

1 ACTIVITY COMMITTEE NAME

The Activity name shall be – Seattle Alpine Scrambling Committee.

2 AUTHORITY

This Seattle Alpine Scrambling Committee Charter is adopted by authority of The Seattle Branch Council Charter.

3 PURPOSES AND MISSION

The purposes and mission of the Seattle Alpine Scrambling Committee will focus on providing introductory and basic alpine skills in support of alpine scrambling activities. The committee’s intent is to train people to participate on alpine scrambling trips. Participants will gain and demonstrate proficiency in skills outlined in The Mountaineers Scrambling Minimum Standard. Another aspect of the committee’s mission is to provide leadership development and scrambling trips with competent leaders for Mountaineers members with the requisite skills.

4 MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Seattle Alpine Scrambling Committee is open to all current Mountaineers members who have completed the Alpine Scrambling Course.

5 GOVERNANCE

The Seattle Alpine Scrambling Committee shall be governed by a Chairperson (or Chairpersons) and committee members (henceforth the Committee). Governance includes but is not limited to: (1) making rules and determining policies, procedures and methods to accomplish Activity programs and courses (2) maintaining Activity assets & property; (3) preparing and managing Activity annual budget; (4) oversight of Activity expenditures; and (5) furthering Activity efforts in support of The Mountaineers.

Additionally, the Committee may (1) elect committee Officers and appoint sub-committee Chairs; (2) create, restructure, or dissolve sub-committees to carry out specific purposes of the Activity; (3) delegate to sub-committees Committee powers and duties.

5.1 Term Conditions and Stipulations

The Chairperson (elected or appointed) shall serve for a period of two (2) years, with terms coincident with The Mountaineers fiscal year.

In the event that a replacement cannot be found for the Chairperson, the Committee may extend the incumbent’s term for up to two (2) additional years.

In the event that the incumbent does not agree to an extension then the Committee may appoint any qualified individual until a replacement can be found.

5.2 Officer’s Duties

Any member of the Committee may be designated to serve as the liaison to counterparts in other Branches, and attend meetings pertinent to the position, as well as executing any additional tasks assigned by the Chairperson.

Chairperson (or Chairpersons)

The Committee Chairperson shall –

- Preside at all regular Committee, and special meetings, as necessary.

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- Confirm all sub-committee Chairs.
 - Be the spokesperson for the Committee.

Assistant Chairperson

The Assistant Chairperson shall –

- Act in place of the Chairperson in the latter's absence.
- Assist the Chairperson with duties of the office.

Treasurer

The Treasurer shall –

- Oversee the financial affairs of the Activity.
- Periodically report to the Committee on the state of the finances of the Activity.
- Assist in the preparation of the annual budget.
- Interface with The Seattle Branch Treasurer and Program Center Staff as necessary.

5.3 Order of Succession

If the Chairperson is unable to attend a regular or special meeting then any member of the Committee may be designated to lead the meeting.

Whenever an Officer or Committee Member other than the Chairperson chairs a Committee meeting they assume the duties and authorities of the Chairperson for the duration of the meeting.

6 APPOINTMENTS

For the appointment of Officers, the Committee shall convene.

The Committee shall nominate qualified Activity members who are willing and able to serve for each position up for replacement, as necessary.

In the event that no nominees are found, the Chairperson may nominate Officers, subject to Committee ratification, for the coming term(s)

Members of the Committee will elect the Officers from those nominated.

6.1 Eligibility

Any qualified Activity member in good standing, willing and able to serve, may be nominated for any position.

7 VOTING

A motion to bring business before the Committee for vote may be made by any Committee Member.

Any business that comes before the Committee for a vote must receive a simple majority of the eligible voting members present, including voted proxies, to be adopted.

7.1 Proxy

If any Committee members are unable to attend a meeting they may delegate their proxy to another individual in attendance.

A verifiable proxy may be in, but not necessarily limited to, the following formats: written, email, text message, or voice-mail.

7.2 Voting by Email

Voting on a motion or other business before the Committee normally occurs at a meeting. This allows for a full debate of the issue at hand. In extraordinary cases voting may occur via email.

8 BUDGET SIGNATURE AUTHORITY

The Chairperson or Treasurer shall have the authority to commit/disburse budgeted funds in accordance with the Seattle Branch Charter and Mountaineers Club Policy.

9 SEATTLE BRANCH COUNCIL LIAISON

The Committee may appoint a delegate to act for the Chairperson as a member of the Seattle Branch Council.

10 MEETINGS

Regular meetings of the Committee shall be held quarterly, or more frequently.

The Chairperson may call for a special meeting in advance of the next regularly scheduled meeting with at least five (5) days' notice to Committee members.

Regular meetings, a proposed agenda, and prior meeting minutes shall be announced and made available in advance.

10.1 Quorum

A quorum of Committee members must be present for a vote on any matter.

Any ten (10) members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

11 REMOVAL OF OFFICERS

No Officer shall be removed before expiration of the term of office except for good cause.

The process of removal may be initiated upon a two-thirds vote of the Committee, with the affected Officers counting only toward the quorum.

Removal may only be voted for good cause shown at a meeting called for that purpose, with notice of that purpose sent to all Committee members and to the Branch Chair.

12 AMENDING THE ACTIVITY CHARTER

Amendments to this Charter may be proposed by petition by any member of the Activity or by majority vote of the Committee. A two-thirds vote of the Committee is required to enact an amendment.

Amendment History

Governing Document of the Seattle Alpine Scrambling Committee enacted via Ballot October 21, 2019.