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BY LAWS
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I. PURPOSES

In addition to the purposes set out in the Articles of Incorporation, this club has the following specific purposes, to wit: To promote the enjoyment of hiking, climbing and exploration of the mountains. Cultivation of mountain climbing skills and techniques. To teach and encourage mountain safety. To assist in the prevention of waste and unnecessary destruction of the natural scene.

II. MEMBERSHIP

A. Qualifications. - Any person concurring with this organization may, upon payment of applicable dues and completion of the MCA General Release of Liability, become a member in the appropriate classification

B. Classifications

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| Individual Member: | A person who has reached his/her 18th birthday. |
| Family Member: | Spouse and children under 18 years of age. |
| Honorary Member: | Any person eligible for membership who is elected by the Executive Committee meeting. This class shall not pay dues. |
| Complimentary Member: | A business or organization approved by the Executive Committee that gets a free copy of the Scree. |

C. Membership is limited to 2500 members.

III. MEETINGS

A. Membership. Regular meetings of the club shall be held at a place, time and date designated by the Executive Committee, but not less than once each calendar month. An annual meeting shall be called during the month of October of every year in lieu of that month's regular meeting for the purpose of electing officers and amending the Articles of Incorporation and By Laws. The membership must be notified by e-mail or Scree as to the time, date and place of the annual meeting, at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting. Notification published in the club publication shall be deemed sufficient for this purpose.

B. Executive Committee. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held as often as deemed necessary by the President, but not less often than every third month with the first meeting of newly elected officers and directors convening in October. Five (5) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum, but one-of the members must be the President or Vice-President.

IV. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. Composition. The officers and directors shall comprise the Executive Committee, and their number and duties shall be:

President: (a) To preside at all regular and executive meetings.
(2) (b) To coordinate the efforts of the officers and committees.

Vice-President: (a) To assume the duties of the President in the absence of the President,
(2) or at the request of the President.
(b) All other-duties as assigned by the Executive Committee.
(c) Provide programs and entertainment at club meetings and other club social activities.

Secretary: (a) To record the minutes of all regular and executive meetings.
(2) (b) To maintain complete business and historical records of the organization.
(c) To initiate and answer correspondence as directed by the President.
(d) All other duties as assigned by the Executive Committee.
(e) To arrange for a meeting place for all regular meetings and the annual meeting.

Treasurer: (a) To receive and disburse all club dues, fees, and other monies.
(2) (b) To maintain complete financial records of the organization.
(c) All other duties as assigned by the Executive Committee..

Directors: (a) To act as an advisor to the Executive Committee concerning matters
(4-6) of policy.
(b) All other duties as assigned by the Executive Committee.
(c) There shall be a minimum of four (4), directors, to a maximum of six (6) directors.

Past President: (a) To advise the Executive Committee on matters of policy.
(1) (b) To provide some year to year continuity of information to the Executive Committee from the person best informed about such matters.
(c) All other duties as assigned by the Executive Committee.

B. Term. All positions in the Executive Committee shall serve for two (2) years from date of election, or until their successor is elected. Two (2) officers shall be elected or re-elected at each annual meeting, to promote continuity on the Executive Committee. A minimum of two (2) directors and a maximum of three (3) directors shall be elected at each annual

meeting. The office of Past President is filled by the immediate past President, for a one (1) year term.

- C. Vacancy. Upon resignation or removal of any officer or director, the Executive Committee shall appoint a member to fill the unexpired term.
- D. Nomination and Election. At least one (1) candidate shall be nominated by a nominating committee appointed by the Executive Committee. Additional nominations may be made by the members at either the meeting prior to the annual meeting, or at the annual meeting. All nominations made prior to date of publication, shall be listed in the club publication issued immediately prior to the annual meeting.

Voting at the annual meeting shall be done by a count of hands to be confirmed by at least two (2) members present. If a candidate runs unopposed he/she shall be elected by acclamation for the particular office. Each nominee shall be given the option of two (2) minutes for any statements they may have prior to the voting. If there are no nominations made for any particular office then the office shall remain vacant until it is filled by Appointment by the new Executive Committee. Any member may vote for an absent member provided the voting member has written authority from the absent member. Officers shall assume their duties upon adjournment of the annual meeting.

- E. Corresponding Secretary. The Executive Committee may appoint a corresponding secretary and prescribe appropriate duties; a corresponding secretary shall not be a voting member of the Executive Committee.
- F. Trip Officers. All trip leaders of any sanctioned trip organized and advertised by the club shall be given the position of Trip Officer. This designation as an officer of the organization shall be for the duration of the advertised trip' and does not carry with it any power to vote at Executive Committee meetings.

V. DUES

- A. Amount. Annual dues shall be paid by all members with the exception of Honorary and Complimentary Members as follows; there is no initiation fee:

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| Single Membership: | \$20.00 |
| Family Membership: | \$30.00 |

- B. Due Date. Dues shall be due and payable on January 1 of each year. Any person or persons joining at any time of the year-must pay the full yearly dues, which will entitle them to membership until the following January 1, except that, if they should join the club on or after November 1, their membership dues will be paid up for the following calendar year.
- C. Delinquency. After January 1, any member who has not paid his/her dues for the coming year will be considered as a guest, and he/she will be welcome to attend meetings and participate in trips and other activities to the extent authorized by guest status. He/she will not be eligible to vote. Members who fail to remit their dues by April 1 following the date on which the dues are payable shall have their names deleted from the membership roll.

VI. ORDER OF BUSINESS

Each regular meeting should include the following business items:

1. Treasurer's report.
2. Introduction of new members and guests.
3. Standing Committee reports.
4. Special Committee reports.
5. Old business.
6. New business.
7. Announcements.
8. Adjournment.

VII. FINANCES

- A. Banking. All monies shall be deposited to a bank located in the same city as the organization headquarters.
- B. Records. It shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer to maintain complete financial records of the organization.
- C. Statements. A complete financial statement shall be prepared and presented by the Treasurer at each annual meeting.
- D. Checks. All checks must bear the signature of the President or the Treasurer. Checks over the amount of \$500.00 require verbal or written authorization of two (2) of the following four (4) officers: President, Vice- President, Secretary, Treasurer.
- E. Budget. The Executive Committee shall develop an annual budget for the calendar year and publish it in the December and January newsletter for discussion and approval at the January meeting. A majority vote of the members present at the meeting constitutes approval of the budget. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the execution of the budget and must obtain a majority vote of the members at any regular meeting to vary more than the larger of \$200.00 or 10 percent of the budgeted expense for either a budget item or total budget. The Treasurer shall inform the members at each regular meeting of the status of the budget.

The budget shall consist of the following standard items:

Revenue

Membership dues
Training
Other
Total Revenues

Expenses

Training (campsite, access fees, etc.)
Newsletter (postage, mailing, printing, etc.)

General meeting (rent, refreshments, entertainment, etc.)
Administrative (office supplies, forms, P.O. Box, banking, awards, etc.)
Hut construction and maintenance (materials, supplies, hut equipment, etc.)

Expenses (cont.)

Library (new books, periodicals, newsletter binding, etc.)
Other
Total Expenses
Due to (from) Reserve

VIII. PUBLICATION

- A. Purpose. The club shall publish a monthly bulletin for the purpose of conveying news and articles of interest to the membership and maintain a record of routes, climbs, and ascents.
- B. Editor. The Executive Committee shall appoint an editor. The editor shall be responsible for the management of the publication.
- C. Distribution. The publication shall be distributed to the membership and to other organizations, or persons, of similar interest.
- D. Costs. The cost of publication will be absorbed by the club. Contributions may be solicited or a temporary subscription fee charged should the membership deem it necessary.

IX. COMMITTEES

- A. Standing Committees. The following are standing committees whose chairmen are appointed by the Executive Committee as soon as practical after each annual meeting, to sit as chairmen for a one (1) year term, or until a successor is appointed:
 - 1. Programs - Duty of the Vice-President.
 - 2. Trips - Provide active monthly hiking, climbing, and skiing schedules.
 - 3. Parks Advisory - Receive suggestions relative to State and Federal park use, review park proposals and plans and advise the membership. Advise the Executive Committee on methods and plans for conservation of Alaska's mountain environment and wildlife.
 - 4. Huts - To maintain and improve existing huts and propose to the Executive Committee new hut sites and establish such hut sites when approved by the membership.
 - 5. Geographic Names - Record commonly used names of Alaska geographic features, propose and review proposed names of geographic features.
 - 6. Equipment - Maintain club equipment and advise the Executive Committee regarding replacements or additions.
 - 7. Training - Provide classes of instruction to teach mountain climbing skills and techniques, backcountry travel, and mountain safety.
 - 8. Honorary Membership - Propose candidates for honorary membership to the Executive Committee and maintain the list of honoraries.
 - 9. Special Committees. Special committees may be appointed by the President for special Purposes, to report either to the Committee or the membership as appropriate.

X. AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

- A. Vote Required. These By Laws may be amended by two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the members present at any regular meeting, provided that the proposed amendment is not put to a vote until the meeting following the introduction of the amendment.
- B. Publication. All proposed amendments shall be published at least once in the club's publication between the date of introduction and the date of action.

XI. SANCTIONED TRIPS

- A. Definition: A sanctioned club trip shall be one that is approved by the Trips Committee or Training Committee and advertised in the club publication or on the club website in the Trips or Training Schedules. Such advertisement shall contain a description of the trip as to the difficulty and special requirements and designated leaders(s).
- B. Classifications. A sanctioned trip shall be classified as to its difficulty according to a classification scheme approved by the Executive Committee.
- C. Leaders. Leaders of any sanctioned trip must be approved by the Trips Committee (A simple majority) prior to the trip date. He/she must be a member of the MCA and must have participated in a trip of the same or higher classification than the one being advertised. A set of guidelines and qualifications approved by the Executive Committee shall determine current club policy as to procedures to be followed by the leader(s).
- D. Rules. A list of club rules for sanctioned trips, formulated by the Trips Committee and approved by the Executive Committee shall be made available to prospective trip participants. Among the rules must be a requirement for all participants to sign a liability release prior to trip departure.

These By-Laws were adopted July 1997 as amended February 2000, June 2010, November 2014, September 2020.

President -- Michael Meyers

Vice-President -- Gerrit Verbeek

Treasurer -- Katherine Cooper

Secretary -- Curtis Townsend