

# **BYLAWS OF THE BATTEN KILL VALLEY RUNNERS**

## **I. TITLE**

The name of the association will be “Batten Kill Valley Runners,” hereafter referred to as “this association” or “this organization”.

## **II. OBJECT**

A. The prime object of the association shall be the promotion and encouragement of health and fitness through running, walking and other activities.

B. In furtherance of objective “A” this association may hold races on the road, trail or track, fun runs, educational activities, demonstrations, clinics and social events; print and publish books, magazines and newsletters, make awards; and do all such other things as may be conducive to the encouragement of running and fitness.

C. Other objectives are to engage in community activities, and to publicize by appropriate means the benefits of physical activity.

## **III. AFFILIATION**

This association shall be a chapter of the Road Runners Club of America, and all measures adopted by that body must be considered by this organization.

## **IV. MEMBERSHIP**

Individuals who wish to participate in the activities of this organization shall submit dues with a membership form.

## **V. MANAGEMENT OR GOVERNMENT**

A. The management of this association shall be vested in a Board of Directors consisting of a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, communications director, and up to five at-large directors.

B. Duties of officers:

1. President – to preside over meetings, represent this association in the RRCA, to call any special meetings, and to appoint committees and chairpersons thereof.
2. Vice-President – to assume the powers of the president in this/her absence, and to take on special assignments as requested by the president.

3. Secretary – to record minutes at meetings, to keep file of such minutes, and, when requested by the president, to accept assignments involving correspondence and the keeping of records.
4. Treasurer – to administer all financial dues and to have authority to sign or disburse necessary appropriations, as directed.
5. Communications Director – to publicize races and other events, and coordinate activities with other groups and associations.

C. Officers may be elected to succeed themselves.

D. Term of office

1. Term of office shall be about one year, beginning with or at the close of the first regular meeting held within the calendar year, and in no case beginning later than April 30.
2. Officers filled upon resignation shall also expire at the time of the first regular meeting of the calendar year.

E. Elections

1. Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of those present at said first meeting.

F. Procedural requirements

1. Parliamentary procedure will be carried on at all meetings, and every effort will be made to discuss any measures coming up before the group.
2. A majority vote of the members present is required to pass ordinary measures. All measures shall be deemed ordinary except those proposing a bylaw amendment.
3. A quorum shall consist of at least five members. No official meeting shall be held unless a quorum is present.
4. Bylaws amendment:
  - a. A bylaw amendment may be accomplished by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the meeting.
  - b. Only those who have been members of this organization for 30 days prior to the proposal of such an amendment may vote upon such.
  - c. All members must be notified at least 7 days prior to voting that bylaw amendments will be discussed and voted on.
5. Meetings will be held at least one each quarter, in-person or virtual, and more frequently if called upon by the president.

## **VI. FINANCES**

A. Dues shall be determined by a majority of members present at a business meeting and shall not be changed more often than once per year.

B. This is a non-profit organization. Dues, entry fees, and other monies received by the organization will be spent entirely for carrying out the stated purpose to the organization.

- C. No part of the net earnings of the club shall inure to the benefit of its individuals.
- D. This organization shall be empowered to participate in fund-raising activities.
- E. This organization shall submit a portion of the annual dues (described in A) to the RRCA as membership in that body shall require.

## **VII. DISSOLUTION**

In the event of dissolution of this association, the funds in the treasury, after all creditors have been paid, shall go the Road Runners Club of America or other 501 (C) (3) non-profit organization.

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