

# Bylaws of Self-Defense and Safety Awareness Club (SDSA)

## Article I—Name and Purpose

*Section 1—Name:* The name of the organization shall be **Self-Defense and Safety Awareness Club**. It shall be a nonprofit organization incorporated under the laws of the State of Michigan.

*Section 2—Purpose:* **Self-Defense and Safety Awareness Club** is a nonprofit organization exclusive for charitable and education purposes.

**The purpose of this organization is:**

- **To provide an easily accessible means to obtaining an education in self-defense/martial arts to people both novice and experienced**
- **To provide education in honoring healthy habits (exercise)**

## Article II—Membership

*Section 1—Eligibility for membership:* Membership is not restricted: **All who wish to attend may attend and acquire membership by signature.**

*Section 2—Annual dues:* **The amount required for annual dues shall be \$15 each year.**

Continued membership beyond the annual session requires contingency to the dues.

*Section 3—Rights to members:* Each member shall be granted full access to training equipment and education presented at each meeting.

*Section 4—Membership restrictions:* The board shall have the authority to establish and define the regulations of club operation, including: membership termination, indiscrete rules, and amendments to educational curriculum.

*Section 5—Resignation and Termination:* Members have the unrestricted choice to resign from the club at any time for any reason. Members who violate indiscrete club rules can have their membership terminated by popular vote of the board.

## Article III—Meetings of Members

*Section 1—Regular meetings:* Regular meetings of the members shall be held twice weekly at a time and place designated by the president.

*Section 2—Notice of meetings:* Printed notice of each meeting shall be available to the all; Special information regarding the notice of meetings shall be given by e-mail, phone, or personal contact at the discretion of the president.

*Section 3—Quorum:* Any members present at any properly announced meeting shall constitute a quorum; henceforth, each meeting has the potential to be cancelled in the event that quorum is not met.

## Article IV—Board of Directors

*Section 1—Board role, size and compensation:* The board is responsible for overall policy and direction of the association, and holds responsibility of daily operations. **The board shall have up to 5 members, but no less than 1 member.** The board receives no compensation other than reasonable expenses.

*Section 2—Meetings:* The board shall meet at least bi-weekly at an agreed upon time and place.

*Section 3—Election and Resignation:* A board member has the right to nominate prospective board members for election by popular vote of the standing board. A board member has the right to resign his/her position with a viable motive which does not violate the indiscrete rules of the club.

*Section 4—Officers and Duties:* There shall be four officers of the board, consisting of a president, vice-president, advisor, and representatives.

The *president* shall convene regularly scheduled board meetings, shall preside or arrange for other members of the board to preside at each meeting in the following order: vice president, secretary, and representative.

The *vice president* shall have the right to assume position and duties of the president in the event of his/her absence.

The *advisor* shall be responsible for keeping records of board actions, including overseeing the finances and budget of the club.

The *representatives* shall have the responsibility to recruit, advertise, and improve this organization by all viable means.

*Section 5—Special meetings:* Special meetings of the board shall be called upon the request of the president, vice-president, or advisor. Notices of special meetings shall be sent out by the requesting officer at least 24 hours in advance.

## Article V—Directors

*Section 1—Directors:* The president and advisor are to be the directors of day-to-day responsibilities for the organization, including carrying out the organization's goals and policies. The directors will attend all board meetings, report on the progress of the board members and carry out the duties described in the job description. The board shall have the authority to designate other duties as necessary.

## Article VI—Amendments

*Section 1—Amendments:* These bylaws may be amended when necessary by the majority of the board of directors. Proposed amendments must be presented to the board at a regular board meeting.

## Certification

These bylaws were approved at a meeting of the board of directors by a unanimous majority vote on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

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President: *James L. Kinnel*

Date: 1/27/11