

## **CONSTITUTION**

### **ARTICLE I – NAME**

The name of this organization shall be Carroll Cave Conservancy.

### **ARTICLE II – DURATION**

The terms for which the Carroll Cave Conservancy, herein after referred to as CCC, is organized shall be perpetual.

### **ARTICLE III – PURPOSES OF CCC**

1. To conserve and protect Carroll Cave through lease, purchase, ownership, or other management by contractual arrangement.
2. To assist owners of the land above Carroll Cave in the conservation of their cave and karst resources.
3. To educate the citizens of Camden County and the general public about cave and karst conservation and management.
4. To promote the scientific study of Carroll Cave.
5. To survey and produce an accurate map of Carroll Cave.
6. To ensure that the Caving Community has access to Carroll Cave for exploration and other activities.
7. To cooperate with all individuals and organizations in achieving the foregoing purposes.

### **ARTICLE IV – GOVERNMENT AND MEMBERSHIP**

1. The CCC shall be governed by a Board of Directors, herein after referred to as Board.
2. The Board shall be the legal representative of the CCC and act as its governing and administrative body in conducting business.
3. The CCC shall have members, who shall have the power to elect four members of the Board.

### **ARTICLE V – MEETINGS**

The meetings shall be held at times and places as designated by the Board and provided in the Bylaws.

### **ARTICLE VI – FINANCES**

The CCC may solicit and accept funds for its operations. The Board shall have control of the receipt, management, and disbursements of the funds of the CCC. No part of the net earnings of the CCC shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, Directors, officers or other private persons except that the CCC shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered, and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the

purposes set forth in Article III hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the CCC shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the CCC shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidates for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the CCC shall not carry on any of the activities not permitted to be carried on:

1. by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law),
2. or by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

#### **ARTICLE VIII – DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution of the CCC, the Board shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the assets of the CCC exclusively for the purposes of the CCC in such manner or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board shall determine.

#### **ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS**

The Constitution of the CCC may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Membership attending a regular meeting. All proposed amendments shall be presented in writing to the Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the regular meeting.

**ADOPTED BY THE CCC  
MEMBERSHIP July 24, 2004**