

# Statutes of NGO MAJAKAS

## 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

### 1.1. NAME

The non-profit association NGO Majakas (hereinafter referred to as the Association) is an independent, non-profit organization of individuals who have joined on the basis of volunteerism, and which operates in the public interest.

### 1.2. LOCATION

The location of the Association is the city of Tartu. The official address is Teguri 23, Tartu 50107.

## 2. PURPOSE

The aim of the Association is to inspire people to live healthily, freely, sustainably and happily; actively participate in the development of their living environment; design the urban space and landscape with sustainable and nature-friendly methods. In addition, the aim is to produce and create organic food for a good life and to enliven the city's atmosphere and encourage the local micro-economy.

The gardening activities of the Association are based on the principles of permaculture. Permaculture is a way of planning human settlement and agriculture that mimics patterns found in nature. It is based on the interconnectedness of things and ecology. The goal of permaculture is to create a stable and productive system that would meet human needs. It is a design approach where each element supports the other elements, with the ultimate goal of practically self-functioning systems into which people fit as a natural part.

The purpose of the Association is to create an atmosphere in which the participants of the Association's activities can develop personally and spiritually. To this end, we have created an open environment for multicultural and social integration, creative and hobby activities, and organizing events (courses, excursions, lectures, concerts, workshops). In all our activities, we follow a green way of thinking and the principles of sustainability.

## 3. ADMISSION AND WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURES; TERMS AND PROCEDURE FOR EXCLUSION

- 3.1. Any person who wants to develop an activity in line with the Association's goals and undertakes to comply with the Association's statutes and fulfill the member's obligations may apply to become a member of the Association.
- 3.2. It is possible to join the Association as a full member, partial member or

supporting member.

- 3.3. The board of the Association decides the admission of a new member.
- 3.4. To join or leave the Association, a member submits a written application to the board. A written notice of the admission/exclusion decision will be sent to the relevant person within 14 days.
- 3.5. At the request of a member of the Association, it is possible to change their membership status (full member, partial member, supporting member).
- 3.6. If a member of the Association does not fulfill the obligations associated with their membership status, the board can also initiate the change of the membership status at the general meeting.
- 3.7. A member of the Association may be expelled from the Association by decision of the board, if:
  - 3.7.1. the member has not participated in any general meeting and/or organized event of the Association during the last year;
  - 3.7.2. the member has acted against the principles of the Association;
  - 3.7.3. the member has damaged the Association's reputation or property in their activities.
- 3.8. Expulsion of a member is decided by the board of the Association at its meeting, notifying the excluded member in writing at least fourteen (14) calendar days before the meeting. The corresponding member has the right to participate with the right to speak in the discussion of the issue of their exclusion at the board meeting.
- 3.9. A member excluded by the board of the Association has the right to challenge the exclusion at the general meeting of the Association following the exclusion.

#### **4. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS**

- 4.1. A full member of the Association has the right to:
  - 4.1.1. receive comprehensive information about the Association's activities from the board;
  - 4.1.2. participate in the activities of the Association, including the general meeting;
  - 4.1.3. participate with the right to vote in the general meeting of the Association;
  - 4.1.4. elect and be elected as a member of the Association's board and other bodies;
  - 4.1.5. carry out activities in accordance with the objectives of the Association under the name of the Association;

- 4.1.6. submit proposals to the Association's board regarding the Association's activities;
  - 4.1.7. a personal garden bed of up to 4 m<sup>2</sup> in size;
  - 4.1.8. get a share of common garden beds and use the common garden space;
  - 4.1.9. participate in the Association's public events for free;
  - 4.1.10. use the Association's property in accordance with the Association's statutes and internal rules.
- 4.2. A full member of the Association is obliged to:
- 4.2.1. follow the statutes of the Association and the decisions of the Association's bodies when participating in the Association's activities;
  - 4.2.2. contribute to the achievement of the Association's goals in accordance with applicable laws;
  - 4.2.3. pay the membership fee;
  - 4.2.4. treat the property and members of the Association benevolently;
  - 4.2.5. inform the board of broken or lost items or other problems as soon as possible.
- 4.3. A partial member of the Association has the right to:
- 4.3.1. a personal garden bed of up to 4 m<sup>2</sup> in size;
  - 4.3.2. use the common garden space;
  - 4.3.3. participate in the Association's public events for free;
  - 4.3.4. contribute to the activities of the Association at a time and in an amount that suits them (the operational contribution related to the organization of joint events and the maintenance of common areas may also be non-existent).
- 4.4. A partial member of the Association is obliged to:
- 4.4.1. follow the statutes of the Association and the decisions of the Association's bodies when participating in the Association's activities;
  - 4.4.2. contribute to the achievement of the Association's goals in accordance with the applicable laws, at least to the extent of the activities related to their own garden bed;
  - 4.4.3. pay the membership fee;
  - 4.4.4. treat the property and members of the Association benevolently;
  - 4.4.5. inform the board of broken or lost items or other problems as soon as possible.
- 4.5. A supporting member of the Association has the right to:
- 4.5.1. participate in the Association's public events for free;
  - 4.5.2. use the common garden space;
  - 4.5.3. contribute to the Association's activities at a time and scale that suits

them (the operational contribution related to the organization of joint events and the maintenance of common areas may also be non-existent).

- 4.6. A supporting member of the Association is obliged to:
  - 4.6.1. follow the articles of Association and the decisions of the Association's bodies when participating in the Association's activities;
  - 4.6.2. contribute to the achievement of the Association's goals in accordance with the applicable laws according to the way in which the Association's activities are participated in;
  - 4.6.3. pay the membership fee;
  - 4.6.4. treat the property and members of the Association benevolently;
  - 4.6.5. inform the board of broken or lost items or other problems as soon as possible.

## **5. GENERAL MEETING**

- 5.1. The highest body of the Association is the general meeting, where each full member of the Association has one (1) vote.
- 5.2. The general meeting of the Association is held at least once (1) during the financial year.
- 5.3. The sole competence of the general meeting of the Association is:
  - 5.3.1. amending the statutes of the Association;
  - 5.3.2. appointing and recalling board members, establishing the basis and procedure for their remuneration;
  - 5.3.3. electing members of other bodies prescribed by the statutes;
  - 5.3.4. deciding to enter into a transaction with a member of the board or other body prescribed by the articles of Association, determining the terms of the transaction, deciding to hold a legal dispute and appointing the Association's representative in this transaction or dispute;
  - 5.3.5. establishing the size of the membership fee;
  - 5.3.6. deciding on termination, merger, division of the Association;
  - 5.3.7. imposing additional obligations on members of the Association;
  - 5.3.8. deciding on other issues that are not assigned to the competence of other bodies.
- 5.4. The general meeting of the Association is called by the board:
  - 5.4.1. in the event that at least 1/10 of the Association's members request it in writing and stating the reason;

- 5.4.2. in other cases, if the interests of the Association require it.
- 5.5. In order to convene the general meeting, the board sends a notice to each member of the Association seven (7) calendar days before the general meeting, indicating the time, place and agenda of the general meeting.
- 5.6. The consent of at least 2/3 of the members participating in the general meeting or their representatives is required to change the statutory purpose of the Association, and the consent of at least 2/3 of the members participating in the general meeting is required to change the statutes of the Association.
- 5.7. Decisions made at the general meeting are adopted with the consent of 50% or more of the members.

## **6. MANAGEMENT**

- 6.1. The Association's activities are managed and the Association is represented by the board.
- 6.2. The board of the Association is elected for up to five (5) years and may consist of one to five members appointed by the general meeting.
- 6.3. The tasks of the board are organizing the daily activities of the Association, keeping records of members, determining the procedure for using and disposing of the Association's property, organizing accounting and reporting.
- 6.4. The board of the Association approves the fiscal year report.
- 6.5. The board has the right to make urgent or exceptional decisions about the Association without convening a general meeting. All urgent or exceptional decisions of the board regarding the Association require the approval of all members of the board.
- 6.6. A majority of votes in favor of the members of the board is necessary for the board to make a decision.

## **7. MERGER. DIVISION. LIQUIDATION**

- 7.1. The merger and division of the Association takes place in accordance with the laws established in the Republic of Estonia.
- 7.2. The Association is terminated in accordance with the procedure provided by law.
- 7.3. The Association's liquidators are the members of the board or persons appointed by the general meeting.
- 7.4. In the event of the termination of the Association's activities, the remaining

property is transferred to an organization with a similar purpose or a public legal entity that is a member of the list of non-profit organizations, foundations and religious associations with income tax benefits.

The statutes have been approved by the decision of the general meeting on 01.05.2023.