

VANCOUVER OUTDOOR CLUB FOR WOMEN
CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1 **NAME:** The name of this club is the VANCOUVER OUTDOOR CLUB FOR WOMEN, hereafter referred to as the OUTDOOR CLUB.

ARTICLE 2 **CLUB STATUS:** The OUTDOOR CLUB is an independent club, which operates as a nonprofit society. All funds remain within the club.

ARTICLE 3 **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this club shall be:

- a) To provide a relaxed and informal structure within which women can experience the excitement and challenge of outdoor activities.
- b) To promote the concepts of skill sharing and cooperation in the outdoors.
- c) To promote fitness and healthy life-styling in Outdoor Club Members.
- d) To facilitate non-competitive, co-operative interaction between members.
- e) To foster outdoor leadership skills in members.
- f) To actively support the concepts of environmental protection.
- g) To co-operate with other groups whose objectives are wholly or in part similar to those of this club.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1 **MEMBERSHIP**

a) Members:

- i) Adult women (19 and over) who support the purpose of the Outdoor Club and who pay the required annual fee.
- ii) Total membership of the Outdoor Club may be limited in number according to Club Policy.
- iii) The Outdoor Club shall not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, sexual orientation, colour, ancestry, and place of origin or disability.

FEES

iv) Membership fee of the Outdoor Club is two tiered based on employment status.

Initial membership fee is pro-rated semi-annually.

Membership fees will be decided upon from time to time.

Membership fee is **non-refundable**.

ARTICLE 2 **MEETINGS**

There shall be General Meetings of the Outdoor Club, one of which shall be the Annual General Meeting.

- a) General meetings shall be held once monthly throughout the year, to transact the business of the club.
- b) Annual General Meetings shall be held once yearly, during the fall.

- c) Notice of all meetings shall be given at least 14 days prior to the meeting by email, letter mail or telephone.
- d) Voting – each member in attendance at meetings is entitled to one vote.

ARTICLE 3 LEADERSHIP – INSTRUCTION

- a) Women will lead all Outdoor Club outings.
- b) At such time when a female leader / instructor is not available, a male leader / instructor can be acquired and women will assist in leadership.

ARTICLE 4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The affairs of the Club shall be managed by an Executive Committee consisting of two Coordinators, Membership Coordinator, Treasurer, Equipment Coordinator, Social Coordinator, Newsletter Coordinator, Special Events Coordinator, Publicity Coordinator and a Website Administrator. The Website Administrator can recruit 1-3 assistants to be part of a web team acting as a subcommittee of the executive. The Website Administrator will sit on the executive and report back to the executive regarding the work of the web team.

- a) The Executive Committee shall be elected from the voting membership by ballot at the Annual General Meeting.
- b) Signing officers on bank accounts are the two Coordinators and Treasurer. Any two of three signatures are required on all capital expenditures.
- c) The three signing officers shall not consist of a couple.

ARTICLE 5 QUORUM

Quorum shall consist of 1/5 of the membership. Quorum shall be required to approve capital expenditures of over \$200.00, other club business including fee structure and to alter the Constitution By-Laws. Other club business may be decided without quorum present provided proper notice of the meeting has been given to all members.

ARTICLE 6 AMENDMENTS

- a) Constitution and By-Laws may be amended at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting for which 14 days notice has been given. A 75% majority vote of members present is required. The meeting must hold quorum.

ARTICLE 7 SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

Any member whose continued membership injures the interests of the Club shall be liable to suspension or expulsion, such action to be taken at a meeting of the Executive Committee. All motions to suspend or expel a member shall be made in writing, and a three-fourth majority of the members voting shall be required.