

***By-laws of Adirondack
Mennonite Camping Association, Inc.***

As amended January 1, 2018

Article I

NAME

1. The name of this membership corporation shall be ADIRONDACK MENNONITE CAMPING ASSOCIATION, INC.

Article II

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this Association is to own and maintain campgrounds with suitable buildings and facilities, without profit, in order to provide:
 - (a) Christian teaching, fellowship and guided recreation in a spiritual atmosphere for children and young people.
 - (b) For such other Christian activities of youth and adults as the needs may hereafter arise.

Article III

INCORPORATION

1. This Association shall operate as a non-profit corporation.

Article IV

MEMBERSHIP

1. The incorporators shall constitute the initial membership of this Association.

2. Any person in agreement with the objects of this Association shall be eligible for membership in this Association. Any member shall recognize and respect that the Association shall function with understandings represented by *Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective* (Summary statement is attached as an addendum to the By-laws).
3. Any person eligible for membership in accordance with section 2 hereof shall be deemed a member of this Association upon making a contribution as shall be determined by the Association; such membership shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.
4. Membership of this Association may be limited in number at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Article V

DUES AND MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES

1. Each member shall make an initial contribution to the Association of a minimum of \$300.00.
 - (a) Membership Certificates shall be issued upon payment of \$100.00 with the balance pledged to be paid within a period of not more than two years.
 - (b) Such certificates may be issued either in the name of the member or in the name of the member and his wife or her husband as joint tenants with rights of survivorship.
 - (c) Wives or husbands shall be associate members in the Association. In the absence of a member at the meeting of the Association, the wife or husband may serve as proxy if he or she is personally present. Otherwise, associate members shall not be entitled to vote.
 - (d) When a membership is terminated by death, the certificate representing his investment reverts to the association.
 - (e) A Member may withdraw from the Association by surrendering his or her certificate to the Association.
 - (f) The membership certificate shall be non-transferable with the exception that a wife or husband may exercise associate membership after the death of his or her spouse.

- (g) A Member may be suspended for a period or expelled for cause such as violation of any of the by-laws or rules of the Association, or for conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the Association. Suspension or expulsion shall be by a two-thirds vote of the membership of the Board of Directors.
- (h) Membership is renewable annually by committing to support the Association in the year to come in accordance with options presented by the Board of Directors in the renewal notice.

Article VI

MEETINGS AND QUORUMS

1. Meeting
 - (a) The Association shall meet annually during the month of October.
 - (b) Special meetings may be called by the President or at the request of one-third of the Members of the Association.
2. Quorum
 - (a) Fifty one percent (51%) of membership present shall constitute a quorum.
3. Voting and Proxies
 - (a) Each Member of the Association is entitled to one vote irrespective of the amount of his or her contribution.
 - (b) When a member is unable to be present at any regular or special meeting his wife (or husband), as an associate member, may serve as his proxy in accordance with the provisions of Article 5, Number 1, item (c) of these by-laws; or he or she may authorize another member to serve as proxy with authority to vote for him, providing such authority is given in writing to the Association Secretary. Such proxy's vote shall be valid only for the meeting indicated thereon and shall be void upon notice by the member to his proxy.
 - (c) Members and Directors may attend meetings remotely and vote on all matters and count toward quorum requirements at a meeting as if they were attending the meeting in person. Remote attendance may be accomplished by any means of concurrent electronic communication so long as the individual relying on the concurrent electronic communication can hear and be heard clearly by the other individuals in attendance.

Article VII

DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

1. Directors. The Association shall have twelve (12) Directors chosen from active Members of the Association. No single congregation shall have more than three Directors. Directors will serve three year terms with four directors in each class. At each annual meeting four directors shall be elected for a three year term in place of the Directors whose terms have expired. Directors shall be elected by ballot of the membership. Directors whose terms have expired may be re-elected. A minimum of 75% of the Directors shall be regular attendees in good standing of a recognized Mennonite church affiliated with a recognized Mennonite conference. Spouses who serve concurrently on the Board of Directors shall be regarded as a single Director with regard to voting rights, quorum requirements and all other powers and responsibilities enumerated in these by-laws and elsewhere.
2. Officers. The Directors shall elect annually from their number a President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer. The officers elected shall hold office for one year or until new officers are elected.
3. Quorum. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to formulate policies and rules for the camp and its activities according to scriptural principles. Two-thirds of the Directors present shall constitute a quorum.
4. Meetings. The President or Vice-President shall call meetings of Directors as needed to conduct their duties.
Should a person who is not a Director desire to address a meeting of Directors; prior request must be made to the President or Vice-President to be placed upon the agenda. A maximum of ten minutes shall be allotted for all speakers in such a situation: the presenter(s) may not speak for other persons who do not wish to be named. Appropriate response by the Directors to the speaker will be made at a later date.

Article VIII

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1. President. The President shall call and preside over all meetings of the Association and of the Board of Directors. He or she shall be responsible for the general administration of the business of the Association as directed by it or by the Board of Directors.

2. Vice-President. The Vice-President shall serve at the request of the President or in his absence.
3. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep a careful record of all the proceedings of the Association and shall perform such other duties as pertain to the office of Secretary.
4. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall maintain financial oversight over the Association and assist in the preparation of quarterly and annual budgets. He or she shall keep the Board of Directors apprised of key financial events, trends, and concerns, and his or her assessments of the Association's fiscal health.
5. Real Estate. The Board of Directors shall be authorized to act for the Association in buying, selling, and leasing, or otherwise disposing of real estate; in borrowing or investing money. All such actions shall be binding upon the Association as fully as though the act had been approved by a majority of the Members of the Association at a meeting duly convened upon prior notice for that purpose. By order of the Directors the President and Secretary shall execute the necessary instruments to effect the above purpose.
6. Committees. The Board of Directors shall appoint all standing committees from the membership of the Association.

Article IX

FINANCES

1. Dissolution
 - (a) In the event of dissolution, all surplus funds and assets shall be given to the Mennonite Central Committee, whose office headquarters is based in Akron, Pennsylvania.
2. Donations
 - (a) The Association may receive donations for the furtherance of its work. Receipts shall be issued for all contributions received.

Article X

DISCIPLINE

1. Any campgrounds owned or operated by this Association shall be operated in a Christian manner at all times. There shall be no use of intoxicating liquors, tobacco, illegal drugs, gambling, obscene language or pictures, firearms, or evil devices of any kind permitted on such premises. Conduct and relation between all persons shall be becoming to a Christian camp. All violators shall be asked to leave by those responsible as indicated by the regulations.

Article XI

DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The Board of Directors shall have control of the property and affairs of the Association and shall fix its policies. They shall have power to hold meetings; appoint committees; employ necessary staff and employees; accept new members and suspend, censor or expel members as in these by-laws provided; authorize proper expenditures and take all necessary and proper steps to carry out the purpose of this Association and promote its best interests.

Article XII

AMENDMENTS

1. AMCA Members may present a written request to the President or Vice-President to consider an amendment to the by-laws. Any proposed by-law change must be initiated by consensus of the Directors. All Members shall be notified 15 days in advance if by-laws are to be considered for amendment. This notice shall specify the section to be amended and the proposed amendment. A vote for an amendment shall be conducted by mail ballot to all members. Passage of an amendment shall require a minimum of 80% of Members voting affirmative. If a ballot is not returned, it shall be considered an affirmative vote.

Addendum

Statement of Faith

1. **We believe that God exists and is pleased with all who draw near by faith. We worship the one holy and loving God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

2. We believe in **Jesus Christ**, the Word of God become flesh. He is the savior of the world, who has delivered us from the domination of sin and reconciled us to God by his death on the cross.
3. We believe in the **Holy Spirit**, the eternal spirit of God who dwelled in Jesus Christ and who empowers the church.
4. We believe that all **Scripture** is inspired by God through the Holy Spirit for instruction in salvation and training in righteousness.
5. We believe that God has **created the heavens and the earth** and all that is in them, and that God preserves and renews what has been made.
6. We believe that god has **created human belngs** in the divine image.
7. We confess that, beginning with Adam and Eve, humanity has disobeyed God, given way to the tempter and chosen to **sin**.
8. We believe that, through Jesus Christ, God offers **salvation** from sin and a new way of life. We receive God's salvation when we repent and accept Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.
9. We believe that the **mlsslon** of the church is to proclaim and to be a sign of the Kingdom of God.