or partnership or other legal entity, with a vested interest in the community, shall be eligible for membership.

2. LIFETIME

Shall be those who have been members in the organization for at least ten years and who have retired. These members do not pay dues and may not hold office. Lifetime membership shall be awarded by a vote of the current membership of the Chamber of Commerce.

3. ASSOCIATE

Any private citizen in the Keenesburg area with a vested interest in the community shall be eligible for non-voting membership. The dues shall be the same as a regular member.

4. VOTING

Voting shall be by membership, there will be one membership per business. There shall be one vote for each paid membership.

ARTICLE IV- DUES

The dues shall be established by a vote of the membership at a regular meeting prior to the October meeting and shall be effective the following January 1st for the subsequent year.

ARTICLE V- OFFICERS

The officers of the Chamber of Commerce shall consist of a **President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.**

1. ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

At the October meeting the first item of NEW BUSINESS on the agenda shall be the election of officers.

Nominees for office must be from the active membership.

The floor shall be opened for nominations contingent on a proper motion, second and favorable vote for the office of President. At this time, nominations may be made from the floor for this office. Once the nominations have been made the floor shall be closed prior to balloting. This process shall be repeated for each office until all offices are filled.

2. BALLOTTING

Upon completion of the above process, the presiding officer will direct the eligible membership to cast their ballots. The ballots will be collected and tallied by three(3) members appointed by the presiding officer. The names of the successful candidates will be read aloud to the membership by the presiding officer. In the event of a tie vote, the winner shall be determined by the toss of a coin.

3. TERMS OF OFFICE

The term of these elected officers shall be for one (1) year beginning January 1st and ending on December 31st of the same year. In no case shall the term end until a successor has been duly elected to begin the next term. Should any of these positions be vacated during the term, there shall be a vote at the next meeting of the active members to fill that vacancy. These officers shall be eligible for re-election without limitation.

ARTICLE VI- DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1. PRESIDENT

The President shall conduct and preside over all business meetings of the general membership.

2. VICE-PRESIDENT

The Vice-President shall assist the President whenever necessary and shall act in the capacity of the President in his or her absence.

3. SECRETARY

The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping accurate records of all business of the organization and for notifying all members of all meetings.

4. TREASURER

The Treasurer shall be responsible for keeping accurate financial records of the organization. Following the October meeting the Treasurer shall bill all the members for dues as determined by (Article IV). Dues are to be paid by January .

ARTICLE VII- COMMITTEES AND DUTIES

The formation of committees shall be voted on by the members to serve on each project. Those persons shall utilize the resources and personnel of the Chamber of Commerce to assure that the organization is informed and appropriately active in all areas within the committee.

ARTICLE VIII- MEETINGS

1. REGULAR

The regular meeting shall be held once a month at times and places as voted on by the membership.

2. SPECIAL

A special meeting may be held upon the call of the President for emergency purposes only.

ARTICLE IX- QUORUM

Ten (10) members in good standing shall constitute a quorum at any regular meeting. However, in the event of unusual circumstances, the President shall have the authority to declare a quorum when it is absolutely necessary to care for the business of the Chamber.

ARTICLE X- DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

All disbursements must be voted on by the membership at a regular meeting. All approved expenditures shall be paid by the Treasurer. Two (2) signatures are required on all checks and transfers.

ARTICLE XI- AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the membership at a regular or a special meeting , provided thirty days notice has been given the members in writing.

Once a By-Law change has been submitted and voted down, it cannot be proposed again for a period of one (1) year.

ARTICLE XII- PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

All meetings shall be conducted under the latest edition of **ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER.**

ARTICLE XIII- DISSOLUTION CLAUSE

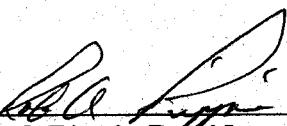
The Keenesburg Area Chamber of Commerce should use its funds only to accomplish the objectives and purposes specified in these by laws; and, upon dissolution, no part of such funds shall be distributed to the members of the Chamber. On dissolution of the Chamber, any funds remaining shall be distributed equally to area non-profit civic organizations, who are in good standing in the communities they serve.

ADOPTION

These By-Laws of the **KEENESBURG AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** as amended are

here by adopted This 6th day of April, 2005

These By-Laws supercede all others previously adopted.



Rob Pippin President



Sandford Vis Secretary