

The Wasatch Mountain Club Membership Guide

Welcome to the club!



Wasatch Mountain Club Membership Manual

"Onward and upward"
(Official WMC Motto adopted 1923)

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INTRODUCTION

The Wasatch Mountain Club was incorporated in 1920 by an informally organized group that had been hiking together for several years. The original Club Charter listed the purpose as:

To promote the physical and spiritual well being of its members and others by outdoor activities; to unite the energy, interests and knowledge of students, explorers and lovers of the mountains, deserts and rivers of Utah; to collect and disseminate information regarding the Rocky Mountains in behalf of science, literature and art; to explore and picture the scenic wonders of this and surrounding states; to foster awareness of scenic beauties; and to encourage preservation of our natural areas including their plant, animal and bird life.

OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

There are five tiers or levels of documents that organize and control operations of the Club. In descending order of importance they are:

1. Articles of Incorporation
2. Constitution
3. Bylaws
4. Rules of Conduct
5. Policies

The Constitution and Bylaws and updated policies are provided annually to all Board members and are available upon request to any member. The policies are published periodically in the *Rambler* following updates or revisions.

Articles of incorporation: When incorporating, the State of Utah requires a document be filed which states several facts about the organization of the corporation. Our incorporation articles were deliberately written very broadly, allowing great leeway in the operation of the Club. Once filed, the articles may not be changed without reincorporating. Although one or two articles are out-of-date, state law allows this. The date of the current document is December 22, 1922. The original incorporation on May 13, 1920, was not adequate so a new filing was initiated a few years later.

Constitution: The Constitution broadly defines the Club's internal structure and operation. Upon proper notice, only a majority vote of a quorum of Club members at the general membership meeting can change the Constitution. Any member may propose a Constitution change. The Constitution's articles are kept as broad as possible.

Bylaws: The Club's day-to-day operations are governed by Bylaws. Duties of Directors, Coordinators, and Committees are defined, meetings scheduled, types and fees for membership established, and elections provided for. The Governing Board may change Bylaws at any of their regular meetings, provided proper notification is given. Bylaws may be detailed, if necessary.

Rules of Conduct: The Mountain Club expects a certain standard of behavior from its members. The Rules of Conduct outline this standard. A set of Bylaws provide for enforcement of violations depending on the seriousness of the offense. Please make sure you understand and follow the Club's Rules of Conduct. The Board takes violations seriously because they affect the image and, in certain cases, the legal liability of the Club.

Policies: Policies are decisions of the Board which amplify on, but do not conflict, with the Constitution and Bylaws. Most policies are initiated by the Board member most directly affected and may be approved by a Board vote, especially where fees are to be assessed. Many non-controversial policies are formulated in committees and announced by a Board member at Board meetings. Tacit approval is given by their mention in the minutes. Policies may be changed at anytime.

ACTIVITIES

The club engages in a wide variety of outdoor activities: hiking, backpacking, car camping, skiing, snowshoeing, rock climbing, ice climbing, rafting, canoeing, kayaking, sailing, and bicycling. Participants have certain responsibilities. While the details vary from activity to activity, the underlying philosophy never changes. You must be prepared. The organizer sets the plan for the particular outing. If you don't like the ground rules, then don't join the outing. Descriptions and responsibilities that are particular to each activity are given below. Club activities are announced in the *Rambler* (as well as on our Web site). Activities are approved and scheduled by the director of the particular activity in question. However, it is the volunteers who make the Club work, including the volunteers who organize outdoor activities. We invite you to become an organizer of the activities that you take part in.

Hiking

Hiking is the most popular Club activity, with hikes scheduled on weekends and holidays from April through October. From May through September, hikes are also scheduled on most Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings. It is during the busy summer hiking season that most new members join the

Club. Early spring hikes are in the foothill area because the snow lingers in the higher country. As many as four and five hikes are scheduled each weekend day during the busiest part of the hiking season. There are hikes which cater to the casual hiker, the hard core hiker, and everyone in between.

Most are in our backyard, the Wasatch Mountains, but we also schedule out-of-town hikes in the Uinta Mountains, to Notch Peak west of Delta, and elsewhere. Some out-of-town hikes entail driving to and camping at the trailhead the night before. We also schedule early-morning-back-by-noon hikes, flower hikes, moonlight hikes, doggie hikes, and family hikes. The moonlight hikes are usually on the evening of or just before a full moon, but we have even had early morning moonlighters on or just after the full moon. There is a rating system which has been computed for the more common hikes; these are printed periodically in the *Rambler*.

For hikes into wilderness areas, group size is limited to 14 persons (13 participants and an organizer). This limitation affects a large proportion of our hiking activities and presents a problem when we have too many people wanting to go on the same hike. For this reason, any hikes scheduled in wilderness areas are by reservation only by calling the hike organizer at the number listed in the hike description in the *Rambler*. An organizer, particularly of a more rigorous or exploratory hike, may limit the size of the group, in which case participation is by registration only. The organizer may choose a meeting place and time which will generally not be announced in the activity schedule.

We try to car pool whenever possible, with riders sharing transportation cost. For local canyon trips, it is normally a dollar per person. Out of town transportation costs are computed according to the formula published under "Transportation Costs" in this guide.

There are strict limitations on the participation of minors, outlined in the Rules of Conduct. We do try to cater to children by scheduling several family hikes. So if you have children or grandchildren who want to take part in a family hike, consider calling the hiking director and offering to organize.

As with all Club activities, hikers must be prepared: physically, mentally, and with the appropriate boots or footwear, clothing, gear, equipment, food, and water. Just what is appropriate depends on the nature, length, and location of the hike. A trip organizer has the right to refuse participation to anyone if that person is unprepared.

One might think that problems of proper preparation would be most common with the more rigorous hikes. But in fact it is the easier hikes that have presented the greatest problem, perhaps because some individuals have a more cavalier attitude when the activity is less strenuous. If you have any questions about your suitability for a given hike, call the organizer a day or two ahead of time (name and number listed with the activity in the *Rambler* schedule).

As with all Club activities, you must sign the release form before you are officially on the hike. Before the hike starts,

the organizer will give you details about the pace, route, etc. that she or he wishes to follow. It is your responsibility to abide by the organizer's instructions, and if you don't abide by them you will be asked to leave. If you don't like the way the organizer is conducting the hike (for example, if it is too slow for you), then don't join the hike.

If you are asked and you agree to organize a hike, a few days before the hike takes place you will receive by mail material which includes rules for hiking organizers and the release form to be signed by each hiker. Organizers should bear in mind the difficulty or ease of their hike. Participants in hikes rated less than about 4 are not expecting a rigorous hike; organizers should set their pace accordingly.

If you have a hike you wish to organize, call the hiking director or a member of the hiking committee to volunteer. You must allow enough time for it to appear in the *Rambler*. Bear in mind that if the hike is during the first week of a month, the announcement must be in the *Rambler* the month before, since there is no guarantee that the *Rambler* will be received in time for such hikes. For example, if you want to organize a hike for the fourth of July, it must be in the June *Rambler* (submission deadline May 10).

Backpacking and Car Camping

We schedule a variety of backpacks and car camps. Trips to the red rock and canyon country in southern Utah are in the cooler spring and autumn months, while trips to the Uinta Mountains, Wind River Range, and other high country places tend to be in the summer. Most are weekend affairs, but we try to have several longer ones as well.

There are several traditional trips, the most famous being the Mother's day car camp to Arches. Family car camps, with children welcome, are scheduled whenever we find willing volunteers to lead them. Please note that there are strict rules regarding participation of minors, outlined in the Rules of Conduct.

Because of the logistics involved in car pooling, trips are by registration only, and we need greater lead time for planning than for hikes. Transportation costs are computed according to a formula.

Those who wish to organize or take part in Club backpacks and car camps must be properly prepared. The discussion on this topic under Hiking applies even more so to this activity.

Skiing

The ski season begins when Mother Nature ordains. Therefore the November tours are listed as ski or hike, depending. The season usually closes with the Gourmet Ski Tour, but sometimes one or two tours follow for the diehards.

The majority of the ski tours are in the Wasatch, with some tours further afield, including the Uinta Mountains. We try to cater to all tastes and abilities. Some are cross country tours in open rolling terrain, some mountaineering experiences with the peak as the goal, and many have the downhill powder

experience in mind. We also have out of town trips, especially during the holidays and long weekends, to such places as Yellowstone, the Tetons, and overnights at a commercial yurt. The annual Audrey Kelly Clinic in January is a good place for beginners to start. And there is at least one telemark clinic early in the season.

Tours are listed as NTD (Not Too Difficult), MOD (Moderately Difficult), and MSD (Most Difficult). There are a few listed as EL (Entry Level). The ratings depend on two factors: (1) degree of skill needed for the tour, and (2) length of the tour. There are some relatively short tours with difficult terrain and a narrow trail as the run out, and there are some very long strenuous tours, particularly in the Uintas, on fairly level or rolling terrain. And snow conditions, which cannot be assessed until the day of the tour, can turn an NTD into something more than an NTD. Descriptions in the *Rambler* schedule are brief, so if it is a tour you are unfamiliar with, and you have any questions about your preparedness or ability, call the organizer a day or two ahead of time.

If you have never been on skis, DO NOT try any of the scheduled tours, not even an NTD tour. Instead, look for the Audrey Kelly Clinic in January. We also try to have one or more entry level tours for beginners. Several of the local outdoor stores sponsor beginner clinics.

Preparedness is particularly important when entering snow covered backcountry. Track skis are OK for some tours in the Uintas, where one can sometimes find rolling terrain. But most trips in the Wasatch have at least some steep sections, for which you will need heavier skis, heavier boots, and skins. Avalanche awareness is a must; you can obtain a start by attending the Club's one-day avalanche clinic in January. But if you get into skiing seriously, you will want to learn more than the one-day class can give you. An avalanche beacon (Pieps, Ortovox, or other brand) and shovels are often required, plus you must be armed with the knowledge and ability to use them. You must sign the release form before you are officially on the tour. You must follow the rules laid down by the organizer at the start of the tour. If you are not prepared for the tour, or if the organizer has doubts about your preparedness, the organizer has the right to refuse your participation.

If you are asked to organize a tour, you will receive the release form and material about rules for organizers a few days before the tour takes place. If you have a favorite tour that you would like to organize, call the director or a member of the ski committee and offer your services. Because of the lead time needed to get it into the *Rambler* schedule, you should call about two months ahead of time.

We try to car pool whenever possible, with riders sharing transportation costs. Local canyon trips are a dollar per person. Out of town transportation costs are computed according to the formula published elsewhere in this manual. Locating hassle-free parking for car pooling during winter months is always a problem. Please consult the *Rambler* for parking lot locations.

Snowshoeing

Snowshoeing is probably the most rapidly growing winter activity in the Mountain Club. At least two tours are scheduled every weekend day during the season. Sometimes tours include both skiers and snowshoers. Essentially all the rules that apply to skiing apply to snowshoeing, e.g. rules of preparedness, of conduct, of leadership, and sharing transportation costs.

Unlike skiing, it takes very little effort to become comfortable with snowshoes. Many first timers feel proficient on their initial outing. Although special insulated winter boots or "pacs" are available for sale, an ordinary pair of leather hiking boots plus gaiters will suffice for footgear. One reason for the popularity of snowshoeing is that it is not equipment intensive. Most participants already own backpacks, parkas, warm insulating layers, and the other gear necessary for a winter outing on snow.

Trips are typically on the same routes and go to the same destinations as the summer hikes. Variations on hiking routes are sometimes necessary, however, to avoid exposure to avalanche hazards. Since footing is not quite so secure, some routes or trails (such as a narrow, rocky ridge) that would be feasible on a summer hike might be too hazardous to snowshoe.

Snowshoeing is unique in some respects. Can you imagine any other way to run down a steep, rocky boulder slope? In summer, you would have to pick your way artfully between the boulders. On snowshoes, you can effortlessly blast over the surface with wispy powder snow billowing around your shoulders.

Rock, Ice, and Alpine Climbing

This is a hardy group that is active year round. Trust and friendship play a larger role in climbing than in most Club activities. It is a sport with tremendous emotional rewards, with inherent dangers that frankly, can kill you. Participants are responsible for their own safety and must conduct themselves so as to safeguard themselves and those around them. Unsafe practices will not be tolerated.

Participants must have proper training before they can take part in these activities. The Club schedules several events to help provide such training. The mountaineering group conducts rock, ice, and snow climbing seminars throughout the year, where the basics of safe climbing are taught. Beginners should practice these skills with an experienced partner on easy climbs until they become automatic and reflexive. Safety is the utmost priority on all mountaineering activities "Come back unhurt, come back friends, reach the summit" is a good priority sequence. Safety helmets are required; a belay should always be given when requested.

Climbing trips are scheduled throughout the year. You must register in advance and provide an honest and complete assessment of your experience and fitness level. If you are an unknown quantity, the organizer may suggest meeting you at

some activity before giving final approval for your inclusion on the trip. If you are excluded, the organizer will give an honest explanation, and if appropriate, suggestions for additional training. Please take exclusion as constructive action, with the safety of both you and the group in mind. Weekday evening climbs are conducted during the warmer months. These are intended as a easy way to introduce yourself to the other climbers in the Club and to meet potential partners for individual climbing outings.

During the winter months, we arrange trips to the local climbing gyms. Children are allowed at these activities in a very limited fashion. If you want to bring your child with you, you are responsible for their supervision and climbing activity.

You are expected to provide your own personal gear such as harness/webbing, climbing shoes, locking carabiners and belay device. The Club has a limited inventory of ropes, ice axes, and safety helmets for training sessions.

Boating

A river trip places considerable responsibilities on participants since boating is a cooperative activity. Participants must have the appropriate skills for the trip in question, which means they must be forthright in relating their boating experience to the trip organizer. They must come prepared with the appropriate personal gear, which includes such things as a life jacket, a river bag, adequate clothing, and sleeping gear. They must be prepared to share in the work load, which includes preparation before the trip, work chores on the river, and clean up after the trip. River work chores include preparation of group meals (dinner and usually breakfast), setting up the portapotty (it's a dirty job but someone has to do it), setting up and taking down the boats, etc. Participants must sign a liability release recognizing that boating has inherent risks and that the Club, trip organizer and boat captains are not liable for any accident. Participants must comply with 1)decisions of the trip organizer, 2)Club Bylaws and 3)government regulations of the river section being traveled.

We have ways for initiating the uninitiated into river running, which include instructional sessions and beginning rafting trips. For the kayaker, we have our own Eskimo roll instructional sessions and publish in the *Rambler* a list of sessions held by other groups.

On regulated rivers, we must apply for permits in the fall, and make plans in the spring once we know which permits we were successful in getting (more details of this process are listed in the section on the Governing Board, under Boating Director). Unregulated rivers don't need as much lead time, but because planning a boating trip is rather complex, we do like to have at least two months lead time.

The club owns several rafts: two oar rigs, and several paddle boats. Other club equipment includes stoves, portapotty, first aid kits, repair kits, pumps, ropes, nets, and other miscellaneous equipment. The Club collects fees to replace and maintain the Club equipment. We allows members to rent rafts for private trips provided the rental does not conflict with

a Club trip. Members who kayak or canoe must provide their own equipment.

Work parties are a part of Club boating. Each trip has a work party to assign cooking and other duties, and there are also two general work parties during the year to repair and inventory equipment.

Kayakers and canoeists usually accompany rafting trips, and sometimes schedule their own trips.

The landlocked WMC has sailing trips, usually one or two a year, going to places such as Belize and Greece.

Bicycling

Over the past few years, bicycling has become more and more popular. The season runs from March through late October or early November. There are usually at least two rides each weekend day, plus canyon rides (e.g. Emigration, City Creek, Millcreek) Monday and Wednesday evenings. Some rides are on jeep trails and single track roads, for which mountain bikes are necessary. Self-contained multi-day rides are becoming popular. Rides are rated, from NTD (Not Too Difficult), the most casual, to fast paced rides at 18 to 20 mph.

The WMC advocates safe and responsible bicycling activities. As such, the WMC adheres to the rules and philosophies set forth by the International Mountain Biking Association that include the following recommendations: ride on open trails only, leave no trace, control your bicycle, always yield trail, never spook animals and plan ahead. As with other Club activities, bikers must be physically prepared and must have the appropriate gear. Training and lots of miles help. Helmets are recommended on every Club ride. You will have to sign the release form before you are allowed to take part.

GOVERNING BOARD

The Governing Board consists of a set of elected directors and four trustees. Each director is responsible for specified areas of Club activity, for forming committees to help them in their work, and for giving feedback to the membership through the *Rambler*. Some directors are also responsible for maintaining Club property and for keeping a current inventory list of equipment in their area of responsibility. There is also a set of coordinators who are not elected to the Board, but are important in keeping the administration and activities of the Club running smoothly. Four of the directors are defined as officers: president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. Each director is charged with keeping records of their activities, which are then passed to the incoming director.

President and Vice President

The president, as the chief executive officer of the club, makes up the agenda for the monthly board meetings, presides over the board and general membership meetings, and provides continuity for club affairs. The vice president presides at meetings if the president is unable to attend. The president is also an ex officio member of the Board of Trustees. The duties and qualifications for this office are listed in more detail in

Articles I and II of the Bylaws. The president is the main contact for outside organizations and individuals who interact in one fashion or another with the Club. These include federal agencies (in particular the US Forest Service), as well as state and local agencies that are involved with outdoor matters such as recreation, environmental concerns and trail access. Since the Club, along with most of its members, is located on the Wasatch Front, the Club has its most frequent contact with agencies that deal with the Wasatch Front. The Club also interacts with sister organizations such as the Utah Wilderness Association, Southern Utah Wilderness Association, the Utah Chapter of the Sierra Club, the Audubon Society, S'Plore, and many others. At the newly installed Board's first meeting in March, the Board elects from its members a Vice President who is responsible in the President's absence.

Secretary

The secretary takes minutes at each board meeting, which are then typed, duplicated and mailed to each board member and coordinator. The secretary also keeps a file of correspondence, copies of the minutes, monthly treasury reports, and miscellaneous documents and is responsible for sending any pertinent documents to trustees who were unable to attend the Board meeting.

The secretary submits brief reports of the general membership meetings to the *Rambler*, and prepares ballots for the Governing Board Election at the General Membership Meeting.

In addition, the secretary is responsible for maintaining and updating the official Club documents such as the policies, Constitution, and Bylaws.

Treasurer

The Governing Board must authorize payment, but it is the treasurer's duty to present the bills to the Board. Checks must be signed by two officers (treasurer, president, vice president, or secretary). The treasurer also keeps the accounting books. Expenditures of a thousand dollars or more must also be approved by a separate vote of the trustees. To keep us legal with the IRS, every bill that Club members present for reimbursement must have a corresponding receipt.

We do not qualify as a nonprofit organization (the IRS classifies us as a social organization), and we must pay taxes. While we have an outside person prepare our taxes, it is under the treasurer's oversight. In addition to the regular checking account for liquid funds, the Club maintains an investment account, which is under the supervision of the treasurer and the trustees. Further duties of the treasurer are listed in Article II, section 2d of the Bylaws.

Bicycling Director

The bicycling director has the direction and authority for road and mountain bike activities—rides, related activities, and social events connected with bicycling. The director may enlist coordinators to assist in either the road or mountain biking program by establishing the schedule of rides, soliciting

individual trip organizers, and preparing new organizers for their responsibilities.

Approved helmets are recommended on all WMC rides. In addition, protective eyewear is suggested. Trip organizers are requested to advise participants of difficulties and potential experiences on the ride as well as potential weather, clothing, hydration, and snack needs so that participants are prepared.

The bicycling director arranges for an active road and mountain biking program that operates from spring through fall. Regular weekday evening bike rides are planned throughout the season as well as rides on both weekend days, with different levels of difficulty to appeal to a variety of abilities.

Boating Director

A very active boating program keeps the boating director busy on two fronts: (1) scheduling boating activities, and (2) maintaining the boating equipment. Since the boating program is more complex than most other Club activities, the most successful boating directors have reduced their work load by delegating various tasks to the several boating coordinators, namely the rafting, boat equipment, kayaking, canoeing, sailing, and instructional coordinators.

While the director is responsible for scheduling the trips, it is up to individual members to apply for permits on regulated rivers, because permits are issued to individuals, not organizations. Based on permits received and snow pack conditions, the summer boating schedule is arranged at an April meeting. The director tries to make sure there are enough beginning trips for those who are just entering the boating program and family trips throughout the season.

The Club owns several rafts and accompanying equipment needed for daily and overnight trips. The boating director and equipment coordinator are responsible for maintaining this equipment, and for its replacement when necessary. A fee for maintenance and replacement is collected from the participants of trips using club gear.

Sailing, while under the boating program, is independent of the river running activities, and is scheduled by the respective coordinator. Kayaking and canoeing trips are usually undertaken in conjunction with rafting trips; occasionally they are separate trips, and are scheduled by the appropriate coordinator. With the help of Club volunteers, the instructional coordinator conducts the training trips that cater to the novice and intermediate boaters.

The director also sets boating fees (which are ratified by the Governing Board), coordinates boating orientation and safety courses, and oversees the activities of the several boating coordinators.

Conservation Director

The conservation director is responsible for coordinating the Club's environmental protection programs and for officially representing the Club's Board-approved positions on major environmental issues that concern our Club. Most work is

done by individuals or small committees that focus on a single issue with intense personal dedication. Individual Club members often volunteer for the boards of other environmental organizations and for citizen advisory committees.

Entertainment Director

The club engages in a busy year-long schedule of social events, and it is the duty of the entertainment director to schedule them. Some events, such as the Halloween party and the yearly Awards and Nominations banquet are arranged by the director, while other events, such as Saturday or Sunday and winter socials, are hosted and arranged by individual members. The entertainment director also arranges for the general membership meetings. He or she works with other directors in scheduling events, so that, for example, if there is a social in Park City, there is also a ski tour in the Uintas; or if there is a hike or trail work party in Big Cottonwood Canyon, a social at the Club lodge might follow. Putting on a social event, particularly if it entails preparation of food and the collection of money, is a big job. Therefore the director works with a committee to share the work load and to develop ideas.

Hiking Director

The hiking season runs from April through October. The director and his or her committee schedule and provide organizers for hikes, backpacks and car camps. The committee meets once a month during the hiking season to block out hikes for the coming month, and then the director or a committee member needs to line up the organizers. The committee uses the list provided by the membership director which gives the phone numbers of members who indicated on their activity survey that they would be willing to organize a hike, backpack, or car camp.

Information Director

The information director should act as a clearing house to the media for all activities of the Wasatch Mountain Club in order to promote the Club and its activities and to enhance the image of the Club. An individual, director, or committee wishing to have media coverage on a Club activity should coordinate this with the information director who will try to provide access to and obtain media coverage through print, TV, and/or radio. The information director interfaces with other groups regarding published information about Club activities and represents the Club at conferences or exhibits as requested.

The information director is responsible for producing materials that promote the Club (such as brochures). The Club Web page, Adopt-a-Highway cleanup program, and general voicemail response are further areas of responsibility for the information director.

The information director also distributes extra copies of the *Rambler* to sports shops like REI and Kirkham's to promote membership, and arranges to have sets of *Ramblers* dropped off at local universities (U of U, Weber State, Salt Lake Community College).

Lodge Director

The lodge director is responsible for the lodge maintenance, which includes scheduling work parties, buying supplies and material needed for maintenance and repair, and, when necessary, making arrangements for licensed contractors who have the specialized technical skills when such skills cannot be found from the pool of Club volunteers. The director is the liaison between the Club and Forest Service in maintaining the lease with the Forest Service for the land on which the lodge sits. The director is also responsible for collecting fees from lodge users. We intermittently have available the services of a lodge caretaker (whose responsibilities are under the supervision of the lodge director) to monitor use.

Membership Director

The membership director is responsible for providing information for prospective and new members and keeping the list of members' names and addresses current in the Club database. The membership director mails *Ramblers* (for a \$5.00 fee for two issues) to prospective members, and provides new members with a membership card, patch, copy of the Membership Manual, and current membership list.

Processing of new and renewing members and database entry and updating are the primary responsibilities of the membership director. The membership director prepares and mails the renewal notices. Included in the renewal is an activity survey to identify potential volunteers for coordinating Club activities, serving on committees, and the like. The results of the survey, along with names and phone numbers of potential volunteers, are then made available to other directors to help them plan their activities.

The membership director also monitors and responds to Club voicemail and email questions regarding membership issues. In addition, the membership director ensures that 3 copies of the *Rambler* are set aside for the Club historian every month.

Mountaineering Director

The mountaineering program includes rock, ice, and alpine climbing, with events scheduled almost every week of the year. The director has a committee to help him or her find volunteer organizers to coordinate the climbs. The Club owns ropes, safety helmets and ice axes that are used in training. The director is charged with taking care of this gear and replacing it when necessary.

Publications Director

As editor of the *Rambler*, the director of publications is responsible for getting our monthly schedule of activities into the hands of members in a timely fashion. The editor should be computer literate with a knowledge of desktop publishing. *Rambler* copy must be in the editor's hands by the 10th of the month so that the published copy will be in the members' hands on or before the first of the next month. The editor integrates the submissions from the directors of the various activities (hiking, climbing, social activities, etc.) into a single

schedule and includes other material such as articles, advertisements, etc. into the final layout.

The editor is not simply a passive conduit for the material that gets published in the *Rambler*. The Board sets policy, but the editor is responsible for interpreting it. Scheduled activities must come from or be approved by the appropriate director of that activity. The editor must decide if articles and commercial ads adhere to Club policy and are appropriate for inclusion in the Club's official publication. Questions of layout, length, and place of insertion are at the discretion of the editor. The publications director is also charged with keeping the Club file of copies of the *Rambler*.

Winter Sports Director

The winter sports director works with two coordinators, one for skiing and the other for snowshoeing. The ski touring coordinator and the snowshoeing coordinator both have committees. Meetings are held monthly to plan trips, review the program, and pray for snow. Schedules of trips are planned with a variety of outings ranging from easy to almost impossible. Most trips are focused on MOD-rated outings that are fun but provide enough difficulty to satisfy those interested in outdoor exercise.

An active training program is presented each year. The Audrey Kelly Learn to Ski Clinic is presented for those new to skiing. An intermediate and advanced clinic in telemark turns on cross country skis is done each year. The most important presentation is the Robert Frohboese Avalanche Clinic. This annual event consists of an evening seminar by an avalanche expert, and an outdoor session on Saturday practicing rescue techniques using an avalanche beacon. Training and more training are key to avoiding avalanche fatalities, such as the event which killed the namesake of our Frohboese Avalanche Clinic.

Although we do not do it frequently, ice skating is definitely considered a winter sport. If any volunteers will contribute the time and effort, it will be scheduled.

Coordinators

Coordinators are selected as required by the responsible director, with the selection then ratified by the Board. The coordinators report to the Board through a sponsoring Board member as follows:

Activity	Board Sponsor
Canoeing	Boating
Kayaking	Boating
Sailing	Boating
Rafting	Boating
Boating Equipment	Boating
Boating Instruction	Boating
River Issues	Boating
Snowshoeing	Winter Sports
Ski Touring	Winter Sports
Mountain Biking	Bicycling

In-Line Skating	Entertainment
Adopt-a-Highway	Conservation
Webmaster	Information
Commercial Advertising	Publications
Rambler Mailing	Publications
Trails Issues	Conservation

Committees

Style varies, depending on the individual who occupies the directorship, but most directors find it useful to have a committee to help share the work load. A functioning committee is more useful for some directorships than others. For example, it is unthinkable not to have a hiking and skiing committee to help find organizers and write up the information for the *Rambler's* monthly schedule of activities. You may get a telephone call asking you to be on a committee; but don't wait for the call. If you want to join in, call the appropriate director and offer to be on the committee. This would be especially useful if you are new to the Club and the director does not know you. Volunteers are always welcome in the Wasatch Mountain Club.

Trustees

The trustees function as the Club's institutional memory so as to ensure continuity in the Board's decision making. There are five trustees: four elected members plus the president. To be eligible for this office, an individual must have previously served on the Board as a director, and must have been a member of the Club for at least five years. The term is four years, and staggered, so that one trustee is elected each year. In addition to general overview, the trustees are charged with three specific duties: they must approve any financial transaction of one thousand dollars or more, they must ensure that the annual audit is performed, and they interpret the Club's Constitution and ensure that the Board lives up to its Bylaws, rules, regulations and policies.

Governing Board Meetings

The Board normally meets on the first Wednesday of each month. If that date lands on a holiday or there is some other conflict that makes it impossible for most of the board members to attend, the meeting date is normally shifted to the next Wednesday. The intent is to meet before the *Rambler* deadline (10th of the month) so that noteworthy Board action can be reported. The meeting is chaired by the president, or, if unable to attend, by the vice president; if neither is able to attend, the president may ask another Board member to chair the meeting. The Constitution requires at least one Board meeting a month, but if there is pressing business there can be more than one. Each director and trustee has an opportunity to report to the Board the activities that she or he feels should be brought to the Board's attention, to seek advice, or suggest action that the Board should take. It is the chair's duty to make sure that each member and trustee have ample time to bring up items for discussion, but since most Board members dislike long meetings, it is also the chair's duty to keep discussion to the point and succinct. Non-Board members are

encouraged to contact either the president or the appropriate Board member to place items of concern on the agenda. Non-Board members, who may or may not be Club members, may be asked or invited to present information on timely or interesting issues to the Club. This provides a mechanism for a non-Board member to bring forth issues that need board attention or action. Examples of past invitees include Forest Service officials, Utah Wilderness Association officials, and representatives of ad hoc groups of petition drives that involve outdoor issues. The invitee may be asked by the president or other Board member. The chair appreciates knowing in advance of any invitees.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

As is befitting an outdoor organization, the Club seems to have developed a yearly rhythm, which can be expressed in an annual calendar. Typical monthly events are listed below and do not represent any particular year.

March:

New Board takes office and sets the dates for annual events. Elect vice president, approve coordinators, appoint historian.

April:

River trip planning meeting and boating work party.

May:

Board retreat.

Adopt-a-highway cleanup.

June:

July:

Service Day: trail clearing and lodge work party.

Coffee house at the Lodge.

August:

Old Timers/Newcomers Party at the Lodge.

September:

Service Day; trail clearing work.

Leaders' Party.

Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup.

Nominate Pa Perry Award.

October:

General Membership Meeting.

Boating equipment work party and Boating party at the Lodge.

Conservation Party.

Halloween Party.

November:

Boating permit application party.

December:

Announce slate for Board elections.

January:

Annual Awards and Nominations Banquet.

Robert Frohboese Avalanche Clinic.

Audrey Kelly Ski Clinic.

February:

General meeting and Board elections.

Pa Parry award and service awards.

RAMBLER OPERATIONS

The *Rambler* is the Club's official publication which you should receive on or before the first of each month. The most important item is the schedule of activities for that month. The schedule also gives the next week or two of the following month; extended out of town trips that take more planning are listed two or even more months in advance.

The *Rambler* also publishes articles on topics of concern to outdoor types, e.g. discussion of ski area expansion, update on lodge repair, announcements of public meetings that concern members (e.g.) trail access, and such. Write-ups of some of the more memorable trips appear under "Trip Talk." The *Rambler* also has a classified section (free to members) and publishes commercial ads.

How to Submit Activities and Articles to the *Rambler*:

Material for the *Rambler* must be in the editor's hands by the 10th of the month before publication. Items that appear in the schedule of Club activities must come from or be approved by the appropriate director; other items (articles, Trip Talks, letters to the editor, public announcements, and advertisements) need no such prior approval. All material should be submitted via email to wmc@xmission.com by the 10th of each month. Files should be in Microsoft Word or WordPerfect using Ariel font and 10 point size. For Trip Talk, the writers' name and date of the activity are helpful and desired; naming the participants is at author's option (please check spelling of their names when used). The editor reserves the right to edit for clarity, spelling, grammar, and available space

Photographs are welcome and encouraged; photos can be emailed, postal mailed, or dropped off in the "Blue Bucket" outside the office door. After use, photos are put in the "Red Bucket" for you to pick up. If you want them proactively returned, provide a self addressed stamped envelope and they will be mailed back. Please identify people and places, and photographers names.

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB PUBLICATIONS

In the past, the Club has published two books: *Hiking the Wasatch*, and *Wasatch Quartzite*. The Club sold the rights to *Hiking the Wasatch* in June, 1999. The University of Utah press will be responsible for the costs of future reprinting. The club receives royalties from *Hiking The Wasatch*(book).

However, the Club still owns several hundred copies of *Wasatch Trails, Vol. 1 & 2* and *Wasatch Quartzite*. Also, in conjunction with the University of Utah Press, the Club has published a trail map compiled by Dale Green also titled *Hiking the Wasatch*, which covers the tri-canyon area of Mill Creek, Big Cottonwood, and Little Cottonwood Canyons. The royalties from the *Hiking The Wasatch*(map) go to the Dale Green fund. Any future proceeds from one-time publications transactions will be allocated equally between the conservation and lodge capital improvement funds or directed by a vote of the Board.

FINANCES

With about 1,200 members, the Club's financial operations are not simple. Some bills are monthly, such as *Rambler* printing. Others are occasional reimbursement, such as expenses associated with the avalanche class, buying of stamps and stationery for sending monthly Board minutes, supplies for Lodge repairs. Often Club members pay out of their own pocket and then ask for reimbursement, but an advance is given if the amount is large. However, payment is contingent on a receipt: no receipt, no payment (this keeps us legal with the IRS). We also contribute to worthy causes such as S'plore and local conservation causes. There is an annual audit, which is under the oversight of the trustees.

In addition to the regular checking account for liquid funds, the Club maintains an investment account, which is under the supervision of the treasurer and the trustees.

Revenues and Expenditures

Revenues are acquired through annual member dues and donations, publications, lodge rentals, entertainment, boating fees, investment income, and other miscellaneous sources. Expenses entail costs of lodge operations, publications and mailing of the *Rambler*, office administrative expenses (rent, phone, etc.), activity support (for entertainment and boating), equipment, conservation, and taxes.

It is the philosophy of the Club that activities are financially self supporting through fees paid by the users. The breakdown of member dues indicates that 15% goes toward the lodge, 10% to conservation and 4% to the lodge capital improvement fund.

In addition to the capital improvement funds for the lodge, and the fund for publications, there are several other smaller special funds, each of which originated through donations earmarked for these special purposes. These are the Audrey Kelly Fund for conducting the Audrey Kelly beginners ski clinic, Alexis Kelner Fund for conservation, and the John Gottman Fund for mountaineering. The John Veranth Trails Promotion Fund is for providing financing for a critical trail issues. The Dale Green Fund is to be used for conservation issues

CONSERVATION

The Club has a long history of environmental activism starting with the original charter. Over time, Club members have started organizations specifically dedicated to conservation like Save Our Canyons. There is also history of individual members of the Club working on specific issues with the Conservation Director serving a coordinating role. With the rise of large organizations with a national constituency and with paid staff such as The Sierra Club and Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance (SUWA), the Club usually takes a supporting role. Many Club members are also members of these organizations. Currently, the Club is one of the four board members of the Utah Wilderness Coalition (UWC). The Coalition was formed to coordinate the conservation activities

of the Wasatch Mountain Club, the Sierra Club, SUWA, and the Wilderness Society on BLM public lands issues.

The Club provides financial contributions to local projects and to support organizations working on Utah issues. The Conservation fund is financed by an allocation of 10% of dues and by shares of royalties from book and map sales. Fully tax deductible contributions for conservation can be made through the Salt Lake Foundation. Checks must be made to the Foundation. The Club can then specify how the WMC fund should be distributed.

Current local issues include ski area expansion and heliskiing which come at the expense of non-mechanized Wasatch Mountain users. Trailhead access and trails maintenance are ongoing concerns of the Club. On a state-wide basis, the Club is involved in the UWC efforts to designate wilderness on BLM lands and to encourage protection of roadless areas in Forest Service holdings.

The Club has a long history of environmental activism starting with the original charter and continuing today. As citizens and as users of the lands we all need to work to preserve the places we enjoy. The Club tends to take the lead on local issues since most of our members and activities are located in Salt Lake County. On state-wide and regional issues we usually take a supporting role and let other organizations take the lead. Current local issues include ski area expansion, forest service land trades, heliskiing, trailhead access, and trail maintenance. State-wide issues include BLM Wilderness designation, management of the existing Wilderness Areas, wildlife management, and timber harvest.

The Conservation fund is financed by donations, by an allocation of 10% of dues and by a share of book publishing profits. Money is used for local projects and donations are made to support organizations that have full-time professional staff working on Utah issues. While the conservation program is under the direction of the conservation director, there is a history of individual club members working on single issues, with the director serving a coordinating role.

Contributing Tax Deductible Funds For Conservation

The IRS classifies the WMC as a social organization. Therefore, any contributions to our Conservation Fund are not tax deductible. However, through the Salt Lake Foundation, a section 501c3 organization, fully tax deductible contributions for conservation may be made. The most common time for these contributions to be made is during membership renewal. A special section on the renewal form is included for this purpose. Please make your checks out to "Salt Lake Foundation" not the Club. Specify on the check that your target is the "WMC Fund." The Foundation has a Board which scrutinizes all requests for funds. The WMC Fund usually goes to projects which have high visibility.

LODGE

The lodge is on the National Register of Historic Sites and is used for many Club social activities. It is also available to Club members and other groups for private functions. A fee,

which is based on actual operating and maintenance costs, is charged for lodge use.

The maintenance of our historic log building is a constant job. The Club depends largely on the volunteer work of Club members, relying on outside help from contractors with specialized skills only when the task is beyond what can be supplied by Club members. Volunteers with all levels of skill are welcome, from cleaning and painting to specialized or technical tasks.

The lodge director conducts a regular schedule of weekend work parties throughout the year, including special service parties after July 4th and Labor Day. Some work parties are for routine maintenance, such as putting up shutters in the fall, snow removal in the winter, and cleaning in the spring. Other work parties are for special projects, such as the installation of the fire exits, the construction of the grill and patio, or the replacement of logs that have dry rot. A building that is well over half a century old is in constant need of work, so there is always something to do.

The Saturdays following the July 4th weekend and Labor Day weekend are reserved for lodge work parties and trail maintenance. Other daytime activities may be scheduled as long as they are service activities.

A sewer system has been installed in Big Cottonwood Canyon and we have been required to connect because of its proximity to the Lodge. The Forest Service has renewed our land use permit with a condition that we acquire water and hook up to the sewer. The connection is now complete and showers and flush toilets are available at the lodge.

Our past historian, Dale Green, has supplied us with the following historical notes on the history of the lodge:

“After a few years of discussion, negotiations with the Forest Service for a suitable lodge site at Brighton were completed the last of July, 1929. A few weeks later a contract was signed with Mr. Ernest V. Green for \$800 to construct the log walls and foundation and work immediately commenced. In 1930, other contracts were let for finishing the interior carpentry work and constructing a fireplace. Member use of the lodge began later that year, but several years elapsed before activities were scheduled during the Winter. During the mid-30's, members constructed the kitchen room. The last major addition was during the mid-50s when Harold Goodro and others constructed what is now called the Goodro Annex - the entry way and rest rooms. In July, 1981, largely through the efforts of the late Clair Sundwall Davis, the WMC Lodge was placed on the National Historic Register.”

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The Club's outdoor activities promote a certain togetherness so that every outing is also a social event. Such togetherness spills over into events that are social events pure and simple, events that are under the direction of the entertainment director. These social events also allow the mixing of folks that might not otherwise meet on the trail, e.g. the Thursday night hiker and the hard-core rock climber.

The Club has a year-long schedule of social activities that include such things as winter socials, a Halloween party, summer socials, an annual Awards and Nominations Banquet, Old Timers party, stargazing and still more; we have even been known to engage in Scottish country dancing to help celebrate John Muir's birthday. Most of the annual social events are listed in the Club Calendar. Some social events take place at the Club's historic lodge in Brighton, and some in the homes of members who are gracious enough to host a social. Some include a potluck, while others include a meal prepared by individual members. Some lodge socials are prepared by the Club under the direction of the entertainment director.

HISTORICAL NOTES

It is the historian's task to collect and archive all material of historical importance to the Club. Typical items are copies of the *Rambler*, Governing Board meeting minutes, Treasurer's reports, Directors' records, newspaper clippings, photographs, slides, and such.

Donated material is periodically transferred to the Wasatch Mountain Club section in the Western Americana Special Collection at the University of Utah Marriott Library. Members may also contribute important historical material to this collection.

The Salt Lake City Public Library's main branch and the Utah State Historical Society also maintain a file of *Rambler* back issues, though it is not as complete as the one at the Marriott. We encourage contribution to the Club archives, including old *Ramblers* and other documents that you might otherwise be discarding.

Former President Mike Treshow is engaged in writing a history of the Wasatch Mountain Club as a contribution to the celebration of our 75th anniversary.

Past Presidents

1920-	Leon Stoney
1921-	Leon Stoney
1922-	Leon Stoney
1923-	Einer Lignel
1924-	Eugene D. Amott
1925-	E.W. (Doc) Lambert
3/26-2/27	Dan Derby
3/27-2/28	Arvil Atkins
3/28-12/29	Roy Erickson
1/30-12/30	Frank Trottier
1/31-12/32	Guy Anderson
1/33-3/33	Glen Stewart

4/33-12/33	Edith Cook (Green)
1/34-12/34	Nephi Anderson
1/35-11/35	Jacke Wolfe
12/35-10/36	Homer Collins
11/36-10/37	Frank Trottier
11/37-10/38	Francis Bromley
11/38-11/39	Chic Pfeiffer
11/39-10/40	no record
11/40-10/41	Bill Kamp
11/41-10/42	Ray McGuire
11/42-10/43	Ford Holmes
11/43-10/44	Harry Duerkop
11/44-10/45	Bill Kamp
11/45-10/46	Stan Murdock
11/46-10/47	Steve MacDonald
11/47-10/48	James Shane
11/48-10/49	Lee Steorts
11/49-4/50	Orson Spencer
5/50-4/51	James Shane
5/51-4/52	Larry Rogers
5/52-4/54	Jack White
5/54-4/60	Harold Goodro
5/60-4/62	Cal Giddings
5/62-2/66	Dale Green
3/66-4/66	Ed Schneider
5/66-9/67	Charlie Keller
10/67-2/68	Tom Stevenson
3/68-2/70	Dale Green
3/70-2/71	Del Weins
3/71-6/73	Dennis Caldwell
7/73-2/74	Leroy Kuehl
3/74-2/76	Dale Green
3/76-2/77	Judy (Davis) Thomas
3/77-2/80	Dennis Caldwell
3/80-2/83	Mike Treshow
3/83-8/83	Lew Hitchner
9/83-2/84	Pete Hovingh
3/84-2/86	Bob H. Wright
3/86-2/87	Ann Cheves
3/87-2/88	Hank Winawer
3/88-2/91	John Veranth
3/91-2/93	Wick Miller
3/93-2/95	Jerry Hatch
3/95-2/96	Nance Allen
3/96-2/99	Linda Kosky
3/99-2/01	Brad Yates
3/01-2/03	Gloria Watson
3/03-	Mike Budig

Pa Perry Award

Clarence (Pa) Parry was one of the founding members of the Wasatch Mountain Club and a jeweler by trade. In 1954 Pa initiated an award to be given to a member who had given exceptional service to the Club. In some years, no award was given, while in others more than one was given. Recent recipients include:

1954	Janet Roberts (activity)
	Jim Shane
	Harold Goodro (mountaineering)
1955	Janet Christensen (activity)

1956	O'Dell Petersen (activity)
	Lee Steorts (mountaineering)
1957	Don Pearson
1958	Austin Wahrhaftig (service)
	Caine Alder (special effort)
1959	Robert Goodwin
1960	Art Hicks
1961	Harold Goodro
1962	Clair Sundwall (Davis) (service)
	Harold Goodro
	Ron Perla (mountaineering)
1963	Carl Bauer
1964	Pete and Pinky Petersen
1965	no award
1966	Jack McLellan
1967	David Cook
1968	George Smith
1969	Bud and Fern Reid
1970	no award
1971	Carl Bauer
1972	Dale Green
1973	Fred Bruenger (service)
	Alexis Kelner (service)
1974	Betty Bottcher
1975	George and Georgia Randall
1976	no award
1977	John Gottman
1978	Larry Hoskins
1979	Larry Swanson
1980	Bob Myers
1981	Dennis Caldwell
1982	Pa (Clarence) Perry
1983	Elmer Boyd
1984	Milt Hollander
1985	Trudy Healy
1986	Norm Fish
1987	Dave Hanscom
1988	O'Dell and Edith Petersen
1989	Mike Budig
1990	Gale Dick
1991	Charles Leslie
1992	Mel Davis
1993	Milt Hollander
1994	Vince Desimone
1995	Dale Green
1996	John Veranth
1997	Rich Osborne
1998	Karin Caldwell
1999	Alexis Kelner
2000	Leslie Woods
2001	Linda Kosky
2002	Phyllis Anderson
2003	Randy Long
2004	Mike Treshow
2005	Zig Sondelski
2006	Cheryl Soshnik

The Alexis Kelner Conservation Award

Marga Raskin and Karin Caldwell undertook the establishment of a conservation award in honor of Alexis Kelner. The text establishing the award was adopted by the

Club at a general membership meeting in 1988, and reads as follows:

“In celebration of 50 years of active life, much of which has been spent preserving the natural beauty of the Wasatch Mountains, the friends of Alexis Kelner have established ‘The Alexis Kelner Conservation Fund’ to be administered by the Wasatch Mountain Club. It is suggested that revenues from this fund be spent on annual awards to individuals, inside or outside the Club, who have given distinguished service to the cause of Utah Conservation. These awards are to be named ‘Alexis Kelner Conservation Awards’.”

The establishment of the awards was, in fact, a formalization of a trend started some years earlier at our annual nominations and awards banquet for honoring individuals who had contributed significantly to the preservation and conservation of Utah’s public lands. In 1973, Fred Bruenger and Alexis Kelner were honored for the effort to stop the 1976 Winter Olympic Games that had been proposed and promoted for the Wasatch Front canyons. In the early 1980’s, Chuck Reichmuth was recognized for his impassioned plea for rapid congressional enactment of the Utah Wilderness Bill. A few years later, Marilyn Tueller and Bob Wright were jointly recognized for efforts to stop nuclear testing in southern Nevada. The list of formal awardees follows:

1989 Dick Carter, founder and director of the Utah Wilderness Association, for his continued activism on behalf of the state’s public lands, wilderness areas, wildlife, and ecosystems.

1990 Tom Berggren, Salt Lake attorney, for his work on behalf of Wasatch Front canyons preservation, for utilizing his legal skills to prepare numerous appeals of Forest Service decisions regarding the Brighton-Solitude expansion, and for being instrumental in helping convince Salt Lake City officials to enact a moratorium on canyon land development.

1991 Steve Lewis, for his ceaseless activism to bring about a heli-free Wasatch, and his participation on the mediation team of backcountry tourers during the Forest Service’s ill-fated attempt to resolve the continually escalating conflicts between backcountry tourers and the heliski concessionaire.

1992 Rick Steiner, for his active participation in the formulation of the Salt Lake County’s Master Plan, his enthusiastic involvement in the mediation between the backcountry and heliski tourers, and the use of his talents for creative compromise.

1993-5 no award

1996 Will McCarvill

1997 Randy Klein

1998 Ellie Ienatsch

1999 Brad Yates

2000 Gale Dick

2001 Zach Frankel

2002 John Veranth

2003 Gavin Noyes

2004 Peter Metcalf

2005 Walt Haas

2006 Chris Biltorf

TRAIL CLEARING

Our trail clearing efforts are expended on lesser used trails that the Forest Service does not maintain rather than helping where there are already sufficient resources being expended. Hikes are not scheduled on trail clearing days. Often a social is scheduled for the Lodge once the work is done.

The Saturdays following the July 4th weekend and Labor Day weekend are reserved for trail maintenance and lodge work parties, i.e. service weekends. Other daytime activities may be scheduled as long as they are service-oriented.

HIGHWAY CLEANUP

The Club has adopted the section of Wasatch Boulevard and Highway 210 between I-215 and the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon. There are 3 annual cleanups.

NOTICE TO NEW (AND PERHAPS OLD) MEMBERS: THIS IS A VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION!

After reading this manual, it should be clear that the Club operates on volunteer labor: volunteers to organize activities, volunteers to maintain the lodge, volunteers to call for organizers, volunteers to mail the *Rambler*, to host socials, etc. As with many volunteer organizations, there is a tendency for the Club to keep asking the same folks, and not get “new blood.” If we call the same old folks, and not you, it is because we don’t know you yet. So if you are “new blood,” don’t wait to be called! Call and volunteer to organize your favorite hike, to help with the *Rambler*, or whatever.

We sometimes have trouble finding enough organizers for hiking and ski touring where there is a lot of demand. So two things: (1) if you are asked and will be available, please say “yes”; and (2) please call early and offer your services.

From time to time, various Club members have suggested that we have a service requirement for maintaining membership. Even though the Club has no official regulation to this effect, there is a wide spread unofficial feeling that each member should undertake a volunteer obligation at least once a year. More if you are a heavy Club user (at least one volunteer obligation for every ten times you use the Club).

If you organize an activity, you get invited to the yearly Leaders Party in the fall, one of the most enjoyable socials of the year.

WMC GENERAL RULES OF CONDUCT

1. In the event of any accident or rescue, the expenses shall be the sole responsibility of the individual incurring such

expenses whether or not said individual shall deem them necessary.

2. No person shall be permitted to carry or use firearms.
3. The trip organizer is in full charge and all persons will be governed by her/his decisions.
4. No person shall be allowed to participate in a trip if, in the opinion of the organizer, she/he is not qualified and adequately equipped to successfully complete the trip.
5. Leave camps and trails in the same or better condition than found. Carry all non-burnable trash (cans, glass, foil, etc.) back out.
6. Use of illegal controlled substances or obnoxious indulgence of alcoholic beverages will not be tolerated in connection with Club functions.
7. Children
 - a. Children are allowed at the lodge during the day and for lunch at regularly scheduled Club work parties.
 - b. Children are not allowed in the lodge on the evening of, or overnight, on a regularly scheduled Club function unless permission is expressly given in the *Rambler* announcement for that function.
 - c. Children are not allowed on activities unless permission is stated in the *Rambler*. (It is at the organizer's discretion to allow specific children on pre-registered activities as long as all prior registered adults concur and the organizer notifies each additional participant.) The organizer should grant permission only if he is certain parents will assume full responsibility and children will not interfere with the enjoyment of adult members.
8. Dogs are not allowed on activities unless permission is given in the *Rambler* announcement for that function.

SELECTED WMC POLICIES

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Life member designation is a privilege and recognition of service in the Club. Payment of dues and participation in Club activities for the designated period of time are not in themselves sufficient for candidacy for life membership. Article V, Section 2 of the Bylaws give the requirements. The details are as follows:

1. Twenty five years of continuous dues paying membership in the WMC. In the case of interrupted membership the candidate may update the dues in arrears with the approval of the Board of Directors.
2. The life member candidate must have satisfied one of the following: (a) Served as a member of the Board of Directors; or (b) accumulated the equivalent of 100 hours in the organization and or leadership of WMC activities

and functions. The following scale will be used as a guide in the tabulation of equivalent time participation:

- a. One-day trip organizer: (1) within close proximity to SLC: 2 hours; (2) at a distance from SLC: 5 hours.
 - b. Extended trip organizer: Overnights (e.g. backpack, river and ski trips): document organizing time.
 - c. Participation in work parties: 2-5 hours.
 - d. Committee work: document time.
 - e. Social event organization: document time.
 - f. Other.
3. Life membership is not granted automatically:

The life member candidate must submit a written application documenting the fulfillment of the requirements to the Board of Directors.

Life membership is an individual recognition. In the case of couple membership each must satisfy the requirements for life membership individually.

Life membership applications must be cleared by the Board of Directors and must be approved by a vote of the general membership at the regular WMC general membership meeting.

Life members pay no regular dues, but postal regulations require that we charge all subscribers, including life members, *Rambler* subscription fees (currently at \$12). Non-subscribing Life members must notify the membership director each year that she or he desires to be included on the membership roster because we have no mechanism for automatically tracking such information.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK AND RELEASE FORM

Every new applicant and renewing member must sign a form acknowledging that risk is involved with outdoor activities and that they release the Club from liability. In addition, a release form with essentially the same wording is required to be signed by each participant before every outing. The essence of this release is outlined below.

Applicant Agreement, Acknowledgment of Risk, and Release from Liability

Voluntary Participation: I acknowledge that my participation in any WMC activity is voluntary. No one is forcing me to participate.

Assumption of Risk: I am aware that WMC activities involve risks, and could result in injury, illness, death, and damage or loss of property. The dangers include but are not

limited to: the hazards of traveling in remote areas without medical services or care, the forces of nature, the inherent dangers involved in participation in sports, wilderness travel, and social activities, and the negligent actions of other persons or agencies. I understand that all activities should be considered "exploratory," with the possibility of unexpected conditions and route variations. The WMC is not, nor does it provide, a professional guiding service. In order to partake in the enjoyment and excitement of WMC activities, I am willing to accept the risk and uncertainty involved as being an integral part of the activity. I acknowledge this risk, and assume full responsibility for any and all risks of injury, illness, death, or damage and loss to my property.

Preparation: I understand that it is my responsibility to evaluate the difficulty of any activity I participate in, and decide whether I am prepared by having the experience, skill, knowledge, equipment, and the physical and emotional stamina to safely participate.

Release of Liability and Promise Not to Sue:

I agree that I, my heirs, and personal or legal representatives hereby do release and hold harmless from all liability, and promise not to bring any suit or claim against the Wasatch Mountain Club, its organizers, directors, agents or representatives for any injury, illness, death, and damage and loss to property resulting from my participation in any WMC activity even if they negligently caused the injury or damage.

Legal Fees: Should it become necessary for WMC, or someone on their behalf, to incur attorney's fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agree to pay WMC reasonable costs and fees thereby expended, or for which liability, if incurred.

Insurance: I certify that I have sufficient insurance to cover any bodily injury or property damage that I may incur while participating in any WMC activity. If I have no such insurance, I certify that I am capable of paying for all such expenses and liabilities.

My signature below indicates that I have read this entire document, understand it completely, understand that it affects my legal rights, and agree to be bound by its terms. I am at least 18 years old.

TRANSPORTATION COSTS

We try to car pool whenever possible, with riders then sharing in the cost of transportation. For trips in the local canyons, riders normally pay the driver one dollar a head. For longer trips, riders pay the driver according to the following formula: 15 cents per mile plus the cost of gas divided by the number of people in the car, including the driver. This can be modified for particular trips; if a four wheel drive has to be used, it is 25 cents per mile. Riders split user fees (for example, at the tollbooth in Millcreek Canyon).

Drivers need to be sure that they are adequately insured, since Club policy does not allow reimbursement in case of an accident.

LODGE FEES

Rental fees for the lodge are currently \$250 per day and \$150 per half day. The daily user fee for Club members is \$3.00. The Club has adopted a policy that the lodge shall be made available for public use to the greatest extent possible without restriction as to member status as long as the lodge is operated under a USFS special permit.

CLUB YELLS (From olden days!)

We are the Shepherds of Wasatch,
A regular gang are we; We play with vim, our opponents to trim
With ease and alacrity. Baa-a-a-a-a Baa-a-a-a-a
Climbing Mountains, Conquering Peaks;
In this great sport we can't be beat. Rah! Rah!
Wasatch-Hip-Hooray! !

Rub-a-dub; rub-a-dub Rub-a-dub-a-dub,
We are the Wasatch Mountain Club.
Sing around, ring around, Shout it to the sky, We're for
Wasatch, do or die.(From the WMC 1923 *Rambler*)

SELECTED RULES AND REGULATIONS FROM AN EARLIER DAY

3. That none will conduct themselves in a manner unbecoming to a lady or gentleman.
6. That all persons while on trips will at all times be in communication with those in charge of the trip.
7. That the members of the Club shall respect the rights of other citizens by refraining from all unnecessary noise when congregating for trips, especially on Sunday, when passing Churches, or other public gatherings.
8. That gambling in any form will not be permitted.
9. That intoxicating liquors will not be permitted to be carried or used while on trips.
11. That the Club will not at any time tolerate the so-called "petting parties."
13. That all members of this Club will at all times refrain from mutilating or destroying wild plant or animal life and at all times help in the preservation of all public or private structures.
14. That only members of this Club shall be permitted to go on overnight trips, except by invitation of two or more members of the Board.
15. That all overnight trips shall be properly chaperoned.
16. That any person or persons, members or otherwise, violating any of the above rulings shall be deprived of the Club privileges for such length of time as the Board of Directors may determine.
17. That all persons while on trips will at all times remember the Golden Rule.

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