

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

FOR

CASTLEGAR SOCIETY FOR SEARCH & RESCUE

CONSTITUTION

1. The name of the Society is - Castlegar Society for Search & Rescue.
2. The purposes of the Society are:
 - (a) To, alone or in conjunction with other emergency response services, provide wilderness search and rescue services to individuals.
 - (b) To cooperate with public and private agencies, Government Departments and other groups and organizations interested in the objectives and projects of the Society, or provide services as requested.
 - (c) To communicate with the public to promote a better understanding of wilderness survival and proper preparation for wilderness outings.
 - (d) To own real and personal property.
3. In the event that the Society should at any time be wound up or dissolved, the remaining assets, after payment of all debts, liabilities, shall be turned over to a recognized non-profit society with similar objectives in the Province of British Columbia or elsewhere in Canada as directed by the members. In the event that agreement cannot be reached, the assets will vest in the Crown in the right of the Province. This is an unalterable provision in accordance with the Societies Act.

BYLAWS

Article 1 Membership and Voting Rights

1. There shall be four (4) classes of membership: individual, group or organization, honorary and life.
2. Any person interest in the objects of the Society may become an individual member upon payment of the annual dues as set by the Board of Directors from time to time. The dues may include a family rate.
3. Any person interest in the objects of the Society may become a life member upon payment of the life membership dues as set by the Board of Directors from time to time.
4. Any person interest in the objects of the Society may become a member upon payment of the annual dues as set by the Board of Directors from time to time.
5. Any person who shall have made any outstanding contribution of the welfare of the Society may be invited to become an honorary member of the Society upon recommendation by the Board of Directors and approval by the members at a General Meeting of the Society. An honorary member shall not have the right to vote or hold office in the Society unless also being so qualified by another class of membership.

6. Each member in good standing, other than an honorary member, shall have the right to vote at General Meetings of the Society provided that they have been a member for at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting.
7. An individual or organization member shall cease to be a member at the end of any fiscal year in which dues are not paid, on their death, on being expelled or by delivering their resignation in writing to the Society's Secretary.
8. An individual or organization shall cease to be a member in good standing if membership dues have not been paid prior to the commencement of the Annual General Meeting.

Article 2 Discipline

1. Any member who engages in conduct detrimental to the objects of the Society may be expelled from the Society at a General Meeting of the Society.
2. Any officer or director who fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Board of Directors may be removed from the Board by the Board of Directors.

Article 3 General Meetings

1. The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held during the month of June.
2. General meetings shall be called at the discretion of the Board of Directors. At least one General Meeting shall be held between Annual General Meetings.
3. Special general meetings may be called by the President, or upon the written request of three (3) Directors or upon the written request of 10% of the members with voting rights. The request must state the purpose for the meeting to be held. A Special General Meeting must be held within four (4) weeks of being requested under this article. The only business to be transacted at a Special General Meeting is that for which the meeting is being held.
4. Written notice specifying the place, day and time of the General Meeting shall be sent every member not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the meeting.
5. A quorum at any General Meeting shall be five percent (5%) of the members of the Society, present in person, entitled to vote at General Meetings of the Society.

Article 4 Directors and Officers

1. The Board of Directors shall consist of five (5) Directors who shall become members in good standing before performing duties as a Director. The Directors may not be in receipt of remuneration from the Castlegar Society for Search & Rescue or any of its branches.
2. There shall be five (5) Directors elected to serve for one (1) year term at each Annual General Meeting.
3. Should any vacancies occur in the Board of Directors the Board may appoint persons to fill these positions until the next annual General Meeting.
4. A Director may not serve more than six (6) consecutive years. At least one (1) year must lapse before the Director may sit on the Board again.

5. The Officers of the Society shall be the President, The Vice-President, the Treasurer, and the Secretary. The Officers shall be elected for one (1) year terms by the Board of Directors from it's members at the first Board meeting following the Annual General Meeting. The President may not be elected to serve more than three (3) consecutive years. Should a vacancy occur in the office of President the Vice-President shall assume the office of President. Any vacancy occurring in the other offices shall be filled for the remainder of the term of office by election by the Board of Directors from it's members.
6. Subject to the Society Act, the Board of Directors shall exercise all powers of the Society and generally carry out the objects as set out in the Constitution of the Society.
7. The Board of Directors shall meet monthly, or as necessary, in order to fulfill it's duties. A quorum of the Board shall be 50% of it's members.
8. Members of the Board of Directors shall serve without remuneration but may receive compensation for any and all expenses incurred in performing their duties as shall be determined by the Board.

Article 5 Duties of Officers

1. The President shall preside at all general and Board of Directors meetings and shall perform all other duties pertaining to that office, as may be usual or as may be decided upon by the Board of Directors.
2. In the absence of the President, The Vice-President shall preside at general or Board meetings, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.
3. The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all meetings and of all motions and resolutions.
4. The Treasurer shall present financial statements and report the financial position of the Society to the Board of Directors and shall ensure that accurate records of all financial transactions are properly kept and that funds are properly dispersed and deposited. The Treasurer shall perform such duties as may from time to time be determined by the Board.

Article 6 Signing Authority

1. The signing authority of the Society shall be any Director. All cheques must be signed by any two above.

Article 7 Borrowing

1. The Society may, if deemed expedient for carrying out it's objectives, borrow, raise and secure the repayment of money pursuant to the passing of a special resolution to that effect at a general meeting of the Society.

Article 8 Audit of Account

1. The fiscal year of the Society shall be from the first day of April to the last day of March in the following year.
2. The books of the Society shall be compiled yearly by a qualified accountant who may or may not be a member of the Society. An audit of these financial statements is not required.

3. The accountant shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting for the ensuing year and shall present a report at the next Annual General Meeting.

Article 9 Liability

Subject to the Society Act, the Society shall not be responsible for any damages, injury or loss of property to any member, guest or visitor to the Society regardless of the reason or nature of such damage, loss or injury. Further, every member, guest or visitor shall use the Society facilities at their own risk.

Article 10 Seal of the Society

1. The custodian of the Seal of the Society shall be the Treasurer.
2. The use of the Seal shall not be valid without the accompanying signatures of any two of the signing authorities shown in Article 6.

Article 11 Inspection of Records

1. The books and records of the Society may be inspected by members at any time and place designated from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Article 12 Committees

1. The Executive Committee shall be the Officers of the Society. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to transact all business of the Society during intervals between meetings of the Board of Directors subject to ratification by the Board. Three Executive Committee members shall constitute a quorum.
2. Such committees as may be deemed necessary shall be struck by the President who shall appoint the Chairpersons of these committees from among the Board of Directors.
3. The President of the Society shall be ex-officio member of all committees.
4. The Chairperson of each committee shall report to the Board of Directors on the activities of the committee and request approval or ratification of decisions made by the committee.
5. The Chairperson of the committee shall be empowered to select some or all members of the committee from the community at large.
6. A nominating committee, consisting of at least two (2) members, shall be appointed by the President at least thirty (30) days prior to each Annual General Meeting to present a slate of nominees for the positions of Directors. The Chairperson of this committee may be either a current Director or a retired Director of the Society.

Article 13 Amendments

1. This Constitution and Bylaws may be altered only by a special resolution at a general meeting of the Society.

Article 14 Rules of Order

1. Roberts Rules of Order shall govern all proceedings of the Society except that any Bylaws of the Society shall have precedence over the rules of order.

<u>WITNESS</u>	<u>APPLICANTS FOR INCORPORATION</u>
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