

PILCHUCK TREASURE HUNTING CLUB

BY-LAWS

Mar. 10, 1982

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this corporation shall be, Pilchuck Treasure Hunting Club, Herein after referred to as PTHC, in these By-laws.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

Section 1. Shall be to unite and associate persons who are interested in the sport and pastime of hunting treasure, relics, and artifacts.

Section 2. To promote mutual education and improvement in the art of collecting and for generally enlarging their knowledge of these fields.

Section 3. To perpetuate through mutual agreement with local and state historical societies in the preservation of antiques related to the past.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP & DUES

Section 1. Any person interested in treasure hunting, relics, and artifacts may be eligible for membership by application, and payment of proper dues.

(Section (a) below was modified by membership vote on June 20, 1990, changing annual dues from \$10.00 to \$12.00)

(Section (a) modified by 2/3 majority membership vote December 19, 2001, annual dues increased to \$20.00)

(Sections (b) and (c) below modified by 2/3 majority membership vote on December 19, 2001 eliminated the dues charges for young adults and juniors)

(Section (d) added by 2/3 majority membership vote on December 19, 2001)

(Section (e) added by 2/3 majority membership vote on December 19, 2001)

(Section (f) added by 2/3 majority membership vote on December 19, 2001)

(Sections (a) , (d) and (f) Were modified by 2/3 majority membership at the regular PTHC meeting of February 10, 2010.

Section (g) and (h) were added by 2/3 majority membership at the regular PTHC meeting of February 10, 2010.

- (a) Active membership shall be confined to persons 16 years of age or older, and who are active in the functioning and work of the club. They must be in good standing in the club for a period of six months before being eligible to serve as an officer. Dues shall be \$25.00 paid annually.
- (b) Young Adult members ages 12 thru 15 shall not hold office, but may serve on committees if appointed. Membership cards will be issued.
- (c) Junior membership may be granted to persons 11 years of age or younger. Junior members shall not hold office or vote, but may have a voice at meetings.
- (d) An Annual Family Membership shall be available to a husband and wife or single parent and will include their dependent children under the age of 16 years. Dues shall be \$30.00 paid annually.
- (e) An Individual Lifetime Membership shall be an available choice at a one-time fee of \$200.00. This membership once paid is good for the lifetime of the member.
- (f) A Senior's Lifetime Membership shall be an available choice for members 65 years of age or older for a one-time fee of \$60. This membership once paid is good for the lifetime of the senior member.
Additionally, The Senior member's spouse may join the club by choosing one of the following options: By paying a \$5.00 per year membership fee or by paying a one-time fee for a Lifetime Membership as follows: If the spouse is 60 years or older the one-time fee is \$25.00 or if the spouse is 50 years or older and not yet 60 years of age a fee of \$50.00

- (g) In addition to the above, a grandchild 14 years or under may be included in the PTHC membership by the grandparent paying a yearly fee of \$5.00.**
- (h) Any minor 14 years old or younger may join the PTHC for a yearly fee of \$5.00. This is subject to his/her legal guardian(s) approval.**

Section 2. Dues shall be due January 1st. New members dues will be pro-rated beginning April 1st. on a quarterly basis.

Section 3. The application fee (a one-time fee) shall be \$5.00 per immediate family for new members.

Section 4. Deleted by membership vote November 10, 1982.

Section 5. Termination of membership shall occur after the Treasurer has notified members one month in arrears and those whose dues are not paid within one month thereafter, shall automatically forfeit membership. Executive Board consideration may be made if there are circumstances deserving merit.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS & DUTIES

Section 1. (Amended 12-19-86 to delete "Second Vice President".)

The officers of this club shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These members shall be known as the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The following members are members of the Executive Board. The Four (Appointed) Trustees and Sergeant At Arms.

(Amended by addition 12-19-86)

(a) The Program Chairman shall be elected annually along with the other officers and trustees. He may have one or more assistants selected by him, and approved by the Executive Board.

**(Amended by 2/3 majority at PTHC meeting vote February 10, 2010
Four Trustees are changed to appointed by the PTHC President)**

Section 3. The duties of the Officers, Trustees, Sergeant At Arms and Program Chairman are as follows:

President

(a) The President shall preside at the board and regular meetings. The Vice President may be requested to preside when needed.

(b) Shall sign all minutes after they are approved, and dated.

(c) Shall sign all contracts with the signature of the Secretary.

(d) Shall be ex officio member of all committees except the nominating committee.

(e) Shall sign all checks with the Treasurer or Vice President, as needed.

(Modified 12-19-86)

(First Vice President modified to Vice President)

Vice President

(a) Shall preside in the absence of the President.

(b) Shall automatically become President upon resignation or death of the President.

- (c) Shall sign all checks with the President or Treasurer, as needed.**
- (d) Shall be the PTHC Official Greeter/ Hospitality at the meetings of the Added by 2/3 majority membership at the regular PTHC meeting of February 10, 2010. Duties to include meeting guests and sending cards to ill members and flowers in case of bereavement of a member .**

(Deleted 12-19-86)

Second Vice President

Secretary

- (a) Shall keep an up-to-date record of all regular and Board meetings.**
- (b) Shall work with the "Newsletter Editor" in sending out the Call of the meeting.**
- (c) Shall sign, with the President, all contracts made by the club.**
- (d) Shall conduct correspondence as requested by the President or the membership at regular or special meetings.**
- (e) Shall have a supply of By-laws for members requesting copies.**
- (f) Shall have on file all attendance at Board and Special meetings.**
- (g) Shall be the only authorized person to use a recorder during a board or regular meeting.**

Treasurer

- (a) Shall be custodian of all monies of the club.**
- (b) Shall have a complete roster of paid and unpaid members, giving receipts to paid members.**
- (c) Shall give a receipt for all other money received, and receive a statement for all bills that are to be paid.**
- (d) Shall keep a record of money using a cash book and ledger system.**
- (e) Shall deposit money in a bank approved by the Executive Board within five banking days after received.**
- (f) Shall pay bills when authorized to do so by the membership.**
- (g) The fiscal year shall be from January 1, to and including December 31.**
- (h) Shall sign all checks with the President or Vice President as needed.**

Trustees

- (a) Shall elect their own Chairman.**
- (b) Shall have an up-to-date list of all properties of the club, and shall give the Secretary a copy.**
- (c) Shall assist the Sergeant At Arms when requested to do so.**
- (d) Shall be responsible for auditing the books, which shall include the books of the Hunt Division. A written report shall be given to the Secretary for a matter of record.**
- (e) Shall, at all times, have an up-to-date copy of the By-laws and may submit amendments to the Executive Board, and/or the membership.**
- (f) Shall act as an advisory committee at all meetings.**
- (g) Shall be responsible for all properties of the club.**

Sergeant at Arms

- (a) Shall keep order at the meetings with assistance of the Trustees.**
- (b) Shall see that the furnishings are kept in proper order.**
- (c) Shall be in charge of door prizes and regular raffles.**
- (d) Shall have on file a record of attendance at regular meetings.**

(Amended by addition 12-19-86)

Program Chairman

- (a) Shall be responsible for arranging for entertainment and programs for the membership.**
- (b) Shall not be a member of the Executive Board.**

(Amended by addition 12-19-86)

Newsletter Editor

- (a) Shall be responsible for receiving and compiling information pertinent to the interest of the club for inclusion in the Newsletter.**
- (b) Shall publish a Newsletter in a timely manner so that it shall be received by members monthly, prior to the date of meetings.**
- (c) Shall ensure that issues are sent to all paid-up members and other Treasure Hunting Clubs or other organizations at his discretion.**
- (d) Shall be responsible to the Executive Board for the Newsletter philosophy and content.**
- (e) Shall not be a member of the Executive Board.**

Publicity Representative

- (a) The position of Publicity Officer is created. The position is appointed by the President of the PTHC and he/she serves at the President's discretion in regards to media exposure both newspaper and TV. (Approved at the PTHC meeting Febr.10, 2010)**
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ARTICLE V

ELECTIONS

Section 1. A nomination committee of three active members shall be appointed at the Board meeting in October. They shall report at the regular meeting in November.

Section 2. Nomination may be made from the floor prior to election at the November meeting.

Section 3. A majority vote, by ballot, shall elect. In the case of one nominee the Chair may declare the nominee elected.

Section 4. Installations shall be held at the December meeting.

Section 5. A term shall be for one year.

Section 6. The Trustees shall be appointed by the PTHC President in the following manner: (4) Four Trustees will be appointed for a (2) Two year term each.

Section 7. Retiring members shall turn over to their successors all records pertaining to their office at the annual meeting.

Section 8. Vacancies in elected offices shall be filled by the Executive Board, with the exception of the President and Vice President.

(Section 9 below was modified by membership vote on 09-18-91 to allow dealers to hold office)

Section 9. Dealers handling treasure hunting equipment, or their employees may not hold the top four offices as President, etc., but may hold office as a Trustee or Sergeant At Arms.

(AS MODIFIED)

Dealers handling treasure hunting equipment may hold any office in the club.

ARTICLE VI

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. The President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall constitute the Executive Committee. They shall meet at their discretion. Any action or emergency shall be reported to the Executive Board.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall consist of the Officers, Trustees, and Sergeant At Arms. Any action taken by the Board shall be subject to direction from the membership, and any action taken between meetings shall be ratified by the membership. Duties may be as follows:

- (a) Shall prepare recommendations to be presented at regular meetings.**
- (b) Shall study changes to the By-laws submitted by the Trustees or the members before presentation to the membership.**
- (c) Shall have a quorum of a majority of the members.**
- (d) Shall meet once a month prior to the regular meeting, with the exception of July and August.**
- (e) Shall review bills to be presented at the regular meeting.**
- (f) Shall review delinquent membership for reinstatement.**
- (g) Shall receive recommendations from committees, for study before the regular meeting.**
- (h) An absence of more than three meetings by a Board Member, without valid excuse, shall be considered a vacancy in that office. The Board shall fill vacancies in office.**
- (i) Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President or any three of the Board.**
- (j) Any member of the club may attend the Board meetings but shall have no vote.**

ARTICLE VII

STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. There shall be the following Standing Committees: Ways & Means, Publicity, Annual Treasure Hunt, (known as Hunt Division), Program, Outing, Club Librarian, Hospitality, and Newsletter. All committees shall have three or more members, with the exception of the club Librarian where there shall be only two, and the Newsletter committee as named. The President shall appoint all standing committees and submit selections to the Executive Board for approval. (Added by 2/3 vote membership on February 10, 2010 Publicity Officer)

- (a) Ways & Means shall be responsible, and must approve fund raising activities of the club.
- (b) Program shall be in charge of programs for the club.
- (c) Outing shall research and plan field trips for the club.
- (d) Club Librarian shall have an assistant of choice, and shall have custody and maintenance of all club books, magazines, and items of printed value for the use of members of the club.
- (e) Deleted and transferred to the Vice President by 2/3 majority Febr.10, 2010.
- (f) Hunt Division shall consist of a Chairman and a Vice Chairman. The Chairman may appoint the following persons to act in this division; Treasurer, Secretary, and Chairman of; Ways & Means, Prizes, Grounds, Registration, Publicity, Hospitality, and an Auditing Committee. Duties shall be prescribed at a meeting held on or before November 1st. A Post-Hunt Division meeting shall be held within 30 days after the annual hunt. The Auditing Committee shall turn over all materials to the Auditing Committee of the club, after auditing their own books. This includes statements and receipts, and by the next Board meeting.

ARTICLE VIII

MEETINGS & QUORUM

Section 1.(Amended December, 19, 2001 August deleted) Regular meetings shall be held once a month with the exception of July. Date and time shall be outlined in the Special Rules of Order. Guests may attend two meetings of the

club.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the President, the Executive Board, or upon the written request of ten (10) active members of the club. Notice shall be presented to the secretary of the club.

Section 3. The Executive Board shall be in charge of the annual meeting held in December.

Section 4. Due recognition shall be given any person making a free contribution of money or material to the club.

Section 5. Quorum - Ten percent of the active members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IX

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1. The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised, shall govern this club in all cases not inconsistent with these By-laws, Articles of Incorporation, or Special Rules of Order.

Section 2. If any provision of these By-laws shall be declared invalid or inoperative, by any competent authority of the executive, judicial or administrative branch of Federal or State Government, the Executive Board, subject to the approval of the membership, shall have the authority to suspend the operation of such provisions during the period of its invalidity and to substitute in its place and stead a provision which will meet the objections to its validity and which will be in accord with the intent and purpose of the invalid provision. If any Article or Section of these By-laws should be held invalid by operation of law or by any tribunal of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of these By-laws or the application of such Article or Section to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it has been held invalid, shall not be affected thereby.

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENTS

These By-laws may be amended at any regular meeting, by a two-thirds vote, provided the amendment has been submitted in writing at a previous meeting, or by newsletter fifteen (15) days prior to the regular meeting.

ARTICLE XI

DISSOLUTION

At the time that this club is dissolved by a two-thirds vote of the membership present at the first regular meeting of the month, all monies and properties owned by this club shall be donated to an approved charitable organization.

SPECIAL RULES OF ORDER (Shall not conflict with the By-laws.)

1. These rules may be rescinded at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote.

2. Meetings shall be held as follows:

(a) Executive Board meeting shall be held one half hour before the regular meeting, unless otherwise provided.

(b) Regular meetings shall be held the third Wednesday of every meeting month.

(c) The time for the regular meeting shall be 7:30 P.M. unless otherwise provided.

CODE OF ETHICS

I WILL respect private property and do no treasure hunting without the owner's permission.

I WILL NOT destroy property, buildings, or what is left of Ghost Towns and Deserted Structures.

I WILL NOT litter.

I WILL leave gates as found.

I WILL NOT contaminate wells, creeks or other water supplies.

I WILL fill excavations which may be dangerous to people or livestock.

I WILL build fires in designated or safe places only.

I WILL NOT tamper with signs, structural facilities or equipment.

I WILL appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources and wildlife.

I WILL use thoughtfulness, consideration and courtesy at all times.

FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THE CODE OF ETHICS COULD RESULT IN LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MEMBERSHIP!

Approved by the membership on March 10, 1982

PRESIDENT: Ernest O. Streeter

Amendments as indicated have been reviewed by the membership and

voted on this __eighteenth __day of __September __,1991__, as attested

to by my signature affixed hereto this _____day of _____

1992_.

**Stan Schumacher, President
Pilchuck Treasure Hunting Club**

Amendments as indicated have been reviewed by the membership and passed by 2/3 majority vote on this the nineteenth day of December , 2001, as attested to

By my signature affixed hereto this _____ day of _____ 2001.

Thomas Pollino, President
Pilchuck Treasure Hunting Club

Amendments as indicated have been reviewed by the membership and voted on this __tenth __day of __February__,2010_, as attested

to by my signature affixed hereto this _____ day of _____ 2010_.

Ron Hetzel, President
Pilchuck Treasure Hunting Club