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Article I

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION, PROCEDURES & REQUIREMENTS

Application forms may be obtained from the club's website, and upon completion, mailed to the Club's Secretary or the Club's post office box, along with the appropriate membership fee.

- All members and guests of The Chattanooga Hiking Club shall sign, at the beginning of each hike, the Club's Assumption of Risk/Release of Liability form as shown in Attachment 1.

Minors (under 18 years of age) shall submit the above statement signed by parent or guardian.

In order for a member to participate in voting and Club organized functions, dues must be paid in full.

Article II

Club Membership

Club membership shall be renewable annually and a membership card shall be updated annually following payment of dues.

Article III

Dues

Section 1. Payment of the following dues shall be required for active membership in the Chattanooga Hiking Club.

- A. Annual individual and family membership dues: \$20.00
Family membership includes all members of a household.

Section 2. Funds accruing to the club through payment of dues or other sources shall be used for the purpose of hiking, literature, equipment, donations and for the payment of other legitimate expenses and projects as determined by the Executive Board.

Article IV

MANAGEMENT OF CLUB FUNDS

Section 1. Club funds shall be deposited with an FDIC or FSLIC insured checking account. Disbursement of club funds shall be made by check or debit card.

Section 2. All new (non-recurring) expenditures in excess of \$50.00 shall require a vote of the board.

Section 3. No part of club funds shall at any time be loaned to any member or individual, but at all times be available for the intended purposes.

Article V PENALTIES & REINSTATEMENT

Section 1. Any member who acts in violation of Club and accepted safety rules, may have their membership revoked by the Executive Board.

Section 2. The fiscal year of The Chattanooga Hiking Club shall be April 1st through March 31st. Any member who has not paid their annual membership dues by June 1st will be considered delinquent and deleted from the Club's Membership Roster, Membership Database and e-mail distribution lists.

Article VI SPECIAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. All guest type participants shall be required to submit a properly endorsed "Club Liability Release Form" to the trip leader prior to departure.

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CHATTANOOGA HIKING CLUB POLICIES:

Outing Leader's Authority - The leader is "in charge," and is responsible for deciding the destination, route, timetables, logistics, participation limits, etc. for the outing. Therefore, the leader has the responsibility and authority to turn down someone wanting to go on the outing, if he or she believes the outing is not right for the individual, or participation by the individual could cause a problem for the group. (Just because a person is a club member, or a non-member claims hiking/backpacking experience, they do not have an automatic "right" to participate in an outing.)

A leader can, if willing to accept the responsibility, waive an established policy regarding participation in an outing.

Children - Minors, under age 18, are permitted on club outings, if a parent or guardian signs the Club's "Assumption of Risk / Release of Liability" form for the minor. The minor is to have proper footwear, water, food, rain gear, etc. as would an adult participant.

Dogs - Dogs are not permitted on any hiking, car camp, or backpacking outing unless it is one specifically designated as a "Bring your dog" outing.