

Mountain Club of Maryland, Inc.

Bylaws

(As Amended June 2023)

Article I – NAME

The name of this Club shall be Mountain Club of Maryland, Inc.

Article II – PURPOSE

The purpose of this club shall be to:

1. Provide its members and guests with the opportunity to enjoy and become educated about nature through hiking.
2. Build and maintain trails and shelters for public use.
3. Aid in the conservation of wildlands and wildlife, and to protect places of natural beauty, particularly in the areas accessible to Baltimore.

Article III – MEMBERS

- A. Any person, regardless of sex, sexual orientation, race, or creed, will be accepted for membership upon submission of the “Membership Application” and dues, provided the applicant has met such qualifications as may be promulgated by the Council. The Council reserves the right to cancel, by majority vote, the membership of any person for activities judged not in concert with current standards of ethical conduct. Members so judged will be informed of the Council action in writing and will receive a prorated refund of the current year dues.
- B. The Club shall have classes of membership as follows:
1. Individual is a person aged 18 to 64 inclusive.
 2. Household applies to persons who reside at the same single-family residence.
 3. Junior is a person who has not yet reached an 18th birthday by the date of joining or renewal of the membership.
 4. Senior is a person who has reached a 65th birthday at the date of joining or renewal of the membership.

- 5. Senior Household applies when either member of the household has reached a 65th birthday by the date of joining or renewal of the membership.
 - 6. Honorary membership may be either individual or household in nature, as appropriate, and will apply to either a person designated by a majority vote of the Council, or a former president who has reached a 65th birthday by date of joining or renewal of the membership. Members of the household of deceased honorary members will continue to receive honorary membership, excluding adult children.
- C. The membership year will start when the initial dues payment is processed. Subsequent annual dues are payable by the anniversary date of membership. Any member whose dues are unpaid as of the renewal date shall be automatically dropped from membership after 30 days from the renewal date. The Council, at its discretion, may offer a multi-year membership.

Article IV – OFFICERS

- A. The officers of the Club shall be a President, a Vice President, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer.
- B. Duties:
- 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Club and Council, and to perform any other duties as ordinarily pertain to the office.
 - 2. It shall be the duty of the Vice President to preside at meetings of the Club and Council in the absence of the President, and to perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to the office as designated by the President.
 - 3. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep the record of attendance and proceedings at meetings of the Club and Council.
 - 4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to have custody of all Club funds, to receive all dues and monies paid into the Club, to make such expenditures as are authorized by the Council, to keep proper record of transactions and to perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to the office.

Article V – COUNCILORS

Three Councilors shall be elected to represent the membership at large.

Article VI – COUNCIL

- A. The management of the Club shall be vested in a Council composed of:
1. The Officers as detailed in Article IV
 2. Hike Schedule Coordinator with responsibility for directing the development of the Club trip schedule and for coordinating trip policy
 3. Data Collection Officer with responsibility for collecting hiking data and making them available to Club leadership
 4. Supervisor of Trails with responsibility for Appalachian Trail maintenance and improvement
 5. Supervisor of Shelters with responsibility for Appalachian Trail shelters maintenance and improvement
 6. Corridor Monitoring Coordinator with responsibility for monitoring of assigned boundaries of National Park Service lands adjoining the Appalachian Trail
 7. Chairpersons of other Standing Committees
 8. The immediate past president, for one year following his/her term of office
 9. The councilors as detailed in Article V
- B. The Council shall make such rules and regulations as it deems advisable consistent with Charter and Bylaws. A majority vote of the members of the Council present is required in order for a motion to be passed.

Article VII – APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL POSITIONS AND CHAIRPERSONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. The President shall appoint a Hike Schedule Coordinator, Data Collection Officer, Supervisor of Trails, Supervisor of Shelters, and Corridor Monitoring Coordinator.
- B. The President shall appoint chairpersons of the Standing Committees necessary for the administration of the Club's affairs.
- C. Persons so appointed under this article shall serve at the pleasure of the President. Recommendations for the changes may be made by the Council.

Article VIII – MEETING

- A. The membership of the Club shall meet at least once each year upon the call of and on a date set by the Council.
- B. Council meetings shall be held upon at least five days notice to Council members by the President or by a quorum of the Council. A quorum shall consist of not less than one third of the Council.
- C. Council meetings shall be open to all other members who may participate on a non-voting basis.

Article IX – ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COUNCILORS

- A. The Officers and Councilors shall be elected at a meeting of the Club called as provided in Article VIII-A. The slate of proposed officers will be presented in ballot form to the entire club membership prior to the meeting. The Council shall determine the methods(s) of voting. Each household is entitled to one vote.
- B. The Officers shall be elected to serve a term of two years.
- C. The Councilors shall be elected to serve a term of one year.
- D. Once a member has completed a full two-year term as President, he or she cannot be elected to that position again for a four-year period.
- E. A Vice President may be elected for a second term. After completion of the second term, he or she may not be re-elected to this office for a period of four years.
- F. Vacancies due to death or resignation shall be filled by the Council until the next annual meeting. At that time, a special election will be held, if necessary, to fill the unexpired term. For a vacancy in the office of the President, the Council must select the Vice President if the Vice President is willing to serve.

Article X – AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Bylaws may be proposed by the Council, or by a majority of the members at any regular Club meeting. Such proposed amendments shall be submitted to the entire club membership, accompanied by a copy of the article and an explanation of the reasons for the changes. The Council shall determine the method(s) of voting. If the proposed amendments are approved by a simple majority of those voting, they shall immediately form part of the Bylaws.

Article XI – ADOPTION

The Bylaws shall become the Bylaws of the Club when approved by the Club membership in the manner provided for approval of amendments to the Bylaws.

Article XII – DISSOLUTION

The Club may not be dissolved except by vote of the membership, and voting procedures shall be the same as those provided for in Article X – AMENDMENTS and in compliance with appropriate provisions of law. Upon dissolution, the assets, funds, and properties of the corporation shall be assigned and conveyed to one, or more, other than for profit educational organizations exempt from federal income tax as an organization described in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or comparable provision of law as shall be designated by the Council.

Article XIII – RULES GOVERNING PROCEDURE

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Revised shall govern the Mountain Club of Maryland, Inc. in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Bylaws or the special rules of the Mountain Club of Maryland, Inc.