

STATUTE

Bulgarian Mountain Guides Association

GENERAL CONDITIONS

Art.1 (1) Bulgarian Mountain Guides Association was founded as a legal entity and non-profit organization, registered according to the Law for non-profit legal entities. (2) The Association is non-governmental, non-syndical and non-political organization, whose members join together voluntarily to achieve the aims of the Association. (3) The Association is independent, self-managed and self-funding organization with no expiration date.

NAME

Art.2 (1) The name is “Bulgarian Mountain Guides” (2) The name of the Association can be written in English as: Bulgarian Mountain Guides Association. (3) Each written statement of the Association must contain its name, headquarters, address, registration data including the BULSTAT number.

HEADQUARTERS AND ADDRESS

Art. 3 The headquarters of the Association is in Sofia and the address is 139, Vitosha Boulevard, entr. B, apt 8.

AIMS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Art. 4 The main aims of the Association are:

1. To popularize the profession mountain guide in the society as well as the services offered by the mountain guides.
2. To make the access and availability of the services offered by the mountain guides easier for Bulgarians and foreigners.
3. To improve the professional qualification of its members – mountain guides.
4. To ease the access to the information for the mountains in Bulgaria and all over the world and for the available variety of outdoor sports and activities in Bulgarian mountains.
5. To improve the mountaineering culture and the knowledge of the people who are visiting the mountains in Bulgaria and other countries.
6. To work on protecting the environment and improving the ecological knowledge of the mountain visitors in Bulgaria.
7. To make the Bulgarian mountains popular international destination and support the development of the mountaineering in all its varieties.
8. To please and protect its members’ interests.

ASSOCIATION'S OBJECT OF MAIN ACTIVITY

Art. 5 Association's object of activity includes the following means for achieving its aims:

1. Minister the development of its member's activities by: providing services, collecting and providing information, establishing business relationships, etc.;
2. Provide and spread information and materials about the profession "Mountain Guide" as well as such to ease the access to the service, offered by the mountain guides;
3. Minister organizing and implementing professional training, qualification and re-qualification of its members;
4. Give support to its members for settling arguments voluntarily;
5. Maintain data base of the Association member's information;
6. Represent and defend its members' interests at the relevant governmental authorities;
7. Participate in workgroups and specialized committees, which aim to develop standard and regulative acts in tourism;
8. Make analyzes, expertise, ethical codes and other, take part in developing strategies and programs in developing the tourism in the Bulgarian mountains as well as minister their implementation;
9. Organizes courses, events, seminars and trainings, which aim to increase the mountain and ecological knowledge of the Bulgarian mountains' visitors;
10. Provide and spread information for the mountains in Bulgaria and the sports, tourism and other activities available;
11. Inform the authorities about violations against the law and the ethical codes;
12. Cooperates with related organizations in the country and abroad, participate in the activities of European and other international organs and organizations;
13. Participate in regional, national and international projects and programs;
14. Does other activities, which are regulated with the statute and do not contradict the law.

DEFINITION OF THE ACTIVITY

Art. 6 The Association's activity is of a private interest.

SUBJECT OF ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Art. 7 (1) The Association has additional business, which is related to its main activity as the incomes are used for achieving the aims of the Association stated in art.4.

(2) The subject of the additional business includes: organizing courses, events, seminars and trainings related to the aims of the Association; spreading materials with information about the Bulgarian mountains and the sports, activities and tourism there; distributing information materials popularizing the Association's aims; making consultations, analyzes, researches and other similar activities on topics related to the Association's aims.

(3) The Association is doing business as per the conditions and the regulations, stated in the laws regulating the corresponding type of business.

(4) The Association is not allocating profit.

ASSOCIATION'S MEMBERS

Art.8 A member of the Association can be any physical person or legal entity, who is sympathizing with the Association's aims.

ACQUIRING MEMBERSHIP

Art. 9 (1) Membership of the Association can be acquired after a decision is being taken by the Managing Committee.

(2) The candidate-members need to submit a written application to the chairman of the Association's Managing Committee, in which they declare, that they sympathize with the Association's aims and they will actively cooperate for the aims' achievement following the Association's status. The Managing Committee takes a decision for accepting a member within two weeks after the application has been submitted.

(3) Every new member's name is entered in a specially prepared Member's book.

RIGHTS OF THE ASSOCIATION'S MEMBERS

Art. 10 The Association's members have the following rights: 1. To participate in the Association's activity and management. 2. To use the Association's possessions and the results from its activity. 3. To receive information regarding the Association's activity as well as to get to know the content of the Association's protocol books. 4. To require calling of the General Assembly and the Managing Committee according to the regulations and correspondence to this Status. 5. To appeal against the General Assembly and Managing Committee's decisions taking into consideration their regularity and correspondence to this Status. 6. To appeal against the Managing Committee's decisions, which controvert the law, the Status or a previously taken decision of the General Assembly.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION'S MEMBERS

Art. 11 The Association's members have the following obligations: 1. To follow the Status and the rest of the Association's acts. 2. To implement the decisions taken by

the Association's bodies. 3. To participate in the work of the Association's bodies, in work meetings of its members, as well as to cooperate in accomplishing the Association's aims in other ways. 4. To pay the membership fee, if such is defined, according to the way and order set by the General Assembly. 5. To refrain from behavior, that can lower the Association's prestige. Art. 12 A member of the Association can authorize another member or a third person to represent him/her and vote instead of him/her at particular session of the General Assembly or of the Managing Committee.

DISCONTINUATION OF THE MEMBERSHIP

Art. 13 (1) The membership in the Association ceases: 1. With the death or the discontinuation of the person – member of the Association. 2. With unilateral written statement addressed to the Association's Managing Committee. 3. With expel by decision of the Managing Committee when: a) the Association's Statute has been violated or b) a behavior, that can lower the Association's prestige, is present. 4. With falling off, when a member of the Association has been absent at two consequent meetings of the General Assembly and has not paid the membership fee in time. The falling off is ascertain by the Managing Committee according to the Association's documentation.

(2) The expelled member of the Association can appeal against the decision for expel of the Managing Committee to the General Assembly within a month since the date of the protocol from the corresponding Managing Committee's meeting. The membership rights and obligations are ceased until the General Assembly pronounces its decision. The General Assembly announces its decision within three months. (3) In case of discontinuation of the membership, the person is removed from the Association's membership book. The person has no right to claim refund of the paid membership fees.

BODIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

Art.14 Bodies of the Association are: 1. General Assembly; 2. Managing Committee.

MEMEBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Art.15 The General Assembly consists of all the Association's members.

COMPETENCE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Art.16 (1) The General Assembly: 1. Accepts, amends and completes the Association's Statute; 2. Choses and releases members of the Managing Committee; 3. Decides the size and the term for payment of additional property fees for members; 4. Accepts the Association's budget; 5. Accepts the annual audit of the Managing Committee's activities; 6. Accepts the annual audit of the financial status of the Association; 7. Decides transforming or discontinuation of the Association; 8. Decides preliminary discontinuation of a Managing Committee's member's powers;

9. Cancels the decisions of the other Association's bodies, which contradicts the law, the Statute or other internal acts, which are defining Association's activities. (2) The decisions of the General Assembly are obligatory for the rest of the Association's bodies.

CONVENTION AND MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Art.17 (1) The regular meeting of the General Assembly is convened once a year. A special meeting of the General Assembly can be convened anytime. (2) The meetings of the General Assembly are convened by the Managing Committee at its own initiative or as per the will of at least 1/3 (one third) of the Association's members. In the last occasion, if the Managing Committee does not issue an invitation for convention of the General Assembly within 1 month, it is being convened by the court as per Association's headquarters by written request from the initiators or authorized by them person.

(3) The meetings of the General Assembly are convened with a written invitation, which must contain the agenda, the date, time and place of the meeting and whose initiative it was. When in the agenda there are to be made changes to the Association's Statute or documents, there must be a project of the changes and the corresponding documents attached to the invitation. (4) The invitation is being sent to each Association's member by post mail with a return receipt or by e-mail with a return notice for receiving or by being handed personally upon signature, at least 1 month prior to the date of the General Assembly's meeting.

QUORUM

Art.18 The General Assembly is legal, if at the meeting are present at least half of the Association's members. If there is no quorum, the meeting is being delayed with an hour and is being held at the same place by the same agenda, regardless of the members present.

LEADING THE MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. MINUTES

Art. 19 (1) The chairman of the General Assembly's meeting is a member of the Association and is being elected with ordinary quorum. (2) On each meeting of the General Assembly there is a reporter who is preparing the minutes, which are being signed by the chairman and the reporter. A list of the attendees at the meeting with names and signatures is being attached to the minutes.

VOTING AND REPRESENTING THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION AT MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Art. 20 (1) Each member of the Association has one vote at the General Assembly. (2) The voting is open unless the General Assembly decides to hold a ballot at the particular meeting. (3) None of the members has the right to vote for solving problems concerning: 1. Them, their spouse or lineal relatives - without restrictions, lateral line - up to fourth degree incl. or by marriage up to second degree incl.; 2. Legal entities, which the member has managed or can interfere with the decisions taking. (4) One person can represent only one member of the Association at one

and the same meeting of the General Assembly as per written power of attorney. Re-authorization is not allowed.

MAJORITY IN TAKING DECISIONS AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND OTHER PROCEDURAL ISSUES

Art.21 (1) The decisions of the General Assembly are taken with ordinary majority of the attendees, except in cases, when the Status makes other provision for a majority. (2) The decision in art. 16 para. 1 pt.1 and pt.7 are being taken with 2/3 (two thirds) of the attendees. (3) Decisions on issues, which are not included in the announced agenda, cannot be made.

APPEAL AGAINST THE DECISIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND OF THE MANAGING COMMITTEE

Art. 22 (1) Each member of the Association can appeal against the decisions of the Managing Committee made against the law, the Status or a decision previously taken in front of the General Assembly within 1 month since it was found, but no later than 1 year from the date the decision was taken. (2) Regarding the conformity with the law and accordance with the Status of the General Assembly's decisions each member can appeal in the regional court by the Association's quarters within 1 month since it was found, but no later than 1 year from the date the decision was taken.

MEMBERSHIP AND MANDATE OF THE MANAGING COMMITTEE'S MEMBERS

Art. 23 (1) The Managing Committee consists of 3 to 5 members of the Association. The number of the Managing Committee's members is defined by the General Assembly at the time they are being elected. The number of the first Managing Committee's members is defined by the founders. (2) The members of the Managing Committee are being elected for a period of 5 years. A member of the Association cannot be elected for a member of the Managing Committee for more than 2 consequent mandates. The Managing Committee continues functioning and doing its duties after its mandate has expired and until the new Managing Committee is registered with the court. The Managing Committee is obliged to hand over all the Association's documents, stamp and other necessary information to the new Managing Committee's members.

AUTHORITIES OF THE MANAGING COMMITTEE

Art.24 The Managing Committee: 1. Manages the Association and elects the chairman and chairman's substitute within its members; 2. Accepts the main directions and the program of the Association activity; 3. Determines the order and organizes the implementation of the Association's activity; 4. Secures the implementation of the General Assembly's decisions; 5. Directs the Association's possessions by following the requirements stated in the Statute; 6. Admits to membership and dismisses members of the Association; 7. Decides the size and terms of the membership and property fees payment; 8. Decides the participation of the Association in other organizations; 9. Prepares and introduces to the General Assembly annual audit for the Association's activity; 10. Prepares and introduces

annually a project for budget of the Association; 11. Prepares and introduces to the General Assembly annual audit of its activity; 12. Accepts other internal acts of the Association; 13. Defines the pay-roll schedule and defines the positions in the Association; 14. Takes on liquidator in case of dissolution of the Association without right of continuity; 15. Keeps a record of the members, their names and contacts; 16. Approves symbols and stamp of the Association; 17. Discusses and decides on all the issues, which are out of the General Assembly's competence.

REPRESENTATIVE AUTHORITY

Art. 25 The Association is represented by the Chairman of the Managing Committee. The inaugural Chairman and substitute of the MC are being elected by the founders.

MEETINGS OF THE MANAGING COMMITTEE

Art.26 (1) The Managing Committee has a meeting at least once in every 3 months. (2) The meetings are being initiated by the chairman or by any of the MC members. The meetings are being led by the chairman of the MC (Managing Committee) and in his/her absence - by the substitute. The chairman of the meeting prepares minutes for each meeting, which are being signed by the present members of the MC. (3) The Managing Committee can take decisions, if at the meeting are present more than 50% of its members. (4) Present is also a person, who has established bilateral telephone or other communicational connection, which guarantees proof of the person's identity and ability of participation in the discussion of issues and taking decisions. This member's vote is being certified by the chairman in the minutes. (5) The Managing Committee can take decisions without having a meeting, if the minutes for the decisions taken are being signed by all MC's members without any remarks and objections. (6) The decisions are being taken by ordinary majority of the Managing Committee's members. The decisions regarding art.24 pts.3, 5, 7 and 8 are being taken with a majority of more than 50% of all members of the Managing Committee.

DISCONTINUATION OF THE AUTHORITIES OF A MEMBER OF THE MANAGING COMMITTEE

Art. 27 (1) The authorities of a member of the Managing Committee can be discontinued prior to the expiry of the MC's mandate, when: the person is factually unable to fulfill his/hers obligations for more than 6 months or 2. Hasn't been present at 2 consequent meetings of the MC. (2) In case of preliminary discontinuation of the authorities of a MC's member, the General Assembly elects a new member for the vacant position for the time left until the mandate of this Managing Committee expires. (3) The members of the Managing Committee continue exercising their duties and fulfilling their obligations until new members are being elected.

OBLIGATION FOR KEEPING RECORDS IN BOOKS

Art. 28 The Association has an obligation to keep records in books with the minutes of the meetings of the General Assembly and the Managing Committee. The corresponding chairmen of the meetings of both bodies and the person, who prepares the minutes are obliged to authorize and be responsible for its content's authenticity.

DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION OF THE ASSOCIATION

Art. 29 (1) The Association is dissolved: 1. By the decision of the General Assembly; 2. By court decision according to the law. (2) With the Association's dissolution, a liquidation is taking place. The liquidator is being chosen by the Managing Committee as per the order stated in this Statute.

TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

1. This Statute was accepted on 15.04.2016 at the Constituent Assembly of Bulgarian Mountain Guides Association. 2. Any unsettled matters are question of the Bulgarian laws.

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