

CATSKILL 3500 CLUB, INC. By-laws

ARTICLE I-NAME

The name of this corporation is CATSKILL 3500 CLUB, INC.

ARTICLE II-PURPOSE

Section 1. To provide an incentive for hikers to climb those Catskill Mountain peaks in excess of 3,500 feet in height.

Section 2. To promote the interests and bringing together socially those persons who are engaged or interested in hiking in the Catskill Mountains.

Section 3. To provide such persons with opportunities for engaging in such hiking and social activities.

Section 4. To do any other act or thing incidental to or connected with the foregoing purposes or in the advancement thereof, but not for the pecuniary profit or financial gain of its members or officers, except as permitted under Article 5 of the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law.

Section 5. To promote conservation in the Catskill Mountains.

ARTICLE III-MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. To be eligible for membership, one must climb on foot the summits specified on the "Official List", set forth herein, and in addition must climb the four summits on the "Winter Summits List" between December 21 and March 21.

Section 2. An active member is one who has completed his requirements for membership and who has paid his prescribed dues for the current year or who is a "life member" as defined herein.

Section 3. A charter member is one who qualified in accordance with the foregoing prior to January 1, 1966.

Section 4. A life member is one who has qualified in accordance with the foregoing, and who has paid the life-membership fee determined by the Executive Committee.

Section 5. The Official List, dated March 24, 1966 and amended March 26, 1988 is:

Mountain	Elevation in feet*	County	Town
Slide	4,180	Ulster	Shandaken
Hunter	4,040	Greene	Hunter
Black Dome	3,990	Greene	Windham
Thomas Cole	3,945	Greene	Windham
Blackhead	3,940	Greene	Windham
Westkill	3,880	Greene	Lexington
Doubletop	3,870, 3,850#	Ulster	Hardenberg
Graham	3,868	Ulster	Hardenberg
Cornell	3,865	Ulster	Shandaken
Table	3,847	Ulster	Denning
Peekamoose	3,843	Ulster	Denning

Mountain	Elevation	County	Town
Plateau	3,840	Greene	Denning
Sugarloaf (Mink)	3,800	Greene	Denning
Wittenberg	3,780	Ulster	Shandaken
Southwest Hunter(a)	3,740	Greene	Hunter
Balsam Lake (Balsam Roundtop)	3,725	Ulster	Hardenberg
Lone	3,721	Ulster	Denning
Panther	3,720	Ulster	Shandaken
Friday(b)	3,694	Ulster	Shandaken
Big Indian	3,680	Ulster	Shandaken
Rusk	3,680	Greene	Lexington
High Peak (Kaaterskill)	3,655	Greene	Hunter
Twin	3,640, 3,580#	Greene	Hunter
Fir	3,625	Ulster	Shandaken
Balsam Cap	3,623	Ulster	Shandaken
North Dome	3,610	Greene	Lexington
Eagle	3,605	Ulster	Hardenberg
Balsam(c)	3,600	Ulster	Hardenberg
Bearpen	3,600	Greene	Halcott
Indian Head	3,573	Greene	Hunter
Mt. Sherrill(d)	3,540	Greene	Lexington
Vly	3,529	Greene	Halcott
Windham High Peak	3,524	Greene	Windham
Halcott	3,520	Greene	Halcott
Rocky	3,508	Ulster	Shandaken

*As shown on the most recent version of the 7.5 minute series topographic maps published by the United States Geological Survey. Where the maps show surveyed elevations for the summits, these elevations will be used. Where the maps do not show surveyed elevations, the highest contour line on the map will be used as the summit elevation. In the event the U.S. Geological Survey publishes new maps with metric measurements, the metric elevations will be converted and rounded to the nearest foot.

Mountains with multiple summits have only the highest required.

(a) Southwest Hunter has no official name. It is located southwest of Hunter Mountain.

(b) The name "Friday" is not on all maps. It is located between Balsam Cap and Cornell.

c (c) "Balsam" is the name of several Catskill peaks. This one is traversed by the Pine Hill-Eagle Mountain trail.

(d) The name "Mt. Sherrill" is not on all maps. It is west of North Dome.

Section 6. The Winter Summits are:

1. Slide Mountain
2. Blackhead Mountain
3. Panther Mountain
4. Balsam Mountain

Section 7. "The following criteria are used to distinguish a separate mountain peak:

1. There must be at least a 250 foot drop between the peak and any other peak on the list, or
2. The peak must be at least 1/2 mile away from any other peak on the list.

ARTICLE IV-DUES

Section 1. Members shall pay annual dues or a one-time life membership fee, as established by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Annual dues are payable by January 1 and become delinquent on April 1. Delinquent members shall automatically lose good standing.

Section 3. Good standing is required to maintain voting rights and privileges of membership. Delinquent members may regain good standing by payment of one year's delinquent dues.

Section 4. New members joining shall pay full dues when admitted.

ARTICLE V-FISCAL POLICIES

Section 1. The fiscal year shall be from January 1 to December 31 of each year.

Section 2. The books and accounts of the 3500 Club shall be kept in accordance with generally accepted accounting procedures.

Section 3. An audit of the books will be conducted by the audit committee as outlined in ARTICLE IX, Section 3.

ARTICLE VI-MEETINGS

Section 1. The Club shall hold an annual meeting in the spring of the year, with the date and place of this meeting fixed by the Executive Committee. Each annual meeting shall occur within thirteen calendar months of the previous such meeting.

Section 2. Special meetings of the Club may be called by the President, and must be called upon the request of ten percent (10%) of the active membership.

Section 3. Ten percent (10%) of the active membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VII-GOVERNMENT

Section 1. The government of the 3500 Club shall be vested in an Executive Committee as designated in Article IX, Section 1. A committee chairperson may be represented by a designated alternate.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall consider and recommend plans for promoting the purposes of the Club and shall generally administer its business, subject to the Certificate of

Incorporation and By-laws and subject to such instructions as may be given by the Club members at meetings.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall meet at least three times each year: In the Spring, in the Fall, and in the Winter prior to the annual meeting. Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the President, and must be called upon the request of any two Officers. An action may be taken by the Executive Committee without a meeting if a majority of the committee vote in favor of the action in writing or email response. Every reasonable effort shall be made to contact each member of the Executive Committee and the President shall set a reasonable deadline for a return response. The action and voting recorded shall be filed with the minutes of the next Executive Committee meeting.

Section 4. Fifty percent (50%) of the membership of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VIII-OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Catskill 3500 Club shall be President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The terms of the Officers start upon their election at the annual meeting and last for one year or until their successors are elected. Vacancies may be filled by the Executive Committee. These Officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these By-laws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Club.

Section 2. The President shall preside at all regular and special meetings of the Club and Executive Committee; shall call special meetings when duly requested; shall represent the Club or appoint a representative as necessary; shall appoint all committees and their Chairpersons; and perform such other duties as usually pertain to the office of the President.

Section 3. The First Vice President shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President.

Section 4. The Second Vice President shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President and the First Vice President.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall maintain the Club funds and submit a financial statement to the Club at its annual meeting. The Treasurer shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President and both Vice Presidents.

Section 6. The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings. The Secretary shall preside at meetings in the absence of other officers.

ARTICLE IX-COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Executive Committee will consist of all officers (designated in Article VIII, Section 1), the most recently retired past president able to serve, the editor of the Catskill Canister, the delegate to the New York/New Jersey Trail Conference, and chairpersons of the following committees: Membership, Aspirants, Outings, Trails, Canisters, Conservation, Annual Dinner, Winter Weekend, Search and Rescue and Digital Content.

Section 2. The Membership Committee shall receive applications for membership, ascertain with the President the satisfaction of requirements by applicants, issue certificates to applicants found to qualify for membership, and notify the other officers of this action.

Section 3. "An audit committee will consist of three persons, with at least one new person appointed each year. This committee will perform an annual audit of the financial records and prepare a financial statement, which will be issued after the end of the fiscal year, December 31st, and before the annual meeting.

Section 4. A Nominating committee shall be appointed at the Winter meeting mentioned in Article VII, Section 3.

ARTICLE X-NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Nomination procedure: Names of members in good standing may be submitted to the Nominating Committee.

Section 2. Nominations of Officers shall be made at the annual meeting by the nominating committee. Additional nominations may be made from the floor provided that the nominee has given his consent.

Section 3. "The candidate receiving a majority of the votes of the members in good standing who are present and voting, shall be declared elected."

ARTICLE XI-AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS

Section 1. Proposals may be submitted at any time, by members in good-standing, to the Executive Committee to amend, alter, repeal or replace any portion of these By-laws. The Executive Committee shall review and evaluate all proposals at the next scheduled committee meeting. Proposals shall be published in *The Canister* and placed upon the agenda of the next Annual Meeting following such publication for a general membership vote. All voting will be conducted as outlined in Section 2 below.

Section 2. These By-laws may be amended, altered, repealed or replaced at any annual membership meeting by majority vote of the members in good standing who are present. Because the elevations and order of the peaks in the Official List (Article III, Section 5) are derived solely from the most recent U.S. Geological Survey maps, there need be no vote of the membership to amend the By-laws when updates to the maps dictate changes to the elevations or order of the summits on the Official List.

Section 3. No provision to change these By-laws may be inconsistent with the organization's status as a tax-exempt corporation under the laws of the State of New York.

ARTICLE XII-AUTHORITY

Section 1. A current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of business in all applicable cases that are not covered by or in conflict with these By-laws.

ARTICLE XIII-AWARDS

Section 1. Current awards include

(A) The certificate for completing the membership requirements.

(B) A certificate for members climbing all the summits on the "Official List" between December 21 and March 21.

(C) A hike leader certificate for persons who have led at least six hikes scheduled by the 3500 club, including at least one bushwhack and one (separate) winter hike. Also required is attendance at a club-scheduled trail maintenance hike.

(D) A service award for members or aspirants who have earned seven points by participation in service activities to benefit the club and the Catskill Forest Preserve. The

categories of service and assigned points shall be established by the Executive Committee and published in the Canister periodically.

Section 2. Awards may be added, deleted, or modified by the approval of the majority of members in good standing who are present at an annual membership meeting.

ARTICLE XIV-DISSOLUTION

Section 1. In the event of the dissolution of the corporation, its assets shall go to the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York for the preservation of the Catskill Mountains.

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