

Texas Rescue Competition, Incorporated By-Laws (Amended)

Article I

Mission Statement

It is the desired goal and mission of the Texas Rescue Competition, Incorporated to provide training opportunities for the rescue community in as many areas as possible.

Article II

Directors

Functions and Definitions:

The business and affairs of the Texas Rescue Competition, Incorporated (TRC, Inc.) shall be managed by the Board of Directors of the corporation.

Qualification and Number:

A Director may be any person who has a vested interest in the Texas Rescue Competition. They must have been previously active in this activity and have a technical knowledge of rope rescue. The number of Directors constituting the whole Board shall be five (5) persons. The number of Directors may be increased or decreased from time to time by action of the Directors.

Elections, Terms, Resignations or Removal from the Board:

There will be five (5) Directors elected by the general membership at the Spring meeting beginning in the year 2000 and every three (3) years thereafter. The Board will be elected by the general membership. A member of the organization is any person with a vested interest.

A Director may resign at any time upon written or electronic notification being made to the President of the Board.

A Director may be removed by a unanimous vote by the Board of Directors.

Any vacancy in the Board will be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Directors.

Meetings

Time and Place:

The Board of Directors will meet semi-annually, once in April (Spring meeting) at a time and place to be decided by the President of the Board and in October (Fall meeting) on the Sunday after the competition. Notice of each meeting will be sent via mail or e-mail to each Director, notice placed on the official TRC, Inc. website, the e-mail address of the current team captains and to any members requesting notice. Any member may attend.

A special meeting may be called by the President of the Board or by any three (3) Directors at any time deemed necessary.

Quorum and Action:

A simple majority of the whole Board shall constitute a quorum except when a vacancy or vacancies prevents such majority, whereupon a majority of the Directors in office shall constitute a quorum. The vote of the majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board.

Any member or members of the Board of Directors or of any committee designated by the Board, may participate in a meeting of the Board, or any such committee, by means of conference telephone or other internet based means of communications.

Chairperson of the Meeting

The President of the Board, if present and acting, shall preside at all meetings. Otherwise the Vice-President of the Board, if any, and acting, shall preside. If either is not present, then any other Director chosen by the Board, shall preside.

Article III Officers

The Officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Any number of offices may be held by the same person, as the Directors may determine. The whole Board of Directors at the Spring meeting beginning in the year 2000 shall elect the officers. Any Officer may resign at any time upon written or electronic notification being made to the President of the Board.

President

The President of the Board is responsible for scheduling and presiding over each meeting and other duties as determined by the Board. He/she will coordinate with the other Directors to organize and delegate responsibilities for the annual Rescue

Competition. The term of office is three (3) years and the number of consecutive terms that may be served is two (2).

Vice-President

It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to fulfill the office of the President in his/her absence. He/She will be responsible for the appointment of the members to the Grievance Committee. He/She will work closely with the President in the organization and operation of the annual Rescue Competition. The term of office is two (2) years and the number of consecutive terms that may be served is two (2).

Secretary

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep and maintain all records of the Texas Rescue Competition, Incorporated. An accurate record of each meeting will be kept on file and will be sent to each Director and to any member that requests a copy. Minutes will also be posted to the official website. The term of office is two (2) years and the number of consecutive terms that may be served is two (2).

Treasurer

It shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer to keep and maintain all financial records of the Texas Rescue Competition, Incorporated. The Treasurer will make timely payment of all debts owed and will coordinate with the President on all purchases. A Treasurer's report will be given at each meeting and will be entered into the official minutes of the meeting. The term of office is three (3) years and the number of consecutive terms that may be served is unlimited.

Article IV Committees

The Board will determine the need and time limits of any committee and they will serve at the pleasure of the Board. The President will appoint members to each committee with the exception of the Grievance Committee. Each committee will consist of general members. One Director will be appointed to each committee. These committees will report directly to the Board of Directors at each meeting.

Grievance Committee

The Vice-President of the Board will appoint the members of the Grievance Committee. This committee will hear all grievances concerning the competition, directors, practices and decisions of the Texas Rescue Competition, Incorporated. This committee will consist of four (4) persons appointed from the general membership and chaired by the Vice-President. The Vice-President will bring each grievance and the decision of the committee to the next Board of Directors

meeting. Any action to be taken will be decided by majority vote of the Board of Directors and the general membership present at such meeting.

Article V
Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the corporation shall be fixed, and shall be subject to change, by the Board of Directors at any time.

Article V
Control over Bylaws

Subject to the Certificate of Incorporation, the power to amend, alter, or repeal these Bylaws and to adopt new Bylaws may be exercised by the Board of the Directors.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the forgoing is a full, true, and correct copy of the Bylaws of the Texas Rescue Competition, Incorporated, a Texas corporation, as in effect on the date hereof.

Dated: 20 April 2002

Greg Higgins, President