

BYLAWS OF THE EASTERN SIERRA 4WD CLUB

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this organization shall be "Eastern Sierra 4WD Club," hereinafter referred to as the "Club."

ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL VENUES FOR MEETINGS

Meetings will be held monthly in Bishop, California. Changes in the meeting locations and times shall be determined by the Club at any meeting prior to the change. Such changes shall not be deemed an amendment of these Bylaws.

ARTICLE III PURPOSES OF THE CLUB

The purposes of the Club are (1) to organize, foster, and develop, on an area wide basis, dissemination of information in relationship to four-wheel-drive activities; (2) to encourage and assist in the recruitment of members subject to and in the manner provided for in the Bylaws; (3) to foster safety through observance of state and national vehicle laws; (4) to aid in the protection of natural resources; (5) to aid in making the Club's versatile vehicles available in case of any national or state emergency in which they may be required. It is not the intent of this Club to infringe on the natural wilderness to the exclusion of any other person or persons.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. MEMBER CLASSIFICATION, REQUIREMENTS, AND VOTING PRIVILEGES

- (a) Membership shall be for individual persons wishing to join and support the aims of the Club. Individual members will be entitled to all privileges of membership. He/she shall receive a membership card identifying him as an individual member as well as a new member packet. Individual membership covers "immediate family" (husband/wife/children/parent). Membership shall not be confined to Mono/Inyo or California residents exclusively.
- (b) All members will sign an agreement that they are willing to abide by the Club policies and Bylaws.
- (c) Each member household in good standing, the age of 18 and over, may cast his/her vote in issues submitted to vote by the Club.
- (d) A member of this Club, and in the event the member is under the age of 18 years of age, the member's parent or guardian, hereby holds harmless and releases and forever discharges the Club, its officers and members, either in their individual capacities or by reason of their relationship to said Club, and their successors from any and all claims and demands whatsoever which the member, guest, or any other third party may have against the Club and its members by reason of accident, illness, injury to, or death of, any person(s) or damage to or loss or destruction of any property resulting directly or indirectly from participation in any event sponsored by the Club.

SECTION 2. FEES, DUES, AND ASSESSMENTS

Yearly membership runs from July 1 through June 30 (see SECTION 1a for definition of immediate family membership). The Secretary shall send notices of dues to members with the May Agenda. All dues

must be paid by the June meeting. Dues shall be in such amount(s) as may be determined by the Club from time to time.

SECTION 3. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- (a) Causes of Termination. The membership of any member of an classification shall terminate upon occurrence of any of the following events:
- (i) The resignation of the member;
 - (ii) Failure of a member to pay dues;
 - (iii) The expulsion of the Member, based upon the good faith determination by the Club Officers that the Member has failed in a material and serious degree to observe the rules and conduct of the Club, or has engaged in conduct materially and seriously prejudicial to the purpose and interest of the Club.
- (b) Procedure for Expulsion. If grounds appear to exist for the expulsion or suspension of a member under subsection (a) of this Section 3 the procedure set forth below shall be followed:
- (i) The member shall be given fifteen (15) days prior notice of the proposed expulsion or suspension. Notice shall be given by any method reasonably calculated to provide actual notice. Any notice given by mail shall be sent by registered mail to the member's last address as shown on the membership roster.
 - (ii) The member shall be given an opportunity to be heard, either orally or in writing, at least five (5) days before the effective date of the proposed expulsion or suspension. The hearing shall be held, or the written statement considered, by the Officers on whether the expulsion or suspension should take place.
 - (iii) The Club shall decide whether or not the member shall be expelled, suspended, or sanctioned in some other way. The decision of the Club shall be final.
- (c) Handling of Club Insignia. Any member of any classification, shall agree to remove all Club decals, or logos from the exterior of his/her vehicle upon selling that vehicle or termination of membership and return membership card.

SECTION 4. TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

Neither a member nor any membership right may be transferred to any individual, club, company, or any other entity except as authorized by the Club.

SECTION 5. RESPONSIBILITY FOR CLUB RECORDS AND MATERIALS

Any member entrusted with the guardianship of Club records and materials accepts the responsibility for proper care and perpetuation of such records and materials. The member agrees to promptly transfer these records and materials to an officer of the Club upon any occasion wherein his/her responsibilities under this Section 5 are invested in another member of the Club or upon termination of his/her membership in the Club.

**ARTICLE V
ORGANIZATION BUSINESS**

The purpose and business of the Club shall be effected through meetings of its members and officers.

**ARTICLE VI
MEETINGS OF MEMBERS**

SECTION 1. NOTICE OF MEMBERS MEETINGS

- (a) General Notice Contents. Whenever members are required or permitted to take action at a meeting, written notice of the meeting shall be sent or otherwise given in accordance with (b) of this Section 1 to each member entitled to vote. The notice shall specify the place, date, and hour of the meeting.
- (b) Manner of Giving Notice. Notice of any meeting where members are required or permitted to take any action must be given in writing not less than ten (10) or more than ninety (90) days before the date of the meeting. If notice by mail is not by first class, registered, or certified mail it must be given not less than 20 days before the meeting by letter, phone, or e-mail.

SECTION 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS

- (a) Special meetings of the Club shall be called by the President. Special meetings may also be requested in writing to the President by a member and such request has been approved by the Club.
- (b) When a special meeting is called by the President or through the above procedure by request of a member, the president or another elected officer must set the date of the meeting not less than thirty-five (35) nor more than ninety (90) days after receipt of the request. Members must be notified by letter, email or phone.
- (c) The President may call an emergency meeting at his discretion.

SECTION 3. ANNUAL MEETING / QUORUM

An annual meeting shall be held in June for the election of new officers and shall require 2/3 (two-thirds) of the members present or represented by proxy.

SECTION 4. MEMBER PARTICIPATION

Any Club member shall have the right and is encouraged to speak on any matter before the Club (see SECTION 1[a] for definition of member).

**ARTICLE VII
CLUB OFFICERS**

SECTION 1. The officers of this Club shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary/Publicity, and Treasurer.

SECTION 2. All officers shall enter upon their official duties following the election at the meeting in June and shall serve until their successors shall be duly elected.

SECTION 3. The President shall be the executive officer of the Club and shall preside over the monthly meetings. The President shall preside over all special meetings. He shall carry out the policies and decisions of the Club.

SECTION 4. The Vice President shall preside over the monthly meetings in the absence of the President and cover any vacant position.

SECTION 5. The Secretary/Publicity Officer shall take minutes at all meetings. The Secretary shall be responsible for completing all monthly agendas, disbursing agenda to all members, overseeing media contact, handling all correspondence, and maintaining Club materials and records (except as detailed in ARTICLE IV, SECTION 5).

SECTION 6. The Treasurer shall oversee the receipt of all membership dues and all other Club receipts, bank deposits (if applicable), and disbursements of all authorized funds, by check, cash, or as ordered by the Club. At all times he/she shall have the books open to the inspection of the officers or any authorized auditor. All accounts, records, and books must be approved by the incoming officer upon termination of the outgoing Treasurer's term in office.

SECTION 7. NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

All nominations are to be made at or by the June meeting. Nominations and proxy votes may be submitted in writing to the Secretary prior to the June meeting. All positions are for one year terms and will be elected at the June meeting.

SECTION 8. RECALL, RESIGNATION, ABANDONMENT

- a) Recall. Any officer may be recalled by a vote of 51 % of the members present. Notice of a pending recall must be made one month prior to the recall vote in order for all members to be notified. -
- b) Resignation. Any officer may resign by written notice to be delivered to any officer, so stating both the intent to resign and the effective date.
- c) Abandonment. The office of an officer may be stated to have been abandoned by that officer after three (3) unexcused meetings at the discretion of the other officers. The said other officers may exercise their option to fill said position at their discretion.

ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. Permanent or temporary Club committees or individual positions, including, but not limited to, those listed below may be appointed by the President or set up in such manner as set forth by these bylaws:

Membership

Safety/Education

Bylaws

Web Master

Club Historian

Club Newsletter

Environmental Affairs/Conservation

Community/Governmental Liaison
Club Apparel
Special Events

**ARTICLE IX
PARLIMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The procedures for conducting the Club's business shall follow the general principles of Robert's Rules of Order in all matters not covered by these bylaws.

**ARTICLE X
AMENDMENTS**

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members at any Annual Meeting or Special Meeting, provided at least 40% of the members are represented, and the amendment(s) has been presented at a previous meeting and all members have been notified by mail or e-mail.

Enacted 5-12-2004
Brian Hamilton, President
Renn Everhart, Vice President
KathyWatkins, Secretary

Updated and Amended October 10, 2018
Mike Johnston, President
Sherrie Skare, Vice President and Treasurer
Debby Hidalgo, Secretary