Board Member Contract

I, _____, understand that as a member of the Board of Directors of ATX KIDS CLUB, I have a legal and ethical responsibility to ensure that the organization does the best work possible in pursuit of its goals. I believe in the purpose and the mission of the organization, and I will act responsibly and prudently as its steward. As part of my responsibilities as a board member:

1. I will interpret the organization's work and values to the community, represent the organization, and act as a spokesperson.

2. In turn, I will interpret our constituencies' needs and values to the organization, speak out for their interests, and on their behalf, hold the organization accountable.

3. I will attend the majority of board meetings, committee meetings, and special events.

4. I will **actively** participate in two or more fundraising activities and will volunteer for a minimum of one Camp Adventure.

5. I will **actively** attend social or networking events once/quarter to share ATX KIDS CLUB with others.

6. I will **actively** attempt to recruit 1 additional board member.

7. I will excuse myself from discussions and votes where I have a conflict of interest.

8. I will stay informed about what's going on in the organization. I will ask questions and request information. I will participate in and take responsibility for making decisions on issues, policies, and other matters. I will not stay silent if I have questions or concerns.

9. While I am a member of this board, I will make every effort to vote in every public election.

10. I will work in good faith with staff and other board members as partners toward achievement of our goals.

11. If I don't fulfill these commitments to the organization, I will expect the board president to call me and discuss my responsibilities.

12. As a Board Member, I understand that there is a duty to assist with fundraising and securing donations. Being financially invested in the organization reflects well on these efforts. Each board member will contribute, through a give or get, an amount that is meaningful to you.
I will give or get a monthly donation in the amount of $_____/month. (typical amounts range from $25-$150/month)

Board of Directors Terms: *All directors shall serve two-year terms; however, the term may be extended until a successor has been elected. Directors may serve terms in succession, but will not serve more than five (5) consecutive terms of office.*

Board of Directors Meetings: C*urrently held monthly at ATX KIDS CLUB Office, 1107 S. 8th Street, Austin TX 78704*

In turn, the organization will be responsible to me in the following ways:

1. I will have access to quarterly financial reports, without having to request them, and an update of organizational activities that allow me to meet the "prudent person" standards of the law. *(The "prudent person rule states that an individual must act with the same judgment and care as, in like circumstances, a prudent person would act.)*

2. Opportunities will be offered to me to discuss with the executive director and the board president the organization's programs, goals, activities, and status; additionally, I can request such opportunities.

3. The organization will help me perform my duties by keeping me informed about issues in the industry and field in which we are working and by offering me opportunities for professional development as a board member.

4. Board members and staff will respond in a straightforward fashion to questions that I feel are necessary to carry out my fiscal, legal, and moral responsibilities to this organization. Board members and staff will work in good faith with me toward achievement of our goals.

5. If the organization does not fulfill its commitments to me, I can call on the board president and executive director to discuss the organization's responsibilities to me.

Signed:

by _____, Board Member

Date _____

and by _____, President of the Board of Directors

Date _____