

Club Constitution and Bylaws

Bluegrass 4x4 Club, Inc.

Club Purpose

1. To promote the sport and pastime of four wheel drive travel in all its phases.
2. To enjoy and protect the natural resources and support the Multiple Use Principle as applied to the public.
3. To follow the principles of the Tread Lightly program
 - a. Travel and Recreate with minimum impact
 - b. Respect the environment and the rights of others
 - c. Educate yourself, plan and prepare before you go
 - d. Allow for future use of the outdoors; leave it better than you found it
 - e. Discover the rewards of responsible recreation
4. To promote interest in the ownership and driving of four wheel drive vehicles.
5. To offer recognition for various accomplishments of the members of the club.'
6. To promote, organize, and hold; outings, meetings, runs, excursions, reliability trials, hill climbs, cross-country trips, and similar events.
7. To assist, on a voluntary basis, and as needed, law enforcement and emergency agencies.

Club Constitution (by laws)

Article I

Club Name

This organization shall be known as Bluegrass 4x4 Club, Inc.

Article II

Objectives

The Bluegrass 4x4 Club, Inc. is organized as a non-profit organization for the purpose of:

- 1) Providing social, recreational, and educational activities for its members.
- 2) Participating in and supporting civic activities for the betterment of the community.

Article III

Membership and Dues

1. Individuals having an interest in four-wheel drive vehicles are eligible for membership in the Bluegrass 4x4 Club, Inc. (Membership will be classified as single or family. Family membership allows for a spouse and children)
2. A member in good standing must introduce an applicant for membership.
3. New applicants for membership/ renewal of membership must be at least 18 years of age.
4. Membership dues are due on February 1st each year. Dues must be paid within 30 days of due date to maintain membership.
5. The Board of directors shall determine dues for this organization, each year, as needed.
6. Members shall notify the Board of directors upon a change of address, telephone number, or e-mail address.

Article IV

Meetings

- 1) Meetings of the membership of the Bluegrass 4x4 Club, Inc. shall be held monthly, or as needed, at such times and places as decided by club members in attendance at the previous meeting.

- 2) Members in attendance shall constitute a quorum for a membership meeting.

Article V
Administration and Officers

1. The officers of the Bluegrass 4x4 Club, Inc. shall consist of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary shall be known as the Board of Directors. It shall be their duty to draw up agenda for all board and membership meetings.
 - a. Additional positions may be added, as needed, at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
 - b. It shall be their further duty to conduct the day-to-day business of the club; to take actions as best fulfills the goals of the organization, and to audit the books of the previous administration. Directors shall meet once a month, and 3 members shall constitute a quorum of that body.
2. The President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary shall be elected at a predetermined annual meeting for a term of one year. Officers may be re-elected but will not be eligible to serve more than three consecutive years in any one position.

Article VI
Duties and Powers of Officers

1. The President shall preside over all membership meetings and all Board of Director meetings, and be present at all events, when possible. He/ she shall be the Executive Officer, and shall have the duty to carry out the policies and decisions of the Board of Directors. He/ she shall be without the power to vote, except for in the event of a tie.
2. The Vice President shall, in the absence of the President, serve in that capacity. He/she will also perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.
3. The Secretary shall keep and preserve all records and minutes of the regular membership, and Board of Director meetings. He/ she shall assume the responsibility of ledger, and role call.
4. The Treasurer shall keep accurate and complete records of the funds and accounts of this organization, collect all dues, and maintain a record thereof. He/she shall make only such disbursements from the funds of the organization as directed by the Board of Directors.

Article VII
Expenditure and Finance

1. All monies received from sources must immediately be turned over to the Treasurer to be deposited in the club account.
2. No withdrawal shall be made without approval of the Board of Directors. All expenditures in excess of \$75.00 must have the approval of the majority of the voting quorum of the membership. All expenditures shall be made by check, and the items for which each check is written shall be identified on the face or reverse side thereof. If funds for more than one purpose are included, they shall be itemized separately, stating the amount for each.

Article VIII
Committees

The Board of Directors shall determine committees.

Article IX
Elections

1. The membership shall meet and elect officers for the next term at the regular October meeting. All those elected shall take office on January 1st. Voting shall be in person, and not by proxy, or mail.
2. There shall be a nominating committee appointed by the president. This committee shall recommend a candidate for each office after having acquainted the nominees with the responsibilities of the office and securing their willingness to serve.
3. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.
4. Balloting for each office shall be in separate successive sequences, and will be held by secret ballot. All ballots for offices must be counted and checked by 3 members, other than the nominees.
5. A majority of votes cast is necessary for election to an office or position on the Board of Directors.

6. In the event of a vacancy on the Board of Directors, an election shall be held to determine a successor.

Article X
Recall

1. Any officer or Director of the Bluegrass 4x4 Club, Inc. may be recalled by a 2/3-majority vote of the entire membership.

Article XI
Events

1. All events shall be subject to approval of the Board of Directors.
2. All events must be conducted in an orderly fashion, with safety as a primary concern. Any event held on private property will be subject to liability release.
3. All members and guests participating in an event shall abide by the Motor Vehicle Code of the State concerned, and the laws of the City, County, or the circumstances involved. The welfare and reputation of the Club depends upon the character it gains with the City, County, State, and Federal Authorities. We are not irresponsible drivers. Any flagrant violation of the codes is sufficient grounds for removal of membership privileges, subject to decision by the Board of Directors.
4. No alcoholic beverages shall be allowed during events where vehicular activity will be present, as a safety concern.
5. The use or possession of any illegal drugs, or paraphernalia thereof during ANY club function shall be grounds for immediate, and permanent removal from the club roster. There is no recourse to this action. The offending member shall not be allowed to rejoin the club ever again.
6. All members, including the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be responsible to the direction of the appointed committee head and his/ her appointed assistants from the set time of the beginning of an event to the termination of the event.

Article XII
Rules and Procedures

Unless otherwise stated in these by-laws, Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall govern parliamentary procedure.

Article XIII
Amendments

1. A two-thirds (2/3) majority at the regular January and June meetings may amend these by-laws, a quorum being present and voting. Any proposed amendment to the by-laws must be submitted to the Board of Directors in writing no less than one month prior to the meeting in which it will be voted on. Discussion of proposed changes to the by-laws shall be permitted at any regular or Board of Directors meeting.

Article XIV
Dissolution

Upon resolution to dissolve voluntarily or decree ordering involuntary liquidation, all assets shall be disbursed at the discretion of the Board of Directors.