

**THE HEARTLAND NATURISTS OF KANSAS CITY
CONSTITUTION**

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ARTICLE I - NAME

1. NAME. The name of the organization shall be The Heartland Naturists of Kansas City.

1.1. ABBREVIATIONS. The name of the organization may be shortened or abbreviated as “The Heartland Naturists”, “Heartland Naturists”, “The HN”, or “HN”.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

2. PURPOSE. The purpose of The Heartland Naturists is to promote the causes of body acceptance and wholesome nude recreation in the heartland region of the United States.

ARTICLE III - ORGANIZATION

3. ORGANIZATION.

3.1. COMPOSITION. The Heartland Naturists shall be composed of individuals who have a sincere interest in naturism and wish to join together under the Heartland Naturists organization in accordance with this Constitution and the accompanying Bylaws.

3.2. FISCAL YEAR. The fiscal year of the Heartland Naturists organization shall begin at midnight on 1 January and shall end at 11:59:59 PM on 31 December.

3.3. ADULT ACTIVITIES. The Heartland Naturists organization prohibits any adult activities at all events, house parties, or meetings that it hosts, sponsors, or endorses. Activities defined as “adult” are those that can be reasonably judged as having the purpose of causing sexual arousal or sexual gratification.

3.4. ILLEGAL DRUGS. Possession, use, or being under the influence of any illegal substance is strictly prohibited at all Heartland Naturists events.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATION

4. MEMBERSHIP. Membership in The Heartland Naturists shall be open to all individuals, regardless of race, religious belief, age, handicap, marital status, or sexual preferences.

4.1. BELIEFS. Membership and participation in The Heartland Naturists implies that the member's beliefs and actions are in agreement with the core naturist values and ideals expressed by the American Association for Nude Recreation (AANR) and The Naturist Society (TNS).

ARTICLE V - AMENDMENTS

5. AMENDMENTS

5.1. CONSTITUTION.

5.1.1. PROPOSAL. Proposed changes to the Heartland Naturists Constitution shall be presented to the President of the Heartland Naturists in writing - either electronic or hard-copy.

5.1.2. NOTICE. Proposed changes to the Heartland Naturists Constitution should be presented to members via e-mail, physical mail, member forum posting, or any other means deemed necessary or appropriate by the President to satisfactorily notify all members possible. The exact text of proposed changes shall be provided to members within 60 of receipt of the proposal.

5.1.3. VOTING.

5.1.3.1. TIMING. The President shall set a date for membership to vote on the proposed changes no more than 90 days after receipt of said proposed change, and no sooner than 7 days after members are provided with the exact text of the proposed change.

5.1.3.2. LOCATION. The voting location for changes to the Constitution of the Heartland Naturists shall be a monthly swim. The President may change the location of the vote if the monthly swim date falls outside of the date criteria or is otherwise deemed impractical by a unanimous vote of the Board. If the location of the vote is changed, members must be notified of the new location and time at least 48 hours prior to the vote. Any alternate location must be within 100 miles of the Heartland Naturists Post Office box located at 6029 Broadmoor, Shawnee Mission, KS 66201.

5.1.4. ENACTMENT. The proposed changes shall take effect immediately after a

two-thirds vote in favor of the changes by voting members of the Heartland Naturists organization. Voting members shall be defined as those members present at the time of a vote, plus those members voting by proxy or ballot. A proxy is another member designated to represent the interests of the member and vote on their behalf.

5.2. BYLAWS.

5.2.1. PROPOSAL. Proposed changes to the Heartland Naturists Bylaws shall be presented to the President of the Heartland Naturists in writing - either electronic or hard-copy.

5.2.2. NOTICE. Proposed changes to the Heartland Naturists Bylaws should be presented to members via e-mail, physical mail, member forum posting, or any other means deemed necessary or appropriate by the President to satisfactorily notify all members possible. The exact text of proposed changes shall be provided to members within 60 of receipt of the Proposal.

5.2.3. APPROVAL OF CHANGES.

5.2.3.1. BOARD APPROVAL. The Board may choose to enact changes to the Bylaws without prior approval from members with at least two-thirds of the Board members voting in favor. Members must be notified within 30 days of any Bylaws changes and given 30 days to object.

5.2.3.1.1. MEMBER OBJECTION. If twenty percent of current members object to the Bylaws change approved by the Board, it is temporarily suspended and a vote of the members shall be called according to the TIMING and LOCATION set forth in section 5.2.3.2 MEMBER APPROVAL. If a majority of present voters reject the Bylaws change, it shall be rescinded immediately and shall not be reconsidered for a period of at least one year.

5.2.3.2. MEMBER APPROVAL. Proposed changes to the Bylaws may be enacted by a two-thirds vote in favor of the changes.

5.2.3.2.1. TIMING. The President shall set a date for membership to vote on the proposed changes no more than 90 days after receipt of said proposed change or objection by membership, and no sooner than 7 days after members are provided with the exact text of the proposed changes.

5.2.3.2.2. LOCATION. The voting location for changes to the Bylaws of the Heartland Naturists shall be a monthly swim. The President may change the location of the vote if the monthly swim date falls outside of the date criteria or is otherwise deemed impractical by a unanimous vote of the Board. If the location

of the vote is changed, members must be notified of the new location and time at least 48 hours prior to the vote. Any alternate location must be within 100 miles of the Heartland Naturists Post Office box located at 6029 Broadmoor, Shawnee Mission, KS 66201.

ARTICLE VI - REPEAL

6. REPEAL OF PRIOR CONSTITUTIONS. Any prior Constitution is declared void as of the date of adoption of this Constitution.

ARTICLE VII - MEMBERSHIP TYPES, REQUIREMENTS, AND SPECIFICATIONS

7. MEMBERSHIP.

7.1. TYPES. The Heartland Naturists shall offer three distinct types of membership: 1) Full Member, 2) Swim Member, or 3) Trial Member.

7.1.1. FULL MEMBER.

7.1.1.1. RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES. A Full Member has the right to vote, can attend any official HN event, and pays reduced fees at HN events open to guests.

7.1.1.2. FAMILIES AND COUPLES. A Full Membership can apply to an individual, a couple, or a family. A couple is defined as two adults in a committed relationship to each other. A family is defined as two adults and any number of their minor children, or one adult and any number of their minor children. Adults in a couple or family each have individual voting rights, whereas the minors do not have voting rights.

7.1.1.3. YOUTH DISCOUNT. A prospective or renewing member may apply for a Youth Discount if they are between ages 18 and 25 inclusive at the time of application. The discount shall be 75% of the Full Member dues. This discount shall apply only to annual Full Member dues.

7.1.1.4. STUDENT DISCOUNT. A prospective or renewing member may apply for a Student Discount if they provide proof of current full-time attendance, defined as twelve credit hours, to a university, college, vocational school, or technical school. The discount shall be 75% of the Full Member dues. This discount shall apply only to annual Full Member dues.

7.1.1.5. DISTANCE DISCOUNT. A prospective or renewing member may apply for a Distance Discount if the address of their current residence is 75 miles or more from the club's post office box located at 6029 Broadmoor, Shawnee Mission, KS 66201.

The discount for a Distance Member shall be 50% of the Full Member dues. This discount shall apply only to annual Full Member dues.

7.1.1.6. SENIOR DISCOUNT. A prospective or renewing member may apply for a Senior Discount if their age at application is 65 years or greater. A discount of \$6 shall apply to each member age 65 or greater. This discount shall apply only to annual Full Member dues.

7.1.1.7. RENEWAL. Full Membership may be renewed on an annual basis upon written or verbal notification to a board member with full dues payment. Any discounts previously applied will be verified for current applicability and qualification upon renewal.

7.1.2. SWIM MEMBER.

7.1.2.1. PURPOSE. The purpose of the Swim Membership is to offer a reduced-rate, swim-only option for those individuals who are content with that level of participation.

7.1.2.2. RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES. A Swim Membership entitles that individual the right to attend any regular monthly swim at the member rate. The Swim Membership does not grant the right to vote or access to members-only events.

7.1.2.3. FAMILIES AND COUPLES. A Swim Membership can apply to an individual, a couple, or a family. A couple is defined as two adults in a committed relationship to each other. A family is defined as two adults and any number of their minor children, or one adult and any number of their minor children.

7.1.2.4. MEMBERSHIP UPGRADE. A Swim Membership may be upgraded to a Full Membership at any time with notification to a Heartland Naturists board member and payment of the pro rata difference in dues between the Swim Membership and the Full Membership, based on the number of months remaining until expiration.

7.1.3. TRIAL MEMBER.

7.1.2.1. PURPOSE. The purpose of the Trial Membership is to allow an individual the ability to attend two regular monthly swims on a trial basis so that individual may determine whether to apply for an additional membership, or decide that they do not wish to pursue further activities with the Heartland Naturists.

7.1.2.2. RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES. A Trial Membership entitles that individual the right to attend the two consecutive regular monthly swims following the initiation of the Trial Membership. The Trial Membership does not grant the right to vote or access to any other members-only event.

7.1.2.3. FAMILIES AND COUPLES. No provision is made for family or couple Trial Membership. The Trial Member designation applies only to an individual.

7.1.2.4. MEMBERSHIP UPGRADE. A Trial Membership may be upgraded to a Swim Membership or a Full Membership by paying the dues associated with that membership level. No provision is made for pro rata dues reduction.

7.2. APPLICATION.

7.2.1. REQUEST FOR APPLICATION. Application for new or renewal membership shall be provided to anyone making such request within a reasonable time frame. Such application may take the form of hard copy, electronic copy, or a web hyperlink to an online application.

7.3. DUES.

7.3.1. PAYABLE. Dues shall be payable to the Heartland Naturists of Kansas City.

7.3.2. SETTING DUES. The amount of dues shall be reviewed on an annual basis and set by a majority decision by the board. Approval of any change in the dues amount shall be approved by a majority vote of the voting membership. Any change in dues amount shall take effect immediately after approval by the membership vote. Any change in dues amount shall not be retroactive.

7.4. REQUIREMENTS.

7.4.1. AGE. Members of the Heartland Naturists shall be at least 18 years old.

7.4.2. BELIEFS. Member's beliefs and actions shall be in agreement with the core naturist values and ideals expressed by the American Association for Nude Recreation (AANR), The Nurtist Society (TNS), and those specific to the Heartland Naturists organization.

7.5. SPECIFICATIONS.

7.5.1. DURATION.

7.5.1.1. FULL AND SWIM MEMBERSHIPS. Membership in the Heartland Naturists for Full Membership and Swim Membership is on an annual basis. Membership begins immediately upon: 1) approval of application for membership, and 2) payment of dues, whichever occurs last. Full Membership and Swim Membership expires at 11:59:59PM on the last day of the month one calendar year after it takes

effect.

7.5.1.2. TRIAL MEMBERSHIP. Trial Membership begins immediately upon: 1) approval of application for membership, and 2) payment of dues, whichever occurs last. Trial Membership extends through the second consecutive swim after the beginning of the Trial Membership.

7.5.2. GRACE PERIOD. If renewal dues have not been paid, membership shall remain in effect for a grace period of 30 days after expiration. Additional grace period may be granted on a case-by-case basis by the Heartland Naturists President.

7.5.3. SPOUSE, SIGNIFICANT OTHER, OR FAMILY. Membership is granted for an individual, individual and spouse, individual and significant other, or for an individual and his or her immediate family. In application for membership, information for all adult applicants shall be provided on the application. Any adult granted membership as an individual, spouse, or significant other is granted full individual membership rights upon acceptance of application for membership. Minor children are given special consideration as part of their parent or legal guardian's membership and hold no individual membership or voting rights.

7.6. PRIVACY. Information about members of the Heartland Naturists shall remain confidential. The Heartland Naturists shall make every reasonable effort to protect any information given on applications, received during verbal interaction or correspondence, or otherwise known by any member of the Heartland Naturists organization.

7.6.1. EXCEPTIONS.

7.6.1.1. LAW ENFORCEMENT. Information about a member may be shared with law enforcement upon reasonable or legally binding request by an agent of law enforcement. Information about a member may be shared with law enforcement upon decision of any member or guest of the Heartland Naturists upon evidence of illegal, dangerous, or threatening behavior.

7.6.1.2. NATURIST ORGANIZATIONS. Information about a member may be shared with other local, national, or international naturist organizations either: 1) upon their request, or 2) initiated by the Heartland Naturists to report behavior contradictory to the core values of naturism as defined by the American Association of Nude Recreation (AANR) and The Naturist Society (TNS). The type and scope of information provided is at the discretion of the President of the Heartland Naturists.

7.7. DISPOSITION. The decision for acceptance or rejection of any person's application for membership shall be made by the President of the Heartland Naturists. Such decision will be made based on various factors including, but not limited to, a background check;

interviews with the applicant; interviews with others with pertinent information about the applicant; information provided by local, regional, national, or international naturist or nudist groups; and information provided on the application for membership.

7.7.1. OVERRIDE. If any board member disagrees with the decision of acceptance or rejection of an applicant for membership, they may call a vote of the whole board. The decision of the President shall be overturned if the vote of the board is at least 75% in favor.

7.8. TERMINATION.

7.8.1. MEMBER INITIATED. Membership in the Heartland Naturists may be terminated by the member at any time upon written notification to any board member. Notification may be electronic or hard copy.

7.8.2. BOARD INITIATED.

7.8.2.1. BEHAVIOR. Membership may be terminated if behavior is contradictory to the core values of naturism as defined by the American Association of Nude Recreation (AANR), The Naturist Society (TNS), or those specific to the Heartland Naturists. Behavior during or outside of Heartland Naturists events may be considered.

7.8.2.2. NONPAYMENT OF DUES. Membership shall be terminated if dues go unpaid after expiration of membership and grace period.

7.8.3. NOTIFICATION. The Heartland Naturists president or delegated board member shall notify any person whose membership has been terminated as soon as practical using any reasonable means. Notification of termination must include a reason for termination, but may withhold specific member or guest names to protect their privacy or safety at the discretion of the affected member or members.

7.9. EXPULSION AND BANISHMENT. The Heartland Naturists reserve the right to expel and/or banish any person who is an actual or perceived threat to the health, welfare, comfort, or safety of any other member or guest.

ARTICLE VIII - RULING DOCUMENTS

8. RULING DOCUMENTS. This Constitution and the Bylaws shall be the sole governing documents of the Heartland Naturists.

8.1. PRECEDENCE. In case of conflict, this Constitution shall take precedence over any other document or decree for the functioning of the Heartland Naturists organization.

8.2. SCOPE. Any powers, procedures, or functions not specified within this Constitution may be defined in the Bylaws.

8.3. REVIEW. This Constitution and the Bylaws shall be presented to the membership for review at least once each calendar year.

ARTICLE IX - OFFICERS, DUTIES, AND ELECTIONS

9. OFFICERS. The Officers of the Heartland Naturists shall consist of a five member governing Board and additional Officers as appointed by the Board.

9.1. BOARD MAKEUP. The board shall consist of five positions: 1) President, 2) Vice President, 3) Treasurer, 4) Public Relations, and 5) Membership.

9.1.1. PRESIDENT. The President shall be the official head of the Heartland Naturists organization and Board. The President shall work with all other Officers and members to coordinate, plan, and hold events for the Heartland Naturists. The President is responsible for ensuring the smooth and efficient functioning of the organization. The President may call special elections or meetings, with the second of any other Board member, as necessary. The President may negotiate and enter into contracts with businesses, service providers, or other clubs on behalf of the HN organization. In an instance where a board impasse is encountered, the President shall have the deciding vote.

9.1.2. VICE PRESIDENT. The Vice President shall act as the Presiding Officer at any function from which the President is absent. The Vice President shall have the privilege of joining any discussion, deliberation, or decision of the Board. In the event that the President resigns, is removed from office, or is unable to perform the duties of the President, the Vice President shall assume the office and title of the President for the remainder of the elected term. The Vice President may negotiate and enter into contracts with businesses, service providers, or other clubs on behalf of the HN organization with the President's approval.

9.1.3. TREASURER. The Treasurer shall be responsible for monitoring and regular reporting of the financial health of the Heartland Naturists organization to the Board and members. The Treasurer shall deliver to the Board and members an annual report prior to March 1 that shows, at minimum, the total and net income and expenses for the organization. The Treasurer shall also be responsible for the timely handling of all monies received and their deposit into the Heartland Naturists bank account. The Treasurer shall be responsible for checking the post office box and processing any payments or invoices received. The Treasurer shall be responsible for any IRS or government filings.

9.1.4. MEMBERSHIP OFFICER. The Membership Officer shall be responsible for maintaining a complete and current membership roster. The Membership officer shall print and distribute membership cards. The Membership officer shall be responsible for performing background checks on potential new guests and members and making a recommendation to the board for acceptance or denial of attendance or membership. The Membership Officer shall respond to inquires from potential guests or members. The Membership Officer shall notify members of upcoming membership renewals. The Membership Officer shall respond to member questions in a timely manner.

9.1.5. PUBLIC RELATIONS (PR) OFFICER. The PR Officer shall develop and execute initiatives for expanding knowledge of the Heartland Naturists through social media, traditional media, and face-to-face events. The PR Officer shall be responsible for the designing, printing, and distribution of HN flyers and advertisements. The PR Officer shall manage the public Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, and any other social media accounts. The PR Officer shall act as the liaison with media who contact the HN organization for story requests. The PR Officer shall plan and execute public educational events. The PR Officer shall explore ways to reach potential new members and make recommendations to the board. The PR Officer shall produce a regular Heartland Naturists newsletter.

9.2. QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE.

9.2.1. PRESIDENT. Must be a current member in good standing and a Full Member for the two consecutive years before running for the position.

9.2.2. VICE PRESIDENT. Must be a current member in good standing and a Full Member for the two consecutive years before running for the position.

9.2.3. TREASURER. Must be a current member in good standing and a Full Member for one year before running for the position.

9.2.4. MEMBERSHIP OFFICER. Must be a current member in good standing and a Full Member for one year before running for the position.

9.2.5. PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER. Must be a current member in good standing and a Full Member for one year before running for the position.

9.2.6. ACTIVE IN EVENTS. Must have attended at least fifty percent of official Heartland Naturists events held during the twelve month period prior to election day.

9.3. VACANCIES.

9.3.1. PRESIDENT. In the event of a vacancy of the President, the Vice President shall immediately assume the role, duties, and title of the President.

9.3.2. OTHER OFFICES. Any vacancies in the office of Vice President, Treasurer, Membership Officer, or Public Relations Officer shall be filled by the calling of a Special Election. A special election shall be held as soon as practicable. A simple majority of votes by the membership present at the vote is required to fill the position. The person assuming the vacated position will hold the position for the remainder of the current term.

9.3.3. SPECIAL APPOINTMENT. In the case of the vacancy of the Vice President, Treasurer, Membership Officer, or Public Relations Officer, the remaining board may select any current member to assume the roles of that office until a special election is held.

9.4. ELECTIONS.

9.4.1. TIMING. Elections of the Heartland Naturists Board shall be held in November on a date and time set by the current Board.

9.4.2. BALLOTS.

9.4.2.1. DELIVERY. Physical ballots shall be provided to any Full Member who requests one in person at the time of elections. Ballots shall be provided to those not able to vote in person at least 14 days prior to the election date set by the Board. There is no provision for members to vote after the counting of ballots has begun.

9.4.2.2. COUNTING. Ballots shall be counted in sight of at least two Board members and one appointed representative of the membership, as defined in the Bylaws, immediately after the voting period closes.

9.4.2.3. CANDIDACY.

9.4.2.3.1. REQUIREMENTS. Any Full Member may have their name placed on the ballot for Board member elections, provided they meet the requirements for the office they are seeking.

9.4.2.3.2. TIMING. Any Full Member seeking office must notify a current Board member in writing, either electronic or hard copy, at least 30 days prior to the date of elections.

9.4.3. LOCATION. The current Board shall set the location for the election and subsequent counting of the ballots. The location must be announced to members at least 30 days prior to the election.

9.4.4. RIGHT TO VOTE. Only current Full Members of the Heartland Naturists are given the right to vote. Swim Members, Trial Members, and minor children have no right to vote.

9.5. SPECIAL ELECTIONS, REMOVAL, AND RECALL OF ELECTED OFFICERS.

9.5.1. SPECIAL ELECTIONS. The Heartland Naturists President shall announce to current members the date, location, and purpose of a Special Election at least 15 days prior to said Special Election.

9.5.2. RECALLS. A recall vote to remove any Officer shall be announced at least 30 days prior to the vote via e-mail and online forum posting to members. An Officer of the Heartland Naturists may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the vote.

9.5.3. REMOVAL FOR INACTIVITY. A board member who attends less than 50% of official Heartland Naturists activities in the prior twelve consecutive months may be removed from office after a one month warning period followed by a majority vote of either the remaining board members or by a majority vote of the membership.

9.6. COMPENSATION. No Heartland Naturists Officer shall receive monetary compensation for duties performed for the Heartland Naturists organization in their official capacity.

9.7. LENGTH OF TERMS.

9.7.1. BOARD MEMBERS. The term for all board members shall be one calendar year and shall coincide with the organization's fiscal year.

9.7.2. PARTIAL TERMS. Any office position assumed due to a vacancy shall expire at the end of the original office term.

9.8. APPOINTED OFFICERS.

9.8.1. CREATION AND DISSOLUTION. The Heartland Naturists board may create special officer positions as needed for the handling of special projects or initiatives. Any position created shall have a clearly defined objective and limits of action. Creation of the position shall be by majority vote of the Heartland Naturists board.

9.8.2. TERMS. Appointed Officers shall serve only during the fiscal year in which the office was created, but may be re-appointed by the board taking office in the subsequent fiscal year.

9.8.3. AUTHORITY. Appointed officers are not members of the board, and as such have no board voting rights, but shall be granted the authority to act in official capacity as a representative of the Heartland Naturists under guidance and approval of the Heartland Naturists board.

9.8.4. APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL. The Heartland Naturists board may appoint any current Heartland Naturists member as an Appointed Officer by a simple majority vote of the current board.

9.8.5. REMOVAL. Any Appointed Officer may be removed from office by a simple majority vote of the current board. An Appointed Officer in office when the current fiscal year ends ceases to be an officer of the Heartland Naturists at the same time as the appointing board. Any Appointed Officer holding an office with a specified end date shall cease to be an Officer when the office ends.