

BYLAWS of the ANGORA HIKING CLUB

Revised 2020

Article I

Name

The name of this club is the Angora Hiking Club.

Article II

Object

The Angora Hiking Club is dedicated to encouraging walking, hiking and other outdoor activities.

Article III

Membership

To become a member of the Angora Hiking Club, an individual must be at least 18 years of age, complete an application form, and pay the annual membership fee as established by the Board and published in the Club's current *Policy Guide*. Any additional requirements for membership or renewal may be found in the *Policy Guide*, which is available on the club website and may be requested from the club Secretary.

Article IV

Officers, Committees

Section 1. Board of Directors. The Board will be comprised of the five elected officers. The officers of the Angora Hiking Club shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Chief Guide. The officers shall perform the duties prescribed by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Club. A detailed listing of duties of the officers can be found in the Club's current *Policy Guide*.

Section 2. Nomination Procedure, Time of Elections. A Nominating Committee of at least three members shall be determined at the Summer Meeting. This committee shall nominate candidates for the offices to be filled at the Fall Meeting. At the fall meeting additional nominations from the floor shall be permitted.

Section 3. Ballot Election, Term of Office, Removal from Office. The officers shall be elected by ballot to serve for two years or until their successors are elected, and their term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected. Officers may be removed from office at the pleasure of the membership as provided in the parliamentary authority. Any vacancy on the Board of Directors may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Board of Directors until the next Annual Meeting.

Section 4. Office-Holding Limitation. No member shall hold more than one office at a time, and no member shall be eligible to serve more than three (3) consecutive terms in the same office.

Section 5. Committees. Committees shall be appointed by the President in consultation with the Board of Directors on an as-needed basis. All Committees except the Nominating Committee shall include at least one Board Member, who may or may not be the Committee Chair. The Club President shall be an ex officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee and any disciplinary committee. A quorum for any committee meeting shall be the number of members present.

Article V Meetings

Section 1. Regular Meetings. The regular meetings of the Club shall occur quarterly. The first meeting in the year will be for planning the hikes for the year. The last meeting in the year will be for the Annual Meeting. Notice of Annual Meeting shall be mailed or emailed to all current members at least 14 days before the meeting is held.

Section 2. Annual Meetings. The last regular meeting in the calendar year shall be known as the Annual Meeting and shall be for the purpose of electing officers, receiving reports of officers and committees, and for any other business that may arise. Notice of all issues to be voted on at the meeting shall be mailed or emailed to all current members at least 14 days before the meeting.

Section 3. Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called by the President, or upon the written request to the Board of Directors of at least five (5) members of the Club. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call, which shall be mailed or emailed to all members at least 14 days but no more than 28 days before the meeting.

Section 4. Quorum. A quorum at any of the quarterly or special meetings shall be the number of members present.

Section 5. Membership. Membership at the time of mailing of any notification required by these bylaws will be determined by the list as of 28 days before the meeting.

Article VI Policy Guide

The Angora Hiking Club Policy Guide shall contain those policies and rules that may be amended, added to, or deleted from time to time and is intended to be a guideline for the activities of the club. These policies may be changed either by a majority vote at a Board of Directors meeting or by a majority vote of the membership at any normal meeting, or at a special meeting that has been called for that purpose.

Article VII Liability

Section 1. Liability Waiver. The Club shall not be liable for any injury suffered by any member or non-member of the Club while on hikes, trips, or under any other circumstances. All participants in any club-sponsored hike, whether a member or not, shall sign a waiver of liability prior to the start of the event.

Section 2. Hike authority. All participants in a Club activity shall be under the direction of the Chief Guide or the hike leader of that activity, and shall conform to his/her rules.

Section 3. Dogs. For safety reasons, no dogs are allowed on Angora Hiking Club hikes.

Section 4. Minor Hikers. A parent or guardian must accompany children under the age of 18 on any hike or other activity sponsored by the Club.

Article VIII Financial Responsibility of Members

Every member signing up for a Club event where a cost is incurred shall be liable for his or her proportionate share of the expense of the event, regardless of whether the member actually made the trip or not, provided that the trip was actually made. Failure to comply with this requirement within 90 days of the event will result in expulsion from the Club.

Article IX Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Society in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Club may adopt.

Article X Amendment of Bylaws

These bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Club by a two-thirds vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing to all current members at least 14 but no more than 28 days before the meeting.