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1960

**BY-LAWS of The ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS**

**ARTICLE I**

**Name**

**SECTION 1:** The name of this organization shall be the ROCKY MOUNTAINEERS.

**ARTICLE II**

**Purpose of Organization**

**SECTION 1:** The Rocky Mountaineers, hereafter referred to as the Club, is organized as a non-profit joint-venture Club for the mutual benefit of its members to promote all phases of recreational use of mountainous areas with primary emphasis on rock and ice-snow climbing,

**SECTION 2:** To maintain a mountain rescue unit to support the activities of the Club and for other alpine rescue work.

**SECTION 3:** To encourage the safe use of wooded and alpine areas by the general public.

**ARTICLE III**

**Membership**

**SECTION 1:** There shall be three classes of membership as follows:

Active Members: Any person of good character is eligible for membership

Spouse Members: Any spouse of an Active or Honorary member.

Honorary Members: Any person is eligible.

**SECTION 2:** All members with paid up annual dues as of March 15, 1960 shall be "Charter" members of the Club.

**SECTION 3:** Procedure for Membership:

(a) Secure an application blank from the Secretary-Treasurer.

(b) Secure signatures of two sponsoring members not relatives of the applicant.

(c) Submit application to Secretary-Treasurer with the annual dues.

(d) Every applicant under 21 years of age must furnish the Club a release form signed by the applicant's parents or guardian.

**SECTION 4:** All members shall have the right to vote and hold office; also to participate in mountain climbing and other activities to the extent judged qualified by the Climbing Qualification Committee.

**ARTICLE IV**

**Dues and Membership Year**

**SECTION 1:** The membership year shall be from November 1 to October 31.

**SECTION 2:** Active members shall pay \$5.00 per membership year.

Spouse members shall pay \$3.00 per membership year.

Honorary members shall not be required to pay dues.

**SECTION 3:** Notice of dues payable shall be mailed and/or given to each member by the Secretary-Treasurer on or before September 1 of each year, for the ensuing membership year.

**SECTION 4:** All dues shall be payable on October 31. Members shall become delinquent and forfeit their rights to participate in the organization if dues are not paid by November 30.

**SECTION 5:** The annual dues of new members admitted during the year shall be one-half the full annual rate if application submitted after August 1.

**ARTICLE V**

**Meetings**

**SECTION 1:** The Club shall hold its regular meetings the first Tuesday of each month unless cancelled or rescheduled by the Club.

**SECTION 2:** The annual election meeting shall be held on the first Tuesday of October at which time a report of the Club's activities

for the year shall be received from the Officers and Committee Chairmen.

SECTION 3: Special meetings of the Club may be called by the President.

SECTION 4: Notice of all Club meetings shall be mailed to all members of each member shall be called by phone.

## ARTICLE VI

### Government and Election of Officers

SECTION 1: The officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President and a Secretary-Treasurer.

SECTION 2: On or before September 1 the President shall appoint a nomination committee which shall meet and select the names of candidates for the ensuing membership year and will present at least one name for each office at the annual election meeting the first Tuesday in October. The above general procedure will also be followed in filling vacancies during the year.

SECTION 3: The officers shall be elected by written ballot at the annual election meeting at which time additional nominations may be made by members from the floor. The elected officers shall assume office immediately after election.

SECTION 4: No person shall be elected to the office of President more than two consecutive terms.

## ARTICLE VII

### Duties of the Officers

#### SECTION 1: President

- (a) The President shall perform the duties usually devolving upon his office.
- (b) Call a meeting of the Club whenever he deems it necessary and shall have direction of the Club subject to the advice and consent of the Club.
- (c) Appoint the Chairmen and members of all standing and special committees and serve as an ex-officio member of all committees except the nomination committee.
- (d) Sign as President, all contracts and other instruments of writing which shall have first been approved by the Club. All indebtedness incurred by the President shall have the prior approval of the Club except for emergency situations which he shall later justify to the Club.

#### SECTION 2: Vice-President

- (a) During the absence or disability of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President.

#### SECTION 3: Secretary-Treasurer

- (a) During the absence or disability of the President and the Vice-President the Secretary shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President.
- (b) Keep the minutes of the regular and special meetings of the Club: keep the membership book or record of membership showing pertinent data which the Club requires; keep a record of all standing and special committees; and keep other records needed.
- (c) Shall conduct the general correspondence of the Club not otherwise better handled by a committee.

- (d) Shall be the custodian of all funds of the Club, which funds shall be deposited in such bank as shall be designated by the Club, except for small working balances which he and various committees find necessary and for which the approval of the Club has been obtained.
- (e) Shall pay out money only on the order of the Club except for emergency situations which he shall later justify to the Club.
- (f) Shall present to the Club financial reports at such times and in such manner as the Club seems proper and shall be bonded at Club's expense at such time and in such amount as the Club deems advisable.
- (g) All committees authorized to handle funds shall be accountable to the Treasurer for such funds and shall keep such records as the Treasurer shall direct.
- (h) All checks drawn against funds of the Club will be over the signature of the Secretary-Treasurer.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Standing Committees

SECTION 1: The President is authorized to appoint the committee chairmen and members of such standing and special committees as he deems necessary subject to the final approval of the Club.

SECTION 2: The president shall appoint a special committee to audit all financial records and reports its findings to the Club at the Annual election meeting in October.

## ARTICLE IX

### Parliamentary Authority

SECTION 1: "Robert's Rules of Order" shall be the authority in all cases of parliamentary law and procedures to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the By-laws of the Club.

SECTION 2: A quorum at any regular or special meeting of the Club shall consist of not less than 50% of the members in good standing.

SECTION 3: A majority of a committee at a committee meeting shall constitute a quorum except the nomination committee which requires that all members appointed be present to constitute a quorum. When the President is an ex-officio member of a committee he shall not be considered in determining a quorum.

SECTION 4: All proposed amendments shall be presented to the Club for discussion and vote; a two-third vote of the quorum required is necessary for the Club to amend the by-laws.

## ARTICLE X

### Motor Vehicle Transportation

SECTION 1: No officer or committee of the Rocky Mountaineers shall ever collect from the members or guests of the Club any sum of money for the transportation by motor vehicle of members or guests to outings of the Club which sum is not turned over to the owner or driver of the car in which such member or guest is transported.

## ARTICLE XI

### Legal Liability

SECTION 1: No applicant under 21 years of age will be admitted to membership without first securing the written consent of the parents or guardian for the minor to (a) participate in the activities of the Club and (b) to release the Club and its members from any and all liabilities which may arise from the joint-venture pursuit of the Club's activities.

SECTION 2: No minor person, member or non-member, will be trained in any phase of mountaintop activity or permitted to partake of the field activities of the Club without first securing a signed release from the minor's parents or guardian; also, persons under 17 years of age should be accompanied by their parents whenever possible.

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### Approval of Original By-Laws

The original by-laws of the Rocky Mountaineers were approved by the membership at a regular meeting of the Club on March 3, 1960 the results of the balloting appears in the minutes of the meeting for the above date.

### Charter Members

There is attached herewith a list of charter members of the Club which consists of the applicants for membership with paid-up dues as of March 15, 1960.