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The thinking behind revisions.

Article II

We may be asked to do more than just Wilderness Search and Rescue – we may in time decide to train for more than just wilderness search and rescue.

We are a regional body in the Mid Atlantic region.

Article III. A thought towards the Disability Act

Article V. to make it clear that talking about things such as Workers Comp is permissible. Already covered in VII (B) but this adds clarity?

Article IX

Our thinking is that there should be only one main set of voting members. Either you are in or you are not. You can of course be on your way in as a probationary member. Sustaining members have no rights at all and they may be honorary, companies that support or past members retired or just resting. Our thoughts on groups tend to just two. Big ones with two voting rights (Category A) and small ones (B) with one voting right. No affiliates and no associates but more of that when the bylaws come for review in February.

Article X

We believe all directors should be elected by certified members but not all directors need to be active, certified members as such. The Board may ask the members to elect some wealthy philanthropist or expert that would be an asset to the board . This opens the door for such a move. However, to be a director, such person must be able to vote. This does not preclude an advisory board with no voting powers. That can be set up at anytime – even now.

Members can only instruct the Board ‘properly’. They cannot instruct the board to do anything improper or illegal or just on a whim.

The Chair’s reporting instruction comes later.

We set a minimum of meetings and a minimum of members to be present.

Article XI

We tidy up and introduce email as a means of communication. We remove the physical impossibility of getting a 100% vote on an issue but still keep the bar high at 75%. The old version required, say 360 votes by mail, or 60 at a meeting. This seemed incongruous as well as impossible.

The Chair no longer has to report on the pizzas eaten or the decision taken to write a thank you letter. Only main items are to be reported.

Article XV The correct, I hope, address

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