

**Hayward Hiking Club**  
(A Non-Profit Corporation)  
**Bylaws**

- Article 1.        Name  
This organization shall be known as HAYWARD HIKING CLUB, hereafter referred to as THE CLUB.
- Article 2.        Purpose  
The Club is formed to program activities which foster an appreciation and enjoyment of natural beauty through the cooperation of persons interested in hiking, backpacking, camping, and other related activities.
- Article 3.        Membership and Participation
- Section 1.  
Persons who are interested in the Club's nature appreciation purpose are eligible for membership.
- Section 2.  
Persons under the age of 18 upon joining the Club must have a parent or guardian signature on their application. Persons under the age of 16 must have a parent or guardian also join and participate.
- Section 3.  
Participation in Club sponsored activities is contingent on membership. Potential members may participate in no more than one (1) activity before membership is required. A signed liability release form is required for each participating member. Minors must have a signed liability form countersigned by a parent or guardian.
- Section 4.  
Young people, aged 15 or under, are not permitted to participate in the outdoor activities of the Club unless accompanied by a parent or guardian, and, it has been determined a suitable event for this age group. The determination of eligibility will be the decision of the hike or activity coordinator.
- Section 5.  
No Pets are allowed to join club hikes. This includes dogs on leashes or in a carrier or stroller.
- Article 4.        Officers
- Section 1.  
Officers of the Club shall be the President and Secretary/Treasurer. These officers shall be elected for and serve one year terms from January 1 to December 31.
- Section 2.  
The President is Chief Officer of the Club and shall preside at all meetings of the Club. The President shall fill any vacant office or Committee Chair by appointment, subject to required majority confirmation at the next Club meeting subsequent to appointment.
- Section 3.  
The Secretary/Treasurer shall conduct Club correspondence and maintain records relative to membership, finances and meetings.

Section 4.

Committee Chairpersons appointed by the President

- A. Schedules -- Conduct that portion of meetings in May, September and January to develop the next four month activity schedule, write up schedule for printing, prepare hike information and waiver forms for coordinator and file when returned (waivers to Secretary for records).
- B. Nominations -- Develop prospective officers (President and Secretary/Treasurer) for October nominations and December elections, appointed in June, consists of three (3) members, de-commissioned upon completion of elections.
- C. Internet – Create and maintain internet presence on behalf of the club, including content development, vendor management, budget responsibility and reporting issues or changes to officers.

Article 5. Meetings

Section 1.

Meetings of the Club shall be held from time to time, but not less than once per calendar year.

Section 2.

A quorum shall consist of the members present at these meetings with their majority vote necessary for the approval of any official action.

Section 3.

Club members not present at the Club meeting may vote on any official action via email or letter and authorize the Club President to act as their proxy on their behalf.

Article 6. Dues

Section 1.

Dues for the Club membership in a calendar year shall be \$5.00 for individuals and for a family unit. Families include married and unmarried couples and their children under age 21, all residing at the same residence.

Section 2.

Dues for members joining after July 1 are half price.

Section 3.

Dues for Officers and Committee Chairpersons will be waived during their years of service to the club.

Article 7 Transportation Expenses

For the purpose of keeping the individual expense at a minimum when outdoor activities involve the use of vehicles for transportation, the following procedure will be followed:

- A. Each passenger in a vehicle will be expected to share the driving expenses. The agreed amount per mile to be determined by the current membership.
- B. Each person in a vehicle, including the driver, will pay their equal share of any bridge tolls or park entrance fees incurred.

Article 8 Nomination of Officers

Nomination for Club officers shall be submitted by October with elections in December for a term to start the following January 1<sup>st</sup> ending December 31<sup>st</sup>

Article 9

Bylaws

Bylaws of the Club shall be adopted by a majority vote of the members present. Amendments to the bylaws of the Club must be presented in writing to the Club and approved by a majority vote of the members present and voting at any Club meeting.

Approved and Adopted: October 31, 2009