Constitution of the Fastpitch Softball Club At Michigan Tech

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Article I Name

A. The official name of the organization will be “Fastpitch Softball Club At Michigan Tech”

Article II Objectives

A. To provide a competitive environment for athletes who want to play fastpitch softball at the college level.

Article III Membership

A. Qualifications
   a. Voting privileges will be granted to anyone who is a member of the Fastpitch Softball Club At Michigan Tech.
   b. In compliance with the Michigan Technological University’s Board of Control Equal Opportunity Policy effective July 16, 2009, the Association will not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, height, weight, or marital status. The organization must also be committed to the policy of not discrimination against disabled individuals or veterans.

B. Class of membership
   a. Regular membership shall be granted to any currently enrolled student who indicates an interest and pays the dues. Regular members can hold office and vote.

C. Removal of members
   a. A member may be disassociated from the organization on the grounds of abusive behavior or behaviors destructive to the organization and/or its purpose.
   b. Removal will require a 2/3 majority vote of a quorum.
   c. A quorum is defined as at least 50% of voting members.

D. Only regular members have the right to vote and hold office.

Article IV Officers

A. Offices:
   a. President
   b. Vice President
   c. Treasurer
   d. Secretary
e. IT Coordinator
f. Public Relations

B. Officer qualifications:
   a. All officers must be registered and enrolled Michigan Tech students.
   b. All officers must have a 2.0 cumulative GPA or higher at time of election.

C. Term of officer
   a. Elections will be held once a year.
   b. Nominations will open four weeks prior to the end of fall term.
   c. Elections will take place two weeks prior to the end of the fall term.
   d. Officers will begin term at the start of spring semester and serve for one year.

D. Elections
   a. Voting will be by secret ballot with the ballots being counted by the current president (unless they are running for an elected position, in which case another officer will take their place) and a member appointed from the regular membership (who is not running for office) and approved by a majority vote of the regular members.
   b. Majority rules.

E. Officer Duties
   a. President: the president shall run the general workings of the club.
   b. Vice President: shall assist the president and preside in his/her place when missing. Is in charge of scheduling.
   c. Treasurer: keep records of finances and in charge of fundraising.
   d. Secretary: keep a record of meeting times and history of club.
   e. Public Relations: in charge of advertising and promotion of the organization.
   f. IT Coordinator: maintaining website and any technical aspects.

F. Removal from office
   a. Officers may be removed from office with a 2/3 majority vote of a quorum.

Article V

Advisor

A. The advisor shall be a member of the faculty or staff of the University. He/She maintains continuity, offers guidance, assists officers, and is an all-round resource person.
B. The term of office for the advisor is one year, renewable indefinitely.
C. The name of the desired advisor is forwarded to student activities for approval.

Article VI

Committees

A. The finance committee assists the Treasurer in preparing a budget and makes recommendations for fund-raisers.
   a. Fund-raisers and membership dues will generate monies.
b. The Undergraduate Student Government Allocation Committee will be approached each spring for fall funding.

c. An expenditure over $10.00 will require approval of the finance committee.

d. An expenditure over $50.00 will require approval of the regular members.

e. Money will be kept in a bank in the Houghton area.

f. All expenditure checks will require the signature of the Treasurer and Advisor.

  g. Good bookkeeping will be required at all times

B. Special committees will be maintained as long as needed.

Article VII Dues

A. Payment of dues is required for any class of membership.
   a. Dues will be set by a majority vote.

B. Dues must be paid by the third week of each semester.

C. Dues are paid to the club bank account

Article VIII Meetings

A. Any officer may call a meeting.

B. Weekly meetings will be scheduled at the beginning of each semester.

Article IX Constitution

A. Adoption:
   a. Constitution must be ratified by a 2/3 vote of members
   b. It will take effect when approved by Student Activities.

B. Amendments
   a. Any voting member may propose an amendment.
   b. Members must be notified that a vote will take place on an amendment at least one week prior to the meeting at which the vote is to occur.
   c. A 2/3 majority vote is needed to pass each amendment.
   d. It will take effect when approved by Student Activities.