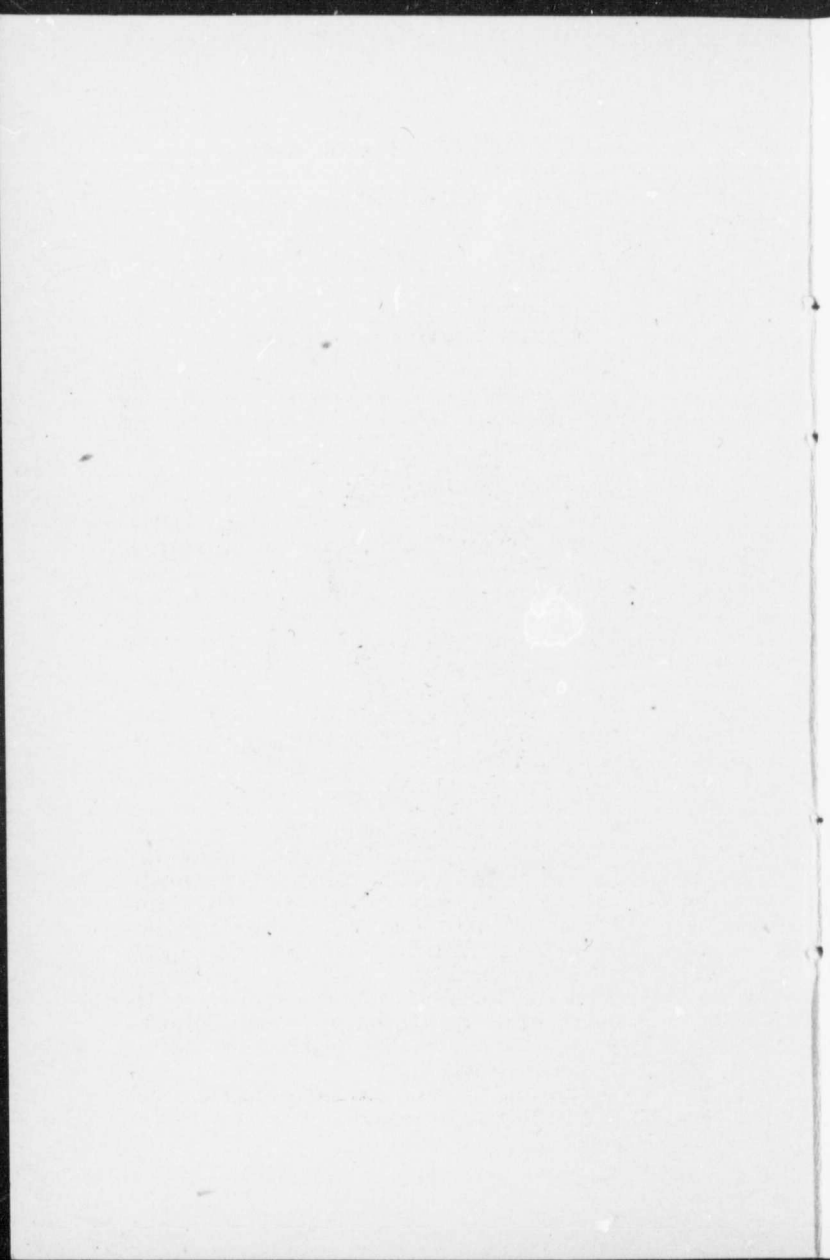


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The British Columbia Mountaineering
Club



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NAME AND LOCATION.

1. This Club shall be called "The British Columbia Mountaineering Club," and its headquarters shall be the City of Vancouver.

OBJECTS.

2. The objects of the Club shall be:—

(a) The exploration of the mountains, valleys and ice fields of British Columbia, and the study of their natural features;

(b) The preservation of the beauties of its mountains through protective legislation;

(c) The promotion of such scientific, artistic and recreative pursuits as will secure these objects.

FUNCTIONS.

3. The functions of the Club shall be:

(a) The holding of periodical meetings for the discussion of topics of interest to the Club, and especially for the dissemination of information, either by lectures, the exhibition of photographs, slides and specimens;

(b) The formation of a reference library of maps, photographs and mountaineering literature, by purchase, donation or exchange;

(c) The publication of information regarding the natural features of the Province.

MEMBERSHIP.

4. There shall be four grades of membership: Honorary, Active, Graduating, and Associate.

Honorary Members

(a) Those who have distinguished themselves in scientific research, exploration or mountaineering, may be elected to Honorary membership.

Active Members.

(b) Those who have climbed a peak in British Columbia approved by the Committee.

Graduating Members.

(c) Those who desire to become Active Members, but who are not yet qualified.

Associate Members.

(d) Those who wish to associate themselves with the Club for the educational benefits derived from it.

(e) All members shall be elected by a two-thirds majority of the members voting.

Honorary, Graduating and Associate Members shall not vote at any business meeting of the Club.

ENTRANCE FEES AND DUES.

5. The annual subscription of Active, Graduating and Associate Members shall be \$2.00, payable in advance.

Active and Graduating Members, on election, shall be required to pay an entrance fee of \$3.00. The first year's dues must accompany all applications for membership. The applications of Associate Members must be endorsed by three members of the class to which they belong.

The fiscal year shall end on the 28th of February of each year, and members whose subscriptions are not paid for the current season within six months from that date, shall be considered in arrears and shall no longer be members, and if they desire to rejoin must be re-elected. New members joining within three months of the end of the fiscal year shall be carried over to the following year.

OFFICERS.

6. The affairs of the Club shall be managed by a President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary - Treasurer, Assistant Secretary, Editor, Librarian, Director, and a Committee of five members. They shall be elected from the Active membership by ballot at the annual meeting, and shall hold office till their successors have been appointed. Any vacancies which occur shall be filled at the next quarterly meeting.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

President.

(a) The chair shall be taken at each meeting of the Club, or the Committee, by the President, or in his absence, by the Vice-President next in seniority; or failing these, by some member nominated for the purpose by those members who are present at the opening of the meeting. The President shall authenticate by his signature, when necessary, all the acts, orders and proceedings of the Club, and countersign all cheques.

Vice-Presidents.

(b) The senior Vice-President among those present shall perform all the duties pertaining to the office of the President in the case of his absence.

Secretary-Treasurer.

(c) The Secretary-Treasurer shall record the minutes of all meetings of the Club, except those of sub-committees, and note the correct name, address and date of election of all members. He shall collect and take care of all subscriptions and other monies of the Club, keeping the necessary records in connection therewith. The Treasurer shall present a financial statement at each quarterly meeting. He shall only pay out monies of the Club after accounts have been passed by the members in quarterly meeting. He shall summon a meeting of the Club at any time when authorized by the Committee, three days' notice to be given. He shall be required to furnish a bond to the amount of \$500.00, if so desired by the Club; premium for said bond to be paid by the Club.

Assistant Secretary.

(d) The Assistant Secretary shall send out notices on the authority of the Secretary-Treasurer, and otherwise assist as requested.

Editor.

(e) The Editor shall have the oversight of all publications issued by the Club; and give any assistance, to members who wish for it, in connection with their contributions to mountaineering literature.

Librarian.

(f) The Librarian shall take charge of the library; care for all scientific, artistic or literary matter relating to the Club; keep a record of all official outings; and, as far as possible, the mountaineering achievements of the members in general.

Director.

(g) The Director shall have complete charge of all arrangements relating to excursions.

Committee.

(h) The Committee shall meet when summoned by the Secretary-Treasurer. Five members to form a quorum. It shall consider the qualifications of applicants for membership and recommend their admission, or otherwise, to the Club assembled in quarterly meeting, and deal with all other matters relating to the Club. Officers of the Club shall be ex-officio members of the Committee. No officer of the Club, or member of Committee, shall be absent from three consecutive Committee meetings without giving a satisfactory reason for his absence. When no such explanation is given, he shall be considered to have resigned, ipso facto, and the vacancy caused thereby shall be filled by the members at the next quarterly meeting of the Club, the new member to act until the next annual election of officers.

SUB-COMMITTEES.

8. The Committee shall have power to appoint Sub-Committees from among the members of the Club, to take charge of special departments of work. Each Sub-Committee shall appoint its own chairman and secretary. Sub-Committees shall have the power to make rules for their own guidance consistent with this Constitution.

MEETINGS.

General.

9. (a) During the winter (September to April) meetings shall be held for the promotion of the objects of the Club.

Quarterly.

(b) That a quarterly business meeting be held to authorize all expenditures and at which the Committee shall present a full report of all business transacted since the last quarterly meeting.

Annual.

(c) The annual business meeting of the Club shall be held on the third Monday of March in each year. Twelve members shall form a quorum at all meetings.

SUSPENSION.

10. Any member who violates the By-Laws, or whose continued membership injures the interests of the Club, shall be liable to suspension or expulsion, such action to be taken at a quarterly meeting. All motions to suspend or expel a member to be made in writing, and a two-thirds majority of the members voting shall be required.

The use of intoxicating liquors on the Club premises is strongly discouraged, and any abuse of same will be summarily dealt with.

RULES OF ORDER.

11. The business of the Club shall be transacted according to Roberts' Rules of Order.

AMENDMENTS.

12. The By-Laws may be amended at any business meeting of the Club by a two-thirds vote of the members present, written notice having been given and read at the previous meeting. The text of the proposed alteration must be sent to every Active Member with the notice of the meeting at which it is to be voted on.





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