

# **WALKING FOR WATER**

Mission Statement and Rules of association

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## **§1 Name and registered office**

Stk. 1. The Name of the organization is Walking for Water. Abbreviated: W4W

Stk. 2. The organization is international and has its head office in the municipality of Esbjerg, Denmark.

## **§ 2. Purpose**

Stk. 1. W4W is a non-political and non-religious organization whose purpose is to combine adventure and charity, by supporting selected charitable water-related development projects created on the basis of philanthropic pilgrimages, which must meet the following requirements to be eligible for the organization's support:

- a. One must raise money through hiking.
- b. The money must go to water-related development projects.

Stk. 2. The organization will accept applications for the establishment of projects under W4W guidelines and logo.

Stk. 3 The organization will accept or reject applicants based on whether their projects meet W4W's criteria and based on an assessment of whether there is a surplus in the organization to provide effective support in each project.

Stk. 4 The organization will support the accepted applicants with the planning, promotion and administrative support for their projects.

Stk. 5 The organization shall ensure that the money sponsored for the chosen projects goes directly, in full and tax-exempt through the organization to the non-profit projects.

## **§ 3. Values and goals**

People, Environment and Understanding.

Stk. 1 We believe that clean water is among the most basic needs of a society's well-being and development and believe that all people on earth should have access to clean drinking water. We will try to promote this goal through our projects.

Stk. 2 We will as far as possible try to encourage the development of green energy, with the projects we provide. This is a preference, not a requirement.

Stk. 3 We will as far as possible try to create a concept that is known to give sponsors something in return for their money, in the form of, for example advertising. This is a preference, not a requirement.

Stk. 4 We want to promote trust between cultures and believe that this is best done by meeting each other in a down to earth way. We believe that insight into foreign cultures and peoples daily lives, expands both parties' horizons and helps to build ties, rather than building walls. We will try to promote this goal through our projects.

#### **§ 4. Member circuit**

Stk. 1. Membership is open to anyone who has a desire and willingness to work for the organization's purposes.

Stk. 2. Registration of members is done through the organization's registration form. Membership is valid only when the member has paid his membership fee.

Stk. 3. Resignation may be made by writing to the Treasurer with effect from the end of a financial year.

Stk. 4. Members pay a fixed annual membership fee, decided on the general assembly. The fee shall be levied in advance of each fiscal year.

Stk. 5. A members can be excluded from the association if a majority of the leaderboard, a board meeting, agree that the Member has abused the organization's name or otherwise acted contrary to the organization's statutes.

#### **§ 5. General assembly**

Stk. 1. The General assembly is the highest authority of the organisation.

Stk. 2. The annual General assembly is held once a year by the end of the fourth month and convened to all members with at least three weeks notice. Notice may be electronic.

Stk. 3. Entitled to meet and vote on the General assembly, are all members who has paid their annual membership fee, no later than one weekday before the meeting. No voting by proxy.

Stk. 4. The agenda of the Annual General assembly shall include at least the following points:

1. Selecting the tellers
2. Selection of moderator
3. Chairman's Report
4. Financial reporting
5. Consideration of received proposals

6. Determination of annual membership fee
7. Approval of budget
8. Election of Chairman
9. Election of Treasurer
10. Election of 3 additional members of the board
11. Election of auditors
12. Remaining issues

Stk. 5. Proposals to be considered at the General assembly must be submitted to the Board no later than 8 days before the meeting.

Proposals for amendments to Rules of Association to be discussed on the meeting, must be submitted to the Board at least one month prior to the end of the month in which the Annual General assembly are to be held.

Stk. 6. The General assembly must be led by a moderator who is not a member of the current board of association.

Stk. 7. The General assembly makes its decisions by simple majority (one more than half of the valid votes cast) by show of hands. A ballot is used, however, upon the request of any meeting participant. By election of individuals, when proposed more than the number to be elected, a ballot is always carried out. Each member has one vote only per position to be elected.

#### **§ 6. Extraordinary General assembly**

Stk. 1. Extraordinary General assemblies may be held when the board considers it necessary, and must be held if at least 1/3 of the members submit a written reasoned request for it to the Chairman. In such cases, the General assembly must be held no later than four weeks after the request has come to the knowledge of the Chairman.

Stk. 2. Call notice for an extraordinary General assembly is 2 weeks.

#### **§ 7. Organization management**

Stk. 1. The organization's daily management is undertaken by the elected board of association, which consists of the Chairman, the Treasurer and three additional board members. The board is elected by the General Assembly for a one-year period, so that every year all 5 positions are to be elected.

Stk. 2. The Board manages the organization in accordance to these Rules of Association and the decisions made on the General Assembly.

Stk. 3. In addition The Board adopt its own rules of procedure. It may set up subcommittees and working groups to perform limited tasks, including:

- Receive and respond to requests for the organization's support for individual projects.
- Actively seek sponsors for the organization's projects.
- Be in dialogue with the pilgrims and help them with administrative and practical things up to, and during the journey.
- Sending newsletters out to members.
- Keep the website updated and answer messages to the organization.

Stk. 4. The Chairman convenes and moderates meetings of the Board. Notice must be in writing, stating the agenda of the meeting.

Meetings of the board are held Minimum. 4 times annually and whenever the Chairman deems it necessary, or when at least two members of the Board submits wish of it to the Chairman. In such cases, the meeting must be held no later than 2 weeks after the request has come to the knowledge of the Chairman.

### **§ 8. Economy and Accounting**

Stk. 1. The financial year follows the calendar year.

Stk. 2. The Board is responsible to the General assembly for the budget and accounts.

Stk. 3. The organization's accounts is kept by the Treasurer, who also leads the organization's membership register.

Stk. 4. The accounts are audited by the auditors elected at the General assembly.

### **§ 9. Subscription rules and liability**

Stk. 1. The organization is represented externally by the signatures of the President and at least one additional board member. By loans and the sale / mortgage of real estate the association is subscribed by the entire board.

Stk. 2. The treasurer is responsible for the safeguarding of the assets of the association, including the collection of annual membership fees and payment of bills.

The treasurer can dispose of the organization's accounts, including payment cards and online banking to the organization's accounts and make arrangements accordingly.

Stk. 3. Members of the association have no personal liability for the obligations of the organization.

### **§ 10. Amendments**

Stk. 1. These statutes can only be amended by 2/3 majority at a General assembly where the proposed amendment appears on the agenda.

Stk. 2. The amendments of the Rules of association enter into force with effect from the General assembly, adopted at.

### **§ 11. Dissolution**

Stk. 1. Dissolution of the organization can only take place with a 2/3 majority at two consecutive General assemblies, one of which must be ordinary.

Stk. 2. The organization's assets in the event of dissolution must be used in accordance with the in § 2 intended purpose or for other charitable purposes. Resolution on the practical application of the assets are taken by the dissolving General assembly.

### **§ 12. Datering**

Adopted at the organization's Founding assembly on the date: \_\_\_\_\_

and last amended by the Annual / Extraordinary general assembly on the date \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ The moderator's signature.

### **Agenda of the founding meeting**

1. **Selecting the tellers**
2. **Election of moderator**
3. **Review of draft regulations**
4. **Approval of the Rules of association**
5. **Review of budget**
6. **Approval of quotas and budget**
7. **Election of Chairman**
8. **Election of two additional members of the board**
9. **Election of auditors**
10. **Remaining issues**