**TREFETHEN EVERGREEN IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION**

**CONSTITUTION**

Recommended for Amendment at the TEIA Annual Meeting, August 14, 2018

Approved for amendment by the TEIA Membership at the Annual Meeting, August 16, 2019

**Article I – Name**

The name of this organization shall be Trefethen Evergreen Improvement Association also referred to as the “Association.”.

**Article II – Purpose**

1. The Association is organized for and operates exclusively for pleasure, recreation, and other non-profit purposes. None of the net earnings will not benefit any person having a personal or private interest in the activities of the “Association.”
2. The other non-profit purposes referred to in Section 1 are more fully described as: the improvement of Peaks Island; the preservation of its natural beauties; the development of its resources; the promotion of its health, cleanliness, and attractiveness; the advancement of its religious, intellectual and social life; and in connection therewith the maintenance of a club house for promotion of social activities among its members.

**Article III – Membership**

1. Any person 19 years of age or over may become a Senior Member of the “Association” by completing the membership application and paying membership dues or fees as may be imposed by the “Association”. Senior members are entitled to vote at any general meeting.
2. Any person ages 13 to 18 may become a Junior Member of the “Association” by completing the membership application and paying dues and fees as may be imposed by the “Association”.
3. There shall be a “Honorary” category in the “Association’s” membership. Any person may be voted an honorary member of the Association by a majority vote of the Board of Governors.

Such members shall not be subject to the payment of membership dues but shall have all other privileges of regular members.

1. The pastors of the island churches shall be invited to become honorary members of the “Association”.

**Article IV – Governance**

1. **Board of Governors**
2. The “Association” shall be governed by a Board of Governors in good standing elected for one three-year term of whom shall be entitled to exercise one vote.
3. The “Association” may include up to two Junior Members elected annually for a one-year term by the Junior Membership who shall be entitled to exercise one vote.
4. The Officers of the Board of Governors shall include Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Membership Secretary, and a Treasurer. Other subordinate officers may be appointed by the Board of Governors as deemed necessary.
5. There shall be an Executive Committee of the Board of Governors consisting of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and Chairperson of the House Committee, empowered to make decisions on behalf of the Association during an emergency, on occasion arising off season and/or when time is of the essence. A written report of the Executive Committee and its decisions shall be made to the Board of Governors at its next regular meeting.
6. **Trustees**
7. The Association shall authorize a subsidiary board of Trustees consisting of a minimum of three Association members including one officer from the elected Board of Governors.
8. The Trustees shall be custodians of all properties that belong to the “Association” including real estate and permanent invested funds. Deeds for the conveyance of real estate shall be signed and executed by the Trustees under the direction of the Board of Governors.
9. The Trustees shall have sole charge of receiving and investing all funds provided them by the Board of Governors of the “Association.”
10. The Trustees shall meet at such time and place as they may determine and shall elect their own Chairperson after each annual meeting of the “Association.”

**Article V – Meetings**

1. The Annual Meeting of the “Association” shall be held in the last half of August at a date and time determined by the Board of Governors at the TEIA Club House for the following purposes: nomination and election of members of the Board of Governors and the Trustees; presentation of the annual reports of the Chairperson, Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer, Trustees, and of Standing Committees; and for any new business affecting the Association. Each senior member shall be entitled to one vote.
2. Other general membership meetings for the information and consultation of the membership shall be held at the call of the Chairperson or the written request of five members of the Board of Governors. Three business days’ notice of such meetings shall be given by the Secretary to the Board of Governors either by mail or electronic notice. In addition, notice shall be placed on the TEIA Club house bulletin board.
3. Regular meetings of the Board of Governors shall be held approximately every two weeks commencing with the last week of June and ending Columbus Day weekend as needed. Dates and times shall be set by the Board of Governors and published in the seasonal calendar.
4. Special meetings of the Board of Governors may be held at the call of the Chairperson, in any emergency by any member of the Board of Trustees, or by a minimum of five members of the Board of Governors provided three business days’ notice is given to all members of the Board of Governors.

**Article VI – Amendments**

This Constitution may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the members present at the Annual Meeting of the “Association”, provided such amendments have been presented in writing at the Annual Meeting of the previous year.