

West Virginia Wildwater Association Bylaws

ARTICLE I - Name

The name of this organization shall be “West Virginia Wildwater Association” and it is sometimes referred to in these Bylaws as WVWA.

ARTICLE II - Purpose

The West Virginia Wildwater Association was founded in 1965 with the purpose of paddling and enjoying the wild and scenic rivers of West Virginia and the surrounding Appalachian area. We are dedicated to helping others enjoy, understand, and appreciate the joy of paddling. We sponsor clinics and roll sessions for new and seasoned boaters throughout the year, schedule trips during the paddling season, and work to keep paddlers aware of conservation and access concerns.

ARTICLE III – Membership and Dues

Any individual who subscribes to the purposes and basic policies of the WVWA may become a member of the WVWA subject to compliance with provisions of the Bylaws. Membership in the WVWA shall be available to any interested person without regard to race, color, creed, sex, or national origin. Membership in the WVWA shall entitle each member to participate fully in all WVWA functions and activities. Persons residing in the same residence shall be entitled to a family membership and are also eligible to participate fully in all WVWA functions and activities.

Dues are for the calendar year. The price(s) for membership dues shall be set by the Board of Directors subject to approval by a majority of members’ votes cast at a WVWA meeting.

The WVWA shall be non-profit. It shall be supported and maintained by such membership contributions, subscriptions, gifts, and endowments as the Board of Directors shall determine to be necessary or acceptable for proper function of this organization.

ARTICLE IV – Officers and their Election

The officers of the West Virginia Wildwater Association shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Chair.

Officers shall be elected by the membership at a designated WVWA meeting, usually every other year.

The vacancy of any WVWA office, other than the normal expiration of terms, shall be filled by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V – Duties of Officers

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the WVWA and of the Board of Directors at which he/she may be present, shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed in these Bylaws or assigned to him/her by the WVWA or by the Board of Directors, and shall coordinate the work of the officers and staff of the WVWA in order that the purposes of the WVWA may be promoted.
2. The Vice-President shall act as aide to the President and shall perform the duties of the President in the absence or inability of the officer to act.

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3. The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings of the WVWA and of the Board of Directors and shall perform other duties as may be delegated, including the routing of correspondence received by the WVWA.
4. The Treasurer shall keep a full and accurate account of the receipts and expenditures; and shall make disbursements as authorized by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer will also present a financial statement at every meeting of the WVWA and at other times when requested by the Board of Directors; and shall make a full report of the Income and Expenses of the WVWA annually.
5. The Membership Chair will collect dues and keep appropriate membership records, work with the other officers of the WVWA and be responsible for exploring and initiating ways to attract new members to the WVWA as well as sustaining current memberships.

ARTICLE VI - Board of Directors

1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the WVWA. The members of the Board of Directors shall serve until the election and qualification of their successors.
2. The Board of Directors shall determine and control the general policy of the WVWA.
3. The Board of Directors shall appoint members for staff positions as deemed necessary and shall define the responsibilities of the positions.
4. The Board of Directors will meet whenever necessary.

ARTICLE VII – Meetings

WVWA meetings are normally held monthly at a time and place determined by the Board of Directors. The date/time/location of each meeting is published on the WVWA calendar on the WVWA website.

ARTICLE VIII – Non-Liabilities of Officers and Directors

No member, director, or officer shall be held personally liable for any act or acts of the WVWA or of any member, director, officer, agent, or servant of this organization.

ARTICLE IX - Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended or repealed by a majority vote of the members at any meeting of the membership, provided that notice of such meeting expressly sets forth proposed amendments or portions to be amended or repealed. The notice must be published at least 30 days prior to the meeting.

Adopted January 9, 2014 at Charleston, WV by majority vote of the members present and voting.