

BY-LAWS
THE WHITE MOUNTAIN GEM & MNERAL CLUB
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Show Low, Arizona

ARTICLE I
DESIGNATION

The official name of this organization shall be THE WHITE MOUNTAIN GEM & MINERAL CLUB, a non-profit organization.

ARTICLE II
PURPOSE

The purpose of this club shall be:

1. To provide a means and the incentive for individuals with a common interest in mineralogy, lapidary, geology and associated earth sciences to pursue these interests.
2. To subscribe to, and promote the National interest in the conservation of this country's natural resources and public lands.
3. To conduct field trips for the purpose of collecting material and specimens specifically related to earth sciences.
4. To share with its member's knowledge and experience gained in working with mineral specimens and gem material.
5. To encourage and assist junior members in furthering their education in minerals, gems, and related subjects.
6. To foster good fellowship in the course of club activities.

ARTICLE III
MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Regular membership is open to all adults who have an interest in the purpose of THE WHITE MOUNTAIN GEM AND MINERAL CLUB and are current in their dues. A copy of the By-Laws will be provided upon request.

Section 2. Junior membership is open to persons between the ages of 9 and 18 who are related to or sponsored by an adult club member. No dues shall be required of a junior member. The guardian of junior members and guest must be present at the time of attendance.

Section 3. Should the attitude or conduct of any member be such as to be considered detrimental to the welfare of the club, such member may be expelled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Before such action shall be taken, a registered letter shall be sent by the Board of Directors to the member requesting the member's appearance before the Board of Directors at a time and place to be designated, to show cause why such action should not be taken. If the member fails to appear without good reason, membership will be revoked. Such a member has a right to appeal at a meeting of the general membership. Reinstatement of membership requires two-thirds of the members present to vote in favor of reinstatement.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

The elected officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor and Field Trip Chairman. There will be up to three (3) Directors at Large so as to make the full complement of the Board an odd number. Officers and directors must be members in good standing. No one person may hold more than one elected office at any given time. The President will act as Chairman of the Board for purposes of conduction of all corporate business.

All officers and directors at large shall be elected at the regular meeting of the Club held in November each year. These officers shall hold office for one (1) year beginning January 1, or until their successors have been duly installed. The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint a member to fill any vacancy in any office as soon as possible.

The Board of Directors shall consider the conduct of any elected officer. If it is deemed to be detrimental to the Club, the Board may, by a simple majority recommend that the officer in question be removed from office. If, at a regular membership meeting, the general membership concurs by a majority vote by secret ballot, the officer in question shall be removed from office.

No election or appointed officer or director shall receive remuneration from the Club.

ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of all elected officers including up to three (3) Board Directors at Large.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall meet annually except for special meetings called by the President. A notice shall be posted in the newsletter prior to the meeting. Cancellation of Board meetings, for any reason other than lack of a quorum, must have the approval of a majority of the voting members of the Board.

Section 3. For purposes of meetings, a two-thirds majority of the voting members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. The Board of Directors may authorize and approve all expenditures not included in the budget as provided in the Operating Regulations.

Section 5. Regular business shall be handled by the Board of Directors at its meeting, the minutes of which shall be approved at the next Board or General Membership meeting, and be available to the general membership.

ARTICLE VI MEMBERSHIP DUES

Section 1. When necessary, increases in annual dues are voted on at the regular meeting of the membership after being brought before the membership at a previous meeting and being printed in the Club newsletter. Amounts are incorporated in the Operating Regulations.

Section 2. Annual dues are payable on January 1st each year and are delinquent March 1st. Any member not paying dues by March 1st will be removed from the Club roster.

ARTICLE VII PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

All meetings of the Club shall be conducted in an orderly manner. In the event of a dispute, Robert's Rules of Order (revised) will prevail.

ARTICLE VIII COMMITTEES

The president shall have the authority to appoint all standing and special committee chairmen. Committee chairmen shall select committee members from the Club roster.

ARTICLE IX MEETINGS

The general meeting of the Club shall normally be held on the first Sunday of each month. A quorum for conducting business shall consist of at least eleven (11) members in good standing.

The general meeting in October shall be for presenting the list of candidates. The general meeting in November shall be for the election of officers. The newly elected officers and directors shall be installed at the general meeting in January and shall commence their duties immediately.

Minutes of the general meeting shall be published in the Club newsletter and approved at the next general meeting.

ARTICLE X FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year will be from the 1st of January through the 31st of December.

ARTICLE XI AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS

Any amendments to these By-Laws shall be read at the regular general meeting then published and then voted on at the next meeting.

Publication in the club newsletter shall be considered as official notice to all members of any business conducted by the Club.

These By-Laws will be reviewed by an appointed committee every third year to determine their adequacy and applicability to the Club in terms of its activities and purpose. The current By-Laws are operative until December 31, 20125.

ARTICLE XII OPERATING REGULATIONS

The Operating Regulations shall be for the workings of the Club that have nothing to do with the corporate structure. This included job descriptions, activities and membership requirements..

ARTICLE XIII DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution, assets of the Club shall be disbursed pursuant to Article X of the Articles of Incorporation.

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THE WHITE MOUNTAIN GEM & MINERAL CLUB

OPERATING REGULATIONS

Membership Requirements:

Candidates for membership will complete an application, attend two functions of the Club, including meetings and field trips, and pay their membership dues.

Membership Dues:

Annual dues for each adult membership will be \$15.00 for a single and \$20.00 for a couple or family, including adult dependent children, per fiscal year January 1 through December 31. Dues not paid by March 1st will be delinquent and the member will be removed from the membership roster. Members joining after July 1 will only pay one-half the annual dues.

Increases in annual dues amounts, upon approval of the Board of Directors, shall be presented to the general membership for their approval, in which case a simple majority votes much approve the change.

Committees:

The President has the authority to appoint the following Committee Chairmen: Show Committee, Nominating Committee, Budget Committee, Audit Committee, Membership Committee, School Committee.

Job Descriptions:

PRESIDENT: It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Club and to perform all duties customary to the office.

VICE PRESIDENT: It shall be the duty of the Vice President to preside at meetings and perform all the duties of the President in his/her absence or inability to serve, and to arrange a suitable educational program each month.

SECRETARY: It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep an accurate record of all meetings of the Club and the Board of Directors, and provide correspondence as necessary.

TREASURER: It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all dues and other monies and disburse same as authorized by the Board of Directors and/or the membership, and to render reports upon request of the President or the Board of Directors. Club funds shall be disbursed through the use of a Club bank account. Any single expenditure greater than \$100.00, which is not budgeted, must be approved by the Board.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: It shall be the duty of the Newsletter Editor to publish a monthly newsletter including the minutes of the monthly meetings, to substitute in the absence of the Secretary at the regular meetings, and to keep a file of the membership in

the prescribed form, reproduce and ~~mail~~ distribute the newsletter to the general membership.

~~FIELD TRIP CHAIRMAN:~~ It shall be the duty of the Field Trip Chairman to arrange a suitable field trip each month. The Field Trip Chairman shall be entitled to reimbursement of gasoline expense to preview a field trip site ~~as approved by the Board, prior to the preview~~ at a set rate of ~~25 cents a mile~~ the current Federal volunteer mileage rate, with appropriate documentation.

LIBRARIAN: It Shall be the duty of the Librarian to maintain, and inventory, the books, magazines, pamphlets, maps, audios and videos owned by and donated to the Club, to accept and make recommendations of additions to the library materials, to make the library materials available to the membership and to prepare a budget for maintaining and increasing the Club's library resources.

HISTORIAN: It shall be the duty of the Historian to document the activities of the Club through photographs and commentaries. Expenses of the Historian will be part of the approved budget.

AUCTIONEER: It shall be the duty of the Auctioneer to conduct a monthly silent or live auction at the regular meeting of the members (except at the Christmas meeting), and to conduct an auction during the annual Club show if such an event is included in the Show activities. Materials for the auctions may be donated or purchased with an approved budget.

WEBMASTER: Webmaster shall maintain the website under the direction of the ~~membership~~ Board.

ACTIVITIES:

The Club may sponsor the following activities:

1. Annual Gem and Mineral Show to be held during Memorial Day weekend each year.
2. Monthly silent auctions for the benefit of the Club treasury.
- ~~3. Establish a fund for an annual scholarship.~~ Contribute to earth science scholarships.
4. Monthly field trips for purposes of education or collecting earth science materials.
5. Establish educational opportunities within the community at large.
- ~~6. Set a goal to establish a workshop/clubhouse for membership.~~
7. Community improvement, such as highway clean-up.
8. Maintain compliance with mineral rights regulations for Club claims.