

Bylaws

Alaska Outdoor Access Alliance

Amended on October 14, 2006

Article I – Name and Purpose

Section 1. The name of this club shall be Alaska Outdoor Access Alliance, herein after referred to as the Alliance.

Section 2. The purposes of the Alliance are to provide a unified effort for all organizations attempting to protect, maximize, broaden, and reclaim motorized and non-motorized access to Alaska's lands and waters. To promote access to Alaska public lands and waters for recreational and commercial purposes: work for fair and equitable access laws; promote development and maintenance of trails, launching and docking facilities, and other access related improvements; provide education and promote good stewardship of the environment relating to access issues; promote safety related to each means of access.

Article II – Membership

Section 1. There shall be four types of membership in the Alliance a) Individual, b) Affiliate Organization, c) Family and d) Business.

Section 2. With the exception of Affiliate Organizations, membership shall be available to anyone who is in agreement with the purposes of the Alliance. Membership is available to Affiliate Organizations in agreement with the Alliance upon Executive Board approval.

Section 3. Dues shall be \$25 for an individual membership, \$100 for an affiliate organization membership, \$40 for family membership, \$40 for business membership, payable in advance for each calendar year.

Section 4. This section was deleted from the original published bylaws.

Section 5. Special memberships such as Honorary or Lifetime may be granted by the Executive Board to any person(s) deemed appropriate and subject to such rights and privileges as designed by the board.

Section 6. A member may be expelled for conduct unbecoming a member of the Alliance, but charges must be first made in writing and the accused member given a hearing before the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall take evidence and report its findings to the Alliance with the recommendation that the charges be considered proven and the accused member be expelled, or the charges be considered not proven and

the accused remain a member of the Alliance. The Alliance shall then vote whether the recommendation of the Executive Board shall be adopted. It shall require a two-thirds vote of the active membership present and entitled to vote in order to veto the recommendation of the Executive Board.

Section 7. Any membership past due for a period of three months will terminate automatically.

Section 8. A member may resign from the Alliance at any time upon written notice to the Secretary.

Section 9. All members in good standing are entitled to all benefits and privileges of the Alliance including the right to vote at the meetings.

Section 10. Individual and Lifetime memberships shall be entitled to one vote, Affiliate, Family and Business memberships shall be entitled to two votes. Honorary members shall not be entitled to the right to vote.

Section 11. The Executive Board shall set the time and place for the monthly or annual meetings of the membership. Special meetings of the membership, for the transaction of business, may be called by the majority vote of the Executive Board.

Article III –Regional Advisory Councils

Section 1. The Regional Advisory Councils shall be made of one representative from each affiliated member organization in the geographical area represented. Representatives and Alternate Representatives shall be decided on by the Affiliate Organization and their names provided to the Executive Board at the first meeting after acceptance of requirements of affiliate membership are met. Officers of the Executive Board shall also be members of all Regional Advisory Councils.

Section 2. The purpose of the Regional Advisory Councils shall be to inform the Executive Board of access issues in opposition to the purpose of the Alliance, suggest strategies, prioritize issues, and provide resources such as time and materials to carry out resolutions.

Section 3. Any Regional Advisory Councils shall nominate any Alliance member to serve on the Executive Board.

Section 4. Each Regional Advisory Councils may add up to three members-at-large to the Advisory Council.

Section 5. Regional Advisory Councils shall be created as required at the discretion of the Executive Board.

Article IV-Management

Section 1. Management shall be vested by the Executive Board.

Section 2. The board may appoint committees as necessary.

Section 3. All bills outside of normal operating expenses and pre-approved limited recurring expenses shall require a vote of the Executive Board. The Treasurer should sign all checks. Checks written for an amount equal to or greater than \$100 shall require the signature of the treasurer and one additional officer.

Article V-Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Alliance shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three Members-at-Large. These members shall constitute the Executive Board.

Section 2. All Alliance officers must be Alliance members.

Section 3. Duties of the President shall be:

- To preside at all meetings of the Alliance.
- To have general supervision of the affairs of the Alliance.
- To appoint any person or committee not otherwise ordered by the Alliance.
- To represent the Alliance personally on appropriate occasions and in business contacts.
- To assist all other officers of the Alliance in their records, correspondence and other duties.
- To promote interest on the part of each member in Alliance life and activities.

Section 4. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in his or her absence.

Section 5. The duties of the Secretary shall be:

- To keep records of the meetings of the Alliance.
- To send out the notices of regular or special meetings.
- To handle all Alliance correspondence.
- To perform such other duties as generally fall to that office.
- To act as Membership Director

Section 6. The duties of the Treasurer shall be:

- To collect dues from all members
- To collect all money due to the Alliance.
- To maintain Alliance financial records and deliver on a timely basis.

Section 7. The duties of the Executive Board shall be:

- To act for the Alliance in all matters ordered by the Alliance.
- To make the preliminary decisions on expulsion of members.
- To investigate properly and present to the Alliance all business or important activities.
- To have general control over all Alliance affairs.

Section 8. All elective offices shall be filled at an election to be held during the last general membership meeting of each calendar year. Nominations for the election shall be presented by the Advisory Council at the general membership meeting directly preceding the last general membership meeting of each calendar year. All officers shall hold office for three years, or until their successors are elected and qualified. Terms of officers shall be staggered, one third of the board elected each year.

Section 9. The Executive Board will establish policy and procedures regarding the voting process.

Section 10. Any officer may be removed from office if actions while performing their officer duties are not representative of all user groups in the alliance or following the mission statement as stated in these bylaws. The charges must first be made in writing and the accused member given a hearing before the remaining Executive Board. The Executive Board shall take evidence and report its findings with the recommendation that the charges be considered proven and the accused member be expelled, or the charges be considered not proven and the accused remain a member of the Executive Board. The Alliance shall then vote whether the recommendation of the Executive Board shall be adopted. It shall require a two-thirds vote in order to veto the recommendation of the Executive Board.

Section 11. Any officer may also be terminated if they fail or are unable to participate regularly in Alliance work. When an officer fails to regularly attend meetings, the Executive Board will inform the officer, in writing, that his or her service on the Alliance could be terminated. When any officer fails to attend three consecutive meetings, without good cause, the Executive Board may deem that officers position on the Executive Board to have been vacated. Upon such determination, the Executive Board will inform the officer, in writing, that his or her service on the Executive Board is terminated.

Section 12. All officers shall have such other powers and duties as are required by law. The Executive Board by majority vote may alter such duties and powers of the officers as necessary to fulfill the purposes and goals of the Alliance.

Article VI Meetings

Section 1. There will be a monthly meeting for all members of the Alliance. The date and time will be decided annually by the Executive Board and notice sent to all members.

Section 2. The President or Executive Board may call a special meeting at any time by advance notice of at least 30 days.

Section 3. A majority of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum for transaction of Alliance business. In the event of a tie vote, the vote will be tabled until the next meeting.

Section 4. Decisions of Alliance business shall be determined by a majority vote of attending members.

Article VII-Amendments

Section 1. These bylaws may be amended by two-thirds vote of the general membership at any meeting of the membership or at any special meeting of the membership duly called. Providing the proposed amendment is submitted in writing at a regular meeting and that the membership is notified at least 30 days before the vote is to take place.

Article VIII-Orders of Rule and Rules of Order

Section 1. The rules contained in relaxed Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the Alliance in all cases which they are applicable, including meetings of the membership and the Executive Board.

Article IX-Registered Agent

Section 1. The registered agent of the Alliance shall be the President of the Alliance or such person as designated by the Executive Board.

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