

**Constitution and By Laws of**  
**Mad City Paddlers, Inc.**  
*(Approved 2-4-18)*

**I. Name and Purpose**

- A. The official name of this organization shall be Mad City Paddlers, Inc.
- B. The purpose of this club is to unite Madison Area paddlers for events, information and friendship.

**II. Formation and Government**

- A. The club shall be a non-profit corporation by virtue of the laws of the State of Wisconsin.
- B. The club shall be governed by this constitution and by future amendments to this constitution.

**III. Management**

- A. Management of the club will be vested in the Board of Directors ("The Board").
- B. Board meetings will be held at a time and place designated by a quorum of the Board or by the president.
- C. Board meetings will be open to all club members.
- D. The Board of Directors must approve all special activities and expenditures of the club.
- E. The Board of Directors will designate the dates and times for all general meetings.
- F. No act of any officer, committee member or group of members shall be binding upon this club unless it has been approved by the Board.
- G. Two-thirds of the membership of the Board shall constitute a quorum of the Board.
- H. If a board member misses three consecutive meetings, he or she may be removed from the Board by a quorum vote of the Board.
- I. Elections to the Board shall be held at the general meeting in December, new officers will take office as of January 1. All board members will be selected from the general membership and hold office for a one-year term. Officers may be re-elected to consecutive terms.
- J. The president shall appoint, with the approval of the Board, an election chairperson. The election chairperson is responsible for all election functions.
- K. Any vacancy on the Board of Directors for whatever reason may be filled by appointment of the Board of Directors for the remainder of the term.
- L. Any board member may be removed from office by quorum vote of the board if it is judged to be in the best interest of the club.
- M. This constitution can be amended by two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.

#### **IV. Membership and Dues**

- A. Membership is open to any person.
- B. The MCP annual membership form and the insurance waiver must be signed when joining the club or renewing membership. (Electronic signature qualifies.)
- C. Any prospective member under the age of 18 will furnish written consent from parent or guardian.
- D. Membership dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors.
- E. A guest may participate in all club activities except specified events designated by the Board.
- F. Membership may be terminated for non-payment of dues.
- G. Membership may be terminated by a quorum vote of the Board of Directors if in the best interest of the club (i.e., not following safety procedures).
- H. The MCP membership years runs from March 1 to last day of February.

#### **V. The Board of Directors**

- A. The elected officers of the club shall consist of:
  - 1. President
  - 2. Vice President
  - 3. Treasurer
  - 4. Editor
  - 5. Secretary
  - 6. Webmaster (added as amended at the December 2008 Board of Directors' Meeting)
  - 7. Trip Coordinator (added as amended at the December 2008 Board of Directors' Meeting)

Refer to special section for position requirements (as amended at the February 2015 Club meeting)

- B. Monetary Compensation for the Board of Directors
  - 1. President – \$200.00
  - 2. Vice President – \$50.00
  - 3. Treasurer – \$50.00
  - 4. Secretary - \$50.00
  - 5. Webmaster – \$200.00
  - 6. Trip Coordinator - \$100.00

***Historical footnote:** In club year 2017, the club voted to contract out services related to membership coordination and tracking and newsletter development for the amount of \$65 / month to allow the MCP Board a planning year to develop a new approach to membership management.*