

MARTEN RIVER
VOLUNTEER
FIRE FIGHTING TEAM
ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION
AND
BY-LAWS

ANY BY-LAWS EXISTING PRIOR TO
April 17, 2024 ARE NULL AND VOID

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

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**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE MARTEN RIVER VOLUNTEER
FIRE FIGHTING TEAM ASSOCIATION**

OATH

I (State your name), being an officer of the Marten River Volunteer Fire Fighting Team Association, pledge myself to support the laws and regulations of the said association and hold myself bound in honour to abide by in every respect, the constitution

NAME AND OBJECTIVES

1. This organization shall be known by the name of The Marten River Volunteer Fire Fighting Team Association, and hereafter may be referred to as the association.
2. The objective of the association shall be to support the activities of the Marten River Fire Department, and the fire hall /community center.
3. The objective of the association shall be to fund raise and acquire fire fighting equipment, not supplied by municipal budgets, that may be specific to the need arising from participation by residents and tourists in activities unique to the Marten River Community. Association sets out a \$3000.00 limit for expenditures for each occurrence by the board
4. The objective of the association shall be to support Marten River volunteer fire fighters when illness, injury or death occur .
5. The objective of the association shall be to acknowledge Marten River fire fighter achievements.
6. The objective of the association shall be to support Marten River families that experience fire loss or disaster. Association sets out \$1000.00 per incident plus \$500.00 per person
7. The objective of the association shall be to encourage health and fitness initiatives. In the Marten River area.
8. The objective of the association shall be to support Marten River area families experiencing health crisis.
9. The objective of the association shall be to support area emergency and medical services that are utilized by the citizens of Marten River.
10. The objective of the association shall be to donate to other worthy registered not for profit charities as deemed appropriate by the membership. Association sets out \$1000.00 each per annum.
11. The objective of the association shall be to photograph, document and maintain the history of the Marten River Volunteer Fire department and community center

OFFICERS

- The officers of the association shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary /Treasurer and 2 Directors
- All association members will be eligible for office.
- Vacancies of office caused by death resignation, etc., may be filled at an regular meeting and the elected person shall hold office only for the remainder of the term.
- Officers shall be elected by the entire association.
- The term of office shall begin May 1st to the end of April the following year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- * The election of officers will be held annually at the third Wednesday of April of each year. Except as defined in section relating to officers. The election of officers will be the first order of business at this meeting. This meeting will be known as the Annual Meeting.
- * In order to be a candidate for the Election of Officers you must be present at the meeting or present a Proxy nomination in writing.
- * No Proxy votes will be accepted.
- * Voting will be done by a secret ballot
- * The member with the highest amount of votes will assume that office, as of May 1st of each year.

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

THE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT SHALL

- ◇ Be responsible to act a chair person at association meeting.
- ◇ With other officers prepare agendas and budgets
- ◇ With other officers prepare annual reports

THE ASSOCIATION VICE PRESIDENT SHALL

- ◇ Fill in for the president if he has become incapacitated or is unavailable.
- ◇ With other officers prepare agendas and budgets
- ◇ With other officers prepare annual reports.

THE ASSOCIATION SECRETARY TREASURER SHALL

- ◇ Maintain records of all expenditures and revenues
- ◇ With other officers prepare agendas and budgets
- ◇ Prepare meeting minutes and send out meeting notification
- ◇ With other officers prepare annual reports

THE ASSOCIATION DIRECTORS SHALL

- ◇ Be responsible to bring forward the views of the membership.
- ◇ With other officers prepare agendas and budgets
- ◇ With other officers prepare annual reports.
- ◇ Appoint auditor

MEMBERSHIP

MINIMUM QUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Members of the association shall

- ◆ Have attained the age of eighteen
- ◆ Reside or have property within the Marten River Fire department's geographical area of responsibility for fire suppression.
- ◆ Or be a Marten River volunteer fire fighter.
- ◆ Must be a member in good standing.
- ◆ No member or officer of the association shall expect or receive wages, or honorariums of any kind. Any profits will be used solely to promote the organizations objectives.

MEETINGS

- Meetings will be called as they are required through out the year by the President.
- The annual meeting will be held on the third Wednesday of April.

DISSOLUTION CLAUSE

- To dissolve the association a motion to dissolve must be brought forward by a member of the association. The motion will be voted on by the membership.
- If the association should dissolve any assets held or acquired from the proceeds of licensed lottery events shall become the property of the Temagami Lions Club.

LETTERS OF PATTEN

The Marten River Fire Department Association was formed by Marten River area residents and property owners in 1995 to fundraise for the building of a fire hall at it's current site in Marten River. Since its inception the association built the original fire hall, purchased and equipped the 1995 Ford fire truck still used by the fire department today. The association also operated the fire department until 1998 when the fire department was amalgamated by the Municipality of Temagami.

After amalgamation the name of the association was changed to the Marten River Volunteer Fire Fighting Team Association and although the operation of the fire department was done by the Municipality the association continued to support the fire department and community center.

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As per objective # 10 the following are a list of the approved non-profit charities deemed appropriate by the membership

1. Marten River Volunteer Fire Department
2. Temagami Lions Club
3. North Bay General Hospital Foundation
4. Temagami Medical Center and Family Health Team

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We the undersigned officers of the Marten River Volunteer Fire Fighting Team Association do adopt this constitution and by-laws as approved by membership on April 19th, 2023

POSITION	PRINT	SIGNATURE
PRESIDENT		
VICE PRESIDENT		
SECRETARY		
TREASURER		
DIRECTOR		
DIRECTOR		

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IT WAS MOVED BY _____ THAT THE CONSTITUTION
AND BY LAWS PRESENTED TO THE MEMBERSHIP AT THE APRIL 17TH,
2024 BE APPROVED AS WRITTEN.

SECONDED BY: _____

MEMBERSHIP VOTED BY A SHOW OF HANDS
MOTION CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE