Future Falconer’s Constitution

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# Article I.

## Name

The name of our club shall be The Future Falconers of Iowa State University.

# Article II.

## Purpose and Goals

The purpose of this club is as follows: To share the knowledge, experience and art of falconry through the promotion, conservation, and appreciation for wildlife stewardship. The goals are as listed below.

* Education of raptors and the falconry sport
* Falconry awareness
* Raptor husbandry
* Environmental sustainability
* Assist members in the process to become a licensed, practicing falconer
* Communicate with other (aspiring) falconers
* Create long lasting relationships between professionals and students

# Article III.

## Membership

The Future Falconers of Iowa State University abide by and support established Iowa State University policies, State and Federal Laws, and follow local ordinances and regulations. Future Falconers agrees to annually complete President’s Training, Treasurer’s Training and Adviser Training (if required).

# Article IV.

## Non-Discrimination Statement

## Iowa State University and the Future Falconers of Iowa State University do not discriminate on the basis of genetic information, pregnancy, physical or mental disability, race, ethnicity, sex, color, religion, national origin, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or status as a U.S. Veteran.

# Article V.

## Membership

After a member has attended their third meeting and paid their dues they shall be considered a dues paying member and will enter their name into a random lotto. At the end of each meeting a name shall be drawn from the lotto and if present that member shall prepare a ten minute presentation to be given at the next meeting regarding any topic related to birds of prey besides that one requirement their imagination is their only impediment. Regularly attending members shall also be required to pay five dollars or the standing equivalent of 131 mg of gold in USD, rounding up to the closest five dollars, as a club due.

# Article VI.

**Risk Managemen**t

A risk management officer shall be appointed if the need arises. The role of the risk management officer is to (a) help minimize potential risks for club activities, (b) recommend risk management policies or procedures to the ISU Future Falconers, (c) to submit documentation to ISU’s Risk Management Office and (d) to ensure that Iowa State University policies are followed at all of the organization’s events and (e) to ensure that proper waivers and background checks are on file with Risk Management for events (if applicable).

# Article VII.

## Officers

Officers shall be elected every November by the dues paying members. Candidates will be nominated at the beginning of the meeting. Then the new officers will be decided by a simple majority vote by the dues paying members. A president, a treasure, and a secretary shall be elected. In addition, new officer positions may be created at any time should the need arise. An officer may be impeached if they are found guilty of not fulfilling their duties, having lied about their status with the university, or if they are found to be destructive to the club in any other way. The evidence against the officer will be presented within a time period of no longer than 5 minutes. The officer in question will be allowed to present a defense lasting no longer than 5 minutes. Then the officer will leave the room and the dues paying members in attendance will vote. An officer can only be impeached with a 2/3 majority vote. The president’s duties are to oversee the operations of the organization and maintain compliance with the university. The treasurer’s duties are outlined in Article IX. The secretary shall record and distribute meeting minutes to all club members found on the contact list.

Article VIII.

**Advisors**

Advisors will be selected by the dues paying members. The prospective advisor will then be asked by one of the officers if they would like to advise the club. The advisor may advise the club for as long as they would like; however, if they would like to leave the position they must provide a 2 week notice. An advisor may be impeached if they are found guilty of not fulfilling their duties, having lied about their status with the university, or if they are found to be destructive to the club in any other way. The evidence against the officer will be presented within a time period of no longer than 5 minutes. The advisor in question will be allowed to present a defense lasting no longer than 5 minutes. Then the advisor will leave the room and the dues paying members in attendance will vote. An advisor can only be impeached with a 2/3 majority vote. A new advisor will be selected by the dues paying members. The prospective advisor will then be asked by one of the officers if they would like to advise the club.

# Article IX.

## Meetings

A.) The president shall direct discussion in both the officer pre-meeting and the general meetings. The acting officer team shall meet for an hour before the meeting where they shall institute previously reviewed directives and propose new ones regarding the organization’s arm, including but not restricted to: coordinating programs, guest speakers, and regular internal review. Each general meeting will last no longer than ninety minutes. To begin, the proposed directives of the organization’s arm will be placed under scrutiny by the dues paying members and will have their futures determined. Then, either a member presentation will be delivered or a guest speaker will talk. Next, the meeting will precede to within ten minutes of adjourning with quizzing. Finally, a member will be selected to speak at the next meeting.

B.) Guests, as compensation for their involvement with our organization, will be treated to dinner at sit down restaurant with ten or fewer members before or after the meeting they will attend.

# Article X.

## Finances

The financial affairs regarding the organization will be overseen by the elected treasurer. The treasurer shall maintain a paper ledger and an electronic ledger narrating the previously stated affairs. The ledgers shall be examined by the officers at each officer pre-meeting. All monies belonging to this organization shall be deposited and disbursed through a bank account established for this organization at the Campus Organizations Accounting Office and/or approved institution/office (must receive authorization via Campus Organizations Accounting Office). All funds must be deposited within 48 hours after collection. The Adviser to this organization must approve and sign each expenditure before payment.

Article XI.

**Amendments and Ratification**

This constitution will be submitted at the next general meeting. Every dues paying member in attendance will be allowed to read over the document at the meeting. A vote will then be held by the members, and with a 2/3 majority the constitution will be ratified. Any Amendments to this constitution may be submitted at the general meeting two weeks after officer elections. The amendments will be presented in a speech lasting no longer than three minutes. Then a vote will be held by the dues paying members in attendance, and with a 2/3 majority the amendments will be ratified. Then within ten days of this meeting the amended constitution will be submitted to the Student Activities Center.