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of the

APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB

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ARTICLE I

Name

This organization shall be called the Southeastern Massachusetts Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club, and is herein referred to as the Chapter. The term Club as used herein is to be construed to mean the Corporation, the Appalachian Mountain Club.

ARTICLE II

Purposes

The purposes of the Chapter are to cooperate with and to further the objectives of the Appalachian Mountain Club in general, and in particular as they encompass Southeastern Massachusetts and adjacent regions.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Any member of the Appalachian Mountain Club residing in the following counties: Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes, Nantucket, Plymouth, shall be a member of the Chapter unless he notifies the Recording Secretary of the Club in writing to the contrary. Club members residing elsewhere shall be enrolled as members of this Chapter upon receipt by the Recording Secretary of the Club of a written request to that effect by such a member.

ARTICLE IV

Government

Section 1. The following officers and Standing Committee Chairmen shall be elected at each annual meeting:

Chairman	Conservation Committee Chairman
Vice Chairman	Excursion Committee Chairman
Secretary	Membership Committee Chairman
Treasurer	Publicity Committee Chairman
Bicycle Committee Chairman	Trails Committee Chairman
Canoe Committee Chairman	

Section 2. Duties of Officers

A. Chairman - The Chapter Chairman shall be the executive and administrative officer of the Chapter; shall preside at all meetings of the Chapter and of the Chapter Committee; and shall be the representative of the Chapter to the Appalachian Mountain Club. The Chapter Chairman shall serve no more than two full consecutive terms. Four months before the annual meeting the Chapter Chairman shall appoint a Nominating Committee of five members.

Two months before the annual meeting the Chapter Chairman shall appoint two auditors to audit the Chapter books and the committee books.

B. Vice Chairman - The Vice Chairman shall serve as Chairman in the absence or disability of the Chapter Chairman, and shall assume such other responsibilities as may be delegated to him by the Chapter Chairman and/or the Chapter Committee.

C. Secretary. - The Secretary shall give notice of all Chapter Committee and Chapter meetings; shall keep the minutes of all the meetings and the records of the Chapter, and shall conduct the correspondence of the Chapter. The Secretary shall file with Club Headquarters copies of all Chapter publications.

D. Treasurer. - The Treasurer shall receive all funds paid to or belonging to the Chapter and shall disburse the same under the direction of the Chapter Committee. The Treasurer shall keep proper accounts and make a report of receipts and disbursements at each meeting of the Chapter Committee and submit a final audited report, as of the preceding June 30th at the annual meeting. In addition, the Treasurer shall review all Committee budgets.

No expenditure shall be made and no financial obligation shall be incurred, for which the Club may be responsible, by any officer or committee of the Chapter without previous authorization by the Council of the Club.

Section 3. Standing Committees - With the exception of the Chapter Committee, the chairman of each Standing committee, with the approval of the Chapter committee, will appoint the members of his committee with due regard to geographic distribution. Each committee shall be responsible for sending trip notices to the editors of the "Bulletin" of "Times" in time to appear in advance of the dates set. Each Standing committee is responsible to, and reports to, the Chapter committee, which in turn is responsible to, and reports to, the general membership of the Chapter and to the Club.

A. Chapter Committee - The Chapter Committee is the governing body of this Chapter and is composed of the officers and the standing committed chairmen. The Chapter Committee shall meet at least quarterly or at the call of the Chairman or any 5 members of the Chapter Committee. The Chapter committee may fill any vacancy which occurs in this committee ^{except for the} by a majority vote, a quorum being present. Such appointment shall terminate at the date of the next annual meeting.

B. Bicycle Committee - The Bicycle committee shall promote the establishment of new bicycle paths and associated facilities in this area, and shall chart or recommend the more acceptable routes. It will offer opportunities and trips to be sponsored by the Chapter.

C. Canoe Committee - The Canoe committee shall promote canoeing and related activities in our area's water bodies, in conjunction with the conservation committee; shall arrange canoe trips and other water sports to be sponsored by the Chapter; shall have charge of the Chapters fleet of boats (if any) and offer instructions in the art of canoeing.

- D. Conservation Committee - The Conservation Committee shall plan and carry out a program of information and education on timely matters in the field of conservation and may work with other organizations with similar conservation objectives. It shall make position statements to the Chapter Committee, and when authorized to do so by the Chapter Committee, may publicize the position of the Chapter. No statements will be made in the name of the Appalachian Mountain Club, however, without the approval of the Council.
- E. Excursion Committee - The Excursion Committee shall provide a program of general excursions and other activities not specifically covered by other Chapter Committees. It will engender a sense of responsibility for the ecology of traversed areas among Chapter members and foster an appreciation and respect of all areas in which members travel.
- F. Membership Committee - The Membership Committee shall keep an accurate record of all active members of the Southeastern Massachusetts Chapter and make an annual report. It will furnish information concerning the Club and the Chapter to those who request it, and will supply the other committees with membership information as requested. The Chairman is the representative of the Chapter to the Club Membership Committee.
- G. Publicity Committee - The Publicity Committee shall be in charge of the publication of the Chapter Newsletter, shall organize selected write-ups of Chapter activities and other material for publication, and perform such duties as assigned by the Chapter Committee.
- H. Trails Committee - The Trails Committee shall supervise the research and development of trails in the Southeastern Massachusetts area.

Section 4. Ad Hoc Committees - The Chapter Chairman may appoint such other committees, and their Chairman, as may seem necessary and proper for the working activities of the Chapter. All such committees shall have such powers and duties as may be assigned to them by the Chapter Committee. The Chairman of each Committee shall report to the Chapter Committee. The Chapter Chairman shall have the prerogative to terminate such committees.

Section 5. Nominating Committee - A Nominating Committee of five members of the Chapter shall be appointed annually by the Chapter Chairman with the advice and consent of the Chapter Committee not later than May 1st. No member of the Chapter Committee may serve on this committee.

The names of the nominating committee members so appointed, together with a list of their nominees for the offices to be filled at the next annual meeting, shall be made known to all members of the Chapter by July 10th. Additional nominations may then be made in writing by any ten members, who shall specify the name of their candidate and the office for which they nominate. Such nomination shall be placed in the hands of the Chairman of the nominating committee or the Chapter Secretary or be addressed to either bearing a postmark not later than August 10th. No person shall be eligible for office unless nominated in accordance with one of the foregoing provisions, except that in case of death, incapacity or withdrawal of any nominee, nomination may be made from the floor. The notice of the annual meeting shall contain a complete list of elective offices and the names of all candidates for each office.

ARTICLE V.

Meetings

Section 1. - The annual meeting of the Chapter, to hear the reports of the President, Treasurer and other officers and committees, and to elect officers, shall be held on such evening during the month of September at such hour and place as shall be designated by the Chapter Committee.

The Chapter Committee Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and Standing Committee Chairmen, after nomination as per Article IV, Section 5, shall be chosen by ballot, provided, however, that should there be but one nominee for an office, election may be by voice vote.

Section 2. - Special meetings may be called by the Chapter Chairman or the Chapter Committee at any time on 21 days written notice to the members stating the purpose of the call, and shall be called whenever 25 members in writing, stating the purpose, request the Chapter Committee to call a special meeting.

Section 3.- Twenty-five members of the Chapter shall constitute a quorum for a transaction of business at any Chapter meeting. Fifty-one percent of the members of the Chapter Committee or other committees shall constitute a quorum. Meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's rules of order.

ARTICLE VI

Bylaws Amendments

These bylaws may be amended by the Chapter members at the annual meeting or at a special meeting called for the purpose, by a two-thirds vote, a quorum being present; provided that notice of the proposed amendment shall have been sent to all members of the Chapter at least 21 days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE VII

Standing Rules

Standing Rules may be made and amended by the Chapter Committee with a majority vote, a quorum being present. They become effective when posted in a pertinent location or distributed to the membership.

ARTICLE VIII

Adoption

These bylaws shall replace any previous bylaws and may be adopted at an annual meeting of the Chapter or at a special meeting called for the purpose. They shall become effective when approved by the Council of the Club. They shall, when adopted and approved, be equally binding on the Chapter and the Club.

Adopted by the Chapter Membership:

Chapter Chairman

Date _____

Chapter Secretary

Approved by the Council of the Appalachian Mountain Club.

Date _____

Secretary of the Council