

The Boone County TEA Party Constitution

We, the concerned citizens of Boone County, Arkansas, who believe that government should be of the People, for the People and by the People, establish the Boone County TEA Party (henceforth referred to as BCTP) as an unincorporated, community service organization in support of limited government as prescribed by the Constitution of the United States of America.

Article I

Mission

The mission of the BCTP is to organize Arkansans who desire to restore values and purpose to American government as rooted in the vision of the Founding Fathers and our Constitution.

The BCTP hereby establishes a platform of Truth, Empowerment and Accountability. We seek the truth from our elected officials. We empower our members and the community with information and coordinate appropriate action. We hold elected officials accountable for their actions through vigilant monitoring and informed voting.

Article II

Sec. 1 Organization

The leadership of the BCTP shall consist of one (1) president, one (1) vice president, one (1) secretary, and one (1) treasurer, each elected by the membership of the organization through an annual election to be held in January of each calendar year.

Sec. 2 President

The president shall serve a term of two (2) years and shall be limited to two (2) consecutive terms at which time a new president must be elected. The president shall be eligible to hold other elected offices subsequently; however, the individual shall be prohibited from holding dual positions at any one (1) time.

The president shall preside over all general membership meetings as well as any special meeting as required to advance the business of the BCTP in a timely fashion.

This officer shall be a signatory on all BCTP financial accounts.

The president shall abstain from a vote of the membership unless there is a tie in which case the president shall act as a tie-breaker; however, this officer shall be afforded the right to introduce motions for consideration to the leadership and/or the general membership.

Sec. 3 Vice President

The vice president shall serve a term of two (2) years and shall be limited to two (2) consecutive terms at which time a new vice-president must be elected. The vice president shall be eligible to hold other elected offices subsequently; however, the individual shall be prohibited from holding dual positions at any one (1) time.

In the absence of the president, the vice president shall preside over all general membership meetings as well as any special meeting as required to advance the business of the BCTP in a timely fashion. Additionally, the vice president shall facilitate the organization of the various committees.

The vice president shall retain full voting rights as any other member.

Sec. 4 Secretary

The secretary shall serve a term of two (2) years and shall be limited to two (2) consecutive terms at which time a new secretary must be elected. The secretary shall be eligible to hold other elected offices subsequently. The secretary may act in the capacity of Treasurer in the event of a vacancy within that office. The secretary may not hold any other office simultaneously.

The secretary shall be responsible for recording the minutes of all general and leadership meetings, which in turn shall be organized and disseminated to the officers in a timely manner. Additionally, the secretary shall be responsible for collecting and organizing committee minutes into a single report document to be distributed to the officers in a timely manner.

The secretary shall retain full voting rights as any other member.

Sec. 5 Treasurer

The treasurer shall serve a term of two (2) years and shall be limited to two (2) consecutive terms at which time a new treasurer must be elected. The treasurer shall be eligible to hold other elected offices subsequently. The treasurer may act in the capacity of secretary in the event of a vacancy within that office. The treasurer may not hold any other office simultaneously.

The treasurer shall be responsible for the collection, recording and disbursement of funds collected and distributed on behalf of the BCTP. A monthly Treasurer's Report shall be submitted to the general membership for acceptance and approval. This officer shall be a signatory on all BCTP financial accounts.

The treasurer shall retain full voting rights as any other member.

Sec. 6 Committees

In order to facilitate the execution of the BCTP agenda, a committee (permanent or temporary) may be established as necessary. Each established committee shall appoint, by open vote of the committee members, a Chairperson and a Recording Secretary.

Committees shall be responsible for scheduling, holding and recording their meetings as necessary. A copy of all meeting minutes shall be submitted to the BCTP secretary on a monthly basis.

Committees shall submit for approval of the officers and membership all recommendations formed. All monetary expenditures shall be approved by either the elected leadership and/or membership as appropriate.

Sec. 7 Eligibility to Hold Office

Any member in good standing shall be considered eligible for nomination and election to an office of the BCTP. A member shall be considered in good standing when he/she holds a current membership established through the payment of annual dues as established by a vote of the membership.

Sec. 8 Election of Officers

The officers of the BCTP shall be elected in January. Elections shall follow the process of nomination followed by election.

Beginning with the acceptance of this constitution by the membership the offices of president and secretary shall serve a maximum of one (1) year at which time shall be subject to re-election for a full term. The initial one (1) year term shall not be considered as service of a full term; therefore, the inaugural officers may hold two additional consecutive terms for a total accumulated time of five (5) years or sixty (60) months.

The inaugural officers of vice president and treasurer shall begin their first full term in the month this constitution is accepted by the membership.

Sec. 9 Oath of Office

Officers shall be required to take the following oath:

I _____ do solemnly swear that I will, to the best of my ability, support, protect and defend the Constitution of United States and the State of Arkansas against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I will support and uphold the values of the Boone County TEA Party and that I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion. So help me God.

Upon ratification of the BCTP Constitution, the president shall be administered the Oath of Office by the most senior member of the organization. Subsequent oath administration to the president shall be performed by the retiring president. In the event the two (2) parties are the same, the oath shall be administered by the vice president.

The president shall administer the oath to the vice president, secretary and treasurer.

Sec. 10 Removal of Officers

Any officer may be removed at any time by a 2/3 majority of the members at a Special Meeting called for that purpose. The Officer must first be notified about the removal proceeding by written notice at least ten (10) days before the meeting at which the vote takes place.

Article III

Sec. 1 Member

A member of the BCTP shall be established through the payment of annual dues (the amount to be established through a vote of the membership payable in June of each calendar year) and is continued in good standing with the renewal of said dues.

Members shall have full voting privileges on all motions presented to the membership.

Sec. 2 Attendee

An attendee is any member of the community or visitor who attends a general meeting either occasionally or regularly.

Attendees shall have no voting rights.

Article IV

Sec. 1 Treasury

The BCTP shall maintain a treasury in which to hold the receipt of dues, donations, proceeds and all other forms of revenue. The treasurer shall be the keeper of the treasury and thus shall be responsible for the accurate keeping of records and reports to the officers and membership.

Funds may be held in checking or savings accounts or in the form of investments such as Certificates of Deposit (CDs), stocks, bonds, etc. provided and/or maintained within established, reputable financial institutions.

No funds may be paid out of the treasury without the proper authorization of one or more of the following: president, officers and/or membership.

Sec. 2 Treasury Disbursements

The elected officers shall have authority to authorize all expenditures up to and including five hundred (\$500) dollars. Expenditures in excess of five hundred (\$500) dollars shall require a vote of the membership. Checks for disbursements must have the signature of the President and Treasurer.

Article V

Sec. 1 Voting

Business requiring the establishment of policy, maximum financial expenditure, platform, or binding agreement shall require a vote of the membership. For the purposes of voting, a quorum must be established prior to the vote.

A quorum shall be established when a minimum of twelve (12) members are present.

Sec. 2 Method of Voting

Vote shall be by means of a motion followed by a second. An “all in favor” shall be called followed by an “all opposed”. In the event the vote cannot be determined, a raise of hand for each side shall be called. Upon conclusion of the vote, the secretary shall record and report the results.

At any time, a member may call for a subsequent roll-call vote.

Article VI

Executive Session

The president may call for an Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of sensitive matters such as, but not limited to, member issues. These sessions shall be closed to the membership. The secretary shall record the minutes of the session to be confidentially maintained and unreleased to the membership.

In the event that a member’s presence is necessary, he or she shall be required to hold all information discussed in strict confidence. Dissemination of such information shall be construed as behavior unbecoming the BCTP values and the member will be subject to membership revocation.

Article VII

Amending the BCTP Constitution

The BCTP Constitution may be amended upon the offering and seconding of a motion to accept, followed by a vote of the membership. All motions shall be subject to full and thorough discussion/debate prior to the vote. Acceptance of the amendment shall require the approval of sixty percent (60%) of the members present when a quorum has been established.

Article VII

Dissolution of BCTP

Should the organization determine to dissolve, members and officers shall vote to determine how to dispose of all remaining monies or assets to another non-profit organization to be identified at the time of dissolution.

Ratification

After consideration by the membership of the Boone County TEA Party and the subsequent vote of the same, this document, hence forth referred to as the Boone County TEA Party Constitution, has been accepted as the governing document for the Boone County TEA Party located in Harrison, Arkansas. May God bless this organization, its members, the State of Arkansas and the United States of America.

Signed the 26th of October, 2010 by the officers and members of the Boone County TEA Party.

President: _____
Vice President: _____
Secretary: _____
Treasurer: _____

Members:

Signatures omitted for security purposes.