

# **Cascade Backcountry Alliance**

## **BYLAWS**

### **ARTICLE I – MISSION AND GOALS**

#### *Section 1.1: Mission:*

The Cascade Backcountry Alliance (CBA) is an advocacy group for backcountry skiers, snowboarders, and snowshoers in the Cascade Mountains of the Pacific Northwest. Its goal is to ensure future access for winter backcountry recreation by advocating for strategic access improvements, preserving current access points, and educating the public to better utilize existing access opportunities.

#### *Definition:*

Throughout this document, when we refer to “user group” or “users”, we are referring to backcountry skiers, snowboarders, and snowshoers.

#### *Section 1.2: Goals:*

##### **Representation**

- Represent the needs, preferences, and concerns of backcountry skiers, snowboarders, and snowshoers in discussions with land management agencies and other relevant groups.
- Develop relationships with ski areas and represent our users in discussions about parking, backcountry access, and avalanche management.
- Represent backcountry users when communicating with other recreational user groups. Create partnerships and work effectively in these partnerships.
- Research to understand the demographics and needs of our users.
- Engage in dialogue with community members about access issues.

##### **Advocacy**

- Advocate for the expansion of strategic winter recreation access points with land management agencies. Explain user needs and access issues facing backcountry winter recreators.
- Work with ski areas to preserve backcountry access and parking where possible. Develop solutions to conflicts arising from increased user demands for winter recreation on public lands.
- Understand land use documents and procedures and participate in land use procedures on the behalf of our user group.

##### **Education**

- Inform the public about winter backcountry recreation opportunities and access points.
- Promote safe enjoyment of the winter backcountry.

- Keep the community informed about current land management planning decisions affecting winter recreation.
- Educate about backcountry ethics, how to be conscientious of other user groups, and generally how to be a responsible member of the backcountry community.

## **ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP**

*Section 2.1:* The CBA is currently not a membership based organization.

## **ARTICLE III – BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

*Section 3.1:* CBA is a Washington non-profit organization, governed by an elected Board of Directors (“Board”) consisting of no less than three, nor more than ten, duly elected members in good standing.

*Section 3.2:* A quorum (over 50%) is required at each meeting to conduct business.

*Section 3.3:* The Board is responsible for managing and directing CBA programs and activities and the financial health of the organization.

*Section 3.4:* The President will appoint the initial board members. From thereon, board members are elected for a one-year term. Board elections will generally occur in October each year. A board member is elected if a majority of existing board members approve. A Board member may stand for reelection and serve more terms if duly elected. A Board member can be elected to the Board at any monthly meeting, but if they are not elected at the October meeting, their term will terminate at the following October meeting. Election occurs when the majority of the other standing Board members approve of the member in question. At the annual October meeting, all Board members of the previous year will have a vote.

*Section 3.5:* Board members are expected to attend monthly board meetings during the winter season (September through May) and other Board meetings as scheduled by the Board President.

*Section 3.6:* A Board member who misses four consecutive meetings may be replaced. A Board member can voluntarily withdraw, in which case the President may appoint a replacement for the remainder of the term.

*Section 3.7:* The officers of the Board; the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, are elected by the Board members. The Board may invite persons to attend and participate in their meetings at their discretion.

*Section 3.8:* The current board members are:

President: Kyle McCrohan

Vice President: Madelynn Scherrer

Secretary: Daniel Bolliger

Treasurer: Jerome Drescher

## **ARTICLE IV – OFFICER DUTIES AND TERMS**

*Section 4.1:* The President shall hold office for a one-year term with no maximum number of consecutive terms. The President shall direct and administer the affairs of the CBA as its executive head. The President shall supervise all phases of organization activity in cooperation with the Board. The President shall serve the year following service as President as Past President to assist the newly elected President in carrying out organization activities.

*Section 4.2:* The Vice-President assists the President to carry out organization activities and holds a one-year term with no maximum number of consecutive terms. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President carries out the duties and responsibilities of the President.

*Section 4.3:* The Secretary shall keep a record of CBA proceedings and noteworthy activities and hold a one-year term with no maximum number of consecutive terms.

*Section 4.4:* The Treasurer shall have custody of CBA funds and holds a one-year term with no maximum number of consecutive terms. Duties of the Treasurer include disbursement of such funds as instructed by the Board and/or included in the annual budget, preparation and distribution of periodic treasurer reports, preparation and distribution of an annual report, and supervision of the development of an annual budget. The Treasurer works closely with the President and the Board to meet the report requirements.

The President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer are authorized to sign checks.

## **ARTICLE V – STANDING COMMITTEES**

*Section 5.1:* CBA will have Standing Committees and ad-hoc committees as determined by the Board for specific purposes. The President in consultation with the Board will appoint standing Committee Chairpersons. There must be at least one Board member in the Committee Chairpersons. A Committee Chair can be removed by majority vote of the Board.

## **ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS**

*Section 6.1:* Unless changed by a majority vote of the Board, the Board meetings will be held each month during the winter season (September through May).

*Section 6.2:* The board meeting in October is deemed the annual Fall meeting for the purpose of electing any new members of the Board and for conducting other business directed by the President as instructed by the Board.

*Section 6.3:* Special meetings may be called by the President with approval of the majority of the Board.

## **ARTICLE VII – COMMITMENTS**

*Section 7.1:* CBA shall not enter into any legally binding commitment without authorization to do so from the Board.

## **ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS**

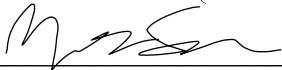
*Section 8.1:* The bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of all Board members after following the process outlined in Section 8.2.

*Section 8.2:* The bylaws amendment approval process shall consist of three steps:

- The Board will develop the contents for one or more amendments or revisions;
- The proposed changes will then be discussed at monthly or annual meeting or other generally available public media source with solicitation for comments and suggestions from board members and additional revisions will be made if needed;
- The bylaws amendments or revisions become effective on the date of the final vote of approval from the Board.

**Effective Date:** These bylaws shall become effective as of 11-16-22.

Signed by:  President

 Vice-President

 Secretary

 Treasurer