

By-Laws of the Arkansas Canoe Club

Article 1. Name and Purpose

1. The name of this organization shall be Arkansas Canoe Club, and it may be referred to as ACC.
2. The purpose for which the ACC exists are non-profit, social and recreational, more specifically:

To foster and promote the interest of those individuals who find recreation and relaxation in paddling canoes, kayaks, rafts and other similar personal powered water craft; for companionship in group activities and to exchange information of special interest to all phases of paddling; and to act together toward the preservation of the wilderness character of our waterways by advancing public relationships with governmental agencies and the public in general.

3. The ACC is not formed for pecuniary or financial gain, and no part of the assets, income or profit of the ACC is distributable to, or shall inure to, the benefit of any person having a personal and private interest in the activities of the ACC.
4. The ACC shall cooperate with other similar organizations to support paddling, the preservation and improvement of natural waterways and water safety.

Article 2. Membership

1. Any individual, without regard to race, color, creed, sex, or national origin, may become a member of the ACC subject only to their support of the purposes and compliance with the By-Laws.
2. The fiscal year, membership dues, and participation in ACC activities by non-members shall be determined by the ACC Board of Directors.

Article 3. Board of Directors

1. The ACC Board of Directors shall consist of at least three persons plus all recognized chapter presidents and such other positions as may be created by the board. As a minimum there shall be a President, Vice President and Treasurer.
2. The ACC Board of Directors may name additional positions and elect temporary persons to hold those positions until the next opportunity for a membership election.
3. Members of the ACC Board of Directors shall be elected for two year terms with half of the members being elected each year.

4. Elections for the ACC Board of Directors shall be done at a general membership meeting that is announced in the ACC newsletter and received by the membership before the meeting takes place. A majority vote of those present shall be sufficient to elect the board of directors.

5. It is the intent of this By-Laws that an election for ACC Board of Directors be held each year and approximately one year from the last election.

Article 4. Duties of the Board of Directors

1. The President shall preside at all meetings at which he may be present; shall have the power to authorize disbursement of ACC funds for purposes supporting of the ACC purposes and By-Laws; and shall coordinate the work of other members of the Board of Directors and committees in order that the purposes may be served.

2. The Vice President shall act as an aide to the President and shall perform the duties of the President in his absence at ACC meetings or in the event of his inability to perform the duties of President.

3. The Treasurer shall have custody of all ACC funds; shall keep a full and accurate account of all receipts and expenditures; shall make disbursements, in accord with any budget approved by the Board of Directors or the President. The Treasurer shall make a report of the ACC finances at any general meeting of the membership or the Board of Directors and shall cooperate with any audit of the ACC finances that is directed by the President or the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall file any and all papers necessary to properly maintain the tax status desired by the Board of Directors with the Internal Revenue Service.

4. The ACC Chapter Presidents shall direct ACC activities within their respective chapters and provide communication and coordination with the membership from their chapters to the ACC Board of Directors.

5. The Board may determine such duties as they see fit for any other members they may add to the Board.

6. Members of the Board of Directors must be members of the ACC and have met all the requirements for membership.

7. Decisions made by the Board of Directors shall require a majority vote of the entire board and not just from a majority of those present at the meeting. The Board may meet at whatever time and place they see fit and a quorum shall consist of a majority of the members. Members of the Board who do not attend meetings of the Board nor exercise their right to vote for one year may be removed from office by a unanimous vote of the other members of the Board.

Article 4. General Membership Meetings

1. General membership meetings are encouraged and votes by the members on ACC matters is encouraged.
2. A general membership meeting shall be called at least once each year at which time elections for the Board of Directors may be held and other business as necessary shall be conducted.

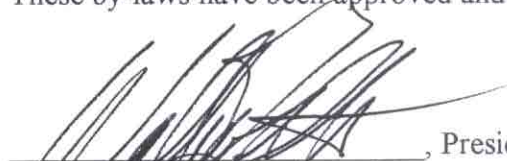
Article 5. Chapters

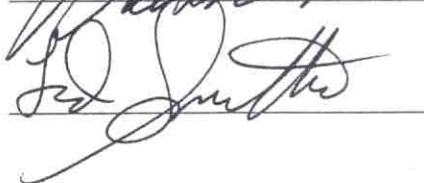
1. The Board of Directors may recognize any group of 15 or more members who apply in writing their desire to be recognized as a chapter.
2. Chapters shall have a by-laws which do not conflict with the ACC by-laws.
3. The ACC Board of Directors may determine a portion of the ACC dues which may be re-distributed back to the Chapters for their purposes. These funds shall be based upon chapter participation and shall be fair and equitable among all chapters.
4. The ACC Board of Directors may suspend a Chapters recognition if they deem that a Chapter has taken action inconsistent with the ACC By-Laws.

Article 6. Amendments

1. These by-laws may be amended, repealed or altered in whole or in part by a majority vote of the members present at a general membership meeting.

These by-laws have been approved and adopted this 10TH MAY day of 1995


_____, President


_____, Vice President

Attest:


_____, Treasurer