

CONSTITUTION
AKRON METRO PARKS HIKING CLUB

Article I NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1

The name of this Club shall be THE AKRON METRO PARKS HIKING CLUB

Section 2

The headquarters of the Club will be in the County of Summit

Section 3

The purposes of this Club are hiking for pleasure and health, the encouragement of the love of nature, the dissemination of knowledge of the attractions of the out-of-doors, and the sponsoring of other activities incidental to the forgoing.

Article II MEMBERSHIP

Section 1

Active membership in the Club is open to all individuals and their families after successfully completing one (1) hike with our Club and payment of annual dues.

Section 2

The Board shall have the right at any time to suspend or cancel any membership for any conduct which it deems undesirable or against the best interest of the Club.

Section 3

Members age 18 or older shall have the right to vote and may run for office.

Article III MEETINGS

Section 1

There shall be at least ten (10) meetings of the Executive Board annually with one annual meeting in October.

Section 2

At Board meetings, four of the Executive Board members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 3

At the annual meeting or special meeting, 15 of the entire voting membership shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4

The President may call a special meeting at any time.

Article IV DUES

Section 1

Dues are due January 1 of each year. Any member in arrears on March 1st shall automatically forfeit his/her membership unless waived by the Executive Board.

Section 2

The annual dues required by the Club shall be determined by the membership at the annual meeting.

Article V EXECUTIVE BOARD AND COMMITTEES

Section 1

The business of the Club shall be managed by the Executive Board.

Section 2

There shall be an Executive Board of eight members, consisting of President, Chief Pathfinder, Pathfinder/Trips, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor and two Directors. The past President will serve as one Director and there will be one additional elected Director serving at least one year.

Section 3

Any vacancy of the Board shall be filled as deemed necessary by the Executive Board.

Section 4

There shall be the following standing committees, Chairmanships of which shall be appointed by the President: Auditing, Nominating, Membership, and Sunshine. The committee Chairs may solicit other Club members to aid them as they see fit.

Article VI AMENDMENTS

Item 1.0 DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section 1.1

The President as the Chief Executive Officer shall guide the Club's growth, service and membership; shall preside at all meetings of the Club and Executive Board; and shall be ex-officio member of all committees. He or She shall form all committees deemed necessary. He or She shall appoint a committee by September to audit the Treasurers books annually.

Section 1.2

The Chief Pathfinder shall arrange the hiking schedule; He or She shall supervise all hikes sponsored by the Club. He or She shall appoint leaders from the membership to prepare routes, scout and lead hikes. The schedule of hikes shall be presented for approval to the Executive Board at the meetings of the month preceding that of the schedule. The Chief Pathfinder shall keep an accurate record of attendance and mileage made on hikes. He or She or representative shall be responsible for discipline and the enforcement of hike rules on hikes. The Chief Pathfinder or representative shall have the authority to make any change necessitated by any emergency that may arise, except in matter that pertain to the policies of the Club. The Chief Pathfinder shall preside at all meeting in the absence of the President. In case of the office of President is vacated the Chief Pathfinder shall carry on the duties of such office until the President's successor is duly elected.

Section 1.3

The Pathfinder/Trips shall be responsible for making arrangements for at least one weekend event per year and various day trips. He or She shall select the site and make all the necessary arrangements. These arrangements shall be presented for approval at an Executive Board meeting.

Section 1.4

The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the members and the Executive Board; shall keep full and complete minutes of all proceedings of such meetings; shall cause all necessary notices to be given to the members of the Board; have charge of correspondence; shall perform all other duties incident to such office.

Section 1.5

The Treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds, securities and assets of the Club and shall perform all duties appertaining to such office. The fiscal year for reporting purposes shall be from October 1 to September 30. The Treasurer duties will also include membership.

Section 1.6

The Directors shall act as a special advisory group to the Board; shall provide stability to the Board and as requested shall serve as committee chairmen.

Item 2.0 ELECTIONS

Section 2.1

Officer and Directors shall be elected in the following manner:

Section 2.1.1

The nominating committee shall choose at least one name for each office and present its slate to the Club at the October meeting in preparation for voting at the annual meeting.

Section 2.1.2

Further nominations of candidate for any office will be accepted from the floor.

Section 2.1.3

The Secretary shall be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the uncontested part of the nominating committee's slate.

Section 2.1.4

Separately for each contested office, balloting shall be by written secret ballot and the candidate polling the majority of the votes shall be declared elected before further balloting may proceed.

Section 2.1.5

Each Executive Board shall include two Directors: the past President and one other. Each Director should serve at least one year.

Section 2.1.6

Elected officials will be installed at the annual meeting.

Item 3.0 HIKE RULES

Section 3.1

The Hike Leader represents the Chief Pathfinder and is in charge of the hike. He or She is responsible for the route taken, the pace set and the welfare and conduct of all hikers. The Hike Leader or a designated person should remain on site until all members of the hike have returned to the starting point.

Section 3.2

The route shall be specified unless the Hike Leader thinks a change is necessary. The pace set will be such as to suit the greater attending. Since the leader is responsible, His or Her advice and instructions should be followed.

Section 3.3

If it becomes necessary for a hiker to drop out, an effort will be made to inform the Hike Leader so He or She may give assistance.

Section 3.4

Property right must be respected and hikers must follow park rules.

Section 3.5

On long hikes a recess may be called by the Hike Leader at a suitable place. Rest periods may also be called at the discretion of the Hike Leader or by majority request of hikers.

Section 3.6

The rules of informal good conduct shall prevail at all times and if transgressed by any hiker, the matter will be reported to the Hike Leader or a Board member.

Section 3.7

In the absence or incapacity of the Hike Leader, the Chief Pathfinder shall take charge. If the Chief Pathfinder is not present, a leader shall be chosen by the members attending.

Section 3.8

Pets will be permitted on hikes but must be on a leash and kept to the back of the group. Dog owners shall pick up after their dogs.

Section 3.9

At least two Club members must be present to constitute an official hike.

Section 3.10

A Hike Leader can adjust the start time up to one half hour later. A Hike Leader can adjust the length of a hike due to weather and/or trail conditions or other unforeseen circumstances, at the starting point or thereafter. Only actual miles hiked will be awarded

Section 3.11

If there are lightning and thunder at the scheduled hike start time, the hike will be cancelled and no mileage credit will be awarded.

Item 4.0 RULES OF ORDER

Section 4.1

On all questions of order not covered by this constitution and bi-laws, Roberts Rules of Order, Revised, shall be considered authoritative.

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