

Name, Legal Form, Aims and Domicile

ARTICLE 1

mountain wilderness Switzerland is an association under private law according to Art. 60 ff. ZGB (Swiss Civil Code). mountain wilderness is a legally independent national organisation.

ARTICLE 2

mountain wilderness Switzerland pursues the aim of protecting and conserving the mountains (both low mountain ranges and high-altitude peaks) in every aspect and in particular within Switzerland. mountain wilderness Switzerland works in collaboration with the umbrella organisation mountain wilderness International.

ARTICLE 3

The domicile of mountain wilderness Switzerland is located at the location of the organisation's offices.

Members

ARTICLE 4

Every individual or legal person, which abides to the statutes as well as to the payment of the annual membership fees can become a member of mountain wilderness Switzerland.

ARTICLE 5

The membership ends

- upon written notice at any point in time;
- upon non-payment of the membership fee despite demand note;
- upon an exclusion for good cause that was made by the board and approved by the general assembly, where the person has been previously invited by registered letter to put forward his defence.

ARTICLE 6

The personal liability of members is excluded. The association shall only be liable for its assets.

Funding

ARTICLE 7

The funding of the association is composed as follows:

- membership fees;
- potential government subsidies;
- services;
- supports in kind or cash;
- out of the income from the sale of articles and films, lectures, etc.

ARTICLE 8

The balance sheet is reviewed annually by two auditors or by an approved audition company, who are/is elected for three years and who are/is re-electable by the general assembly.

ARTICLE 9

The «WilderNews» are the official organ of the association. They appear at least twice a year, whereby one issue is takes the form of an activity report. A part of the membership fee or donation can be used for printing and distribution of the WilderNews.

Officials

ARTICLE 10

The officials of the association are:

- the general assembly;
- the board;
- the auditors.

General Assembly

ARTICLE 11

The general assembly is the highest official in the association and has the following competencies:

- a. to approve the annual report and the financial statements;

- b. to approve the proposed activities and the budget;
- c. to elect the board (including the president and the treasurer) and the auditor
- d. to choose persons who have particularly supported the purpose of the association to become honorary members;
- e. to approve the internal regulations;
- f. to ratify exclusions decided upon by the board;
- g. to define the annual membership fee which can differ according to different membership categories;
- h. to decide upon the alteration of the statutes according to article 15;
- i. to decide on all issues on its agenda

ARTICLE 12

The general assembly is held once a year and includes all members. The general assembly is convened at least three weeks before the date. The invitation the agenda is to be attached. An extraordinary general assembly may be convened by resolution of the board or at the request of at least one tenth of the members.

ARTICLE 13

Only those issues listed in the agenda may be subject to a decision. The decisions are taken by simple majority of the votes cast, each member has one vote regardless of its category. The written vote is permitted; also voting by proxy of another member. The vote is by show of hands, unless at least one fifth of the members present request a secret ballot.

Board

ARTICLE 14

The board is responsible for all activities which do not fall within the competence of the general assembly. The board is composed of at least five people:

- the president;
- the vice-president;
- the cashier;
- at least two further members.

With the exception of the president and the treasurer, the board constitutes itself.

The members of the board shall be elected for a term of one year.

The president, or, in his absence, the vice-president have the casting vote in all board meetings and in the general assembly.

The board has a quorum if the majority of its members are present and have been invited.

ARTICLE 15

The board shall adopt business regulations.

In these business regulations, issues not covered by the statutes are to be regulated, in particular the organisation and the functioning of the board, as well as the possible compensation of board members.

ARTICLE 16

President, vice president, director and treasurer sign collectively (subject to paragraph 2).

For banking and postal affairs, the director and his deputy, who are defined by the board, can sign individually up to a certain amount defined in the rules of procedure. Amounts that exceed the defined limit need a collective signature of the president and the treasurer. The Board may enable the director (defined by the board) and his deputy to sign individual for legal acts (such as objections, complaints, agreements), according to the rules of procedure.

Changing of the statutes

ARTICLE 17

The statutes can be amended on the proposal of the board by the general assembly, by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Dissolution

ARTICLE 18

Dissolution of the association can only be decided by a general assembly specially convened for that purpose.

At this general assembly, at least half of the members must be present. If this quorum is not reached, a new assembly is convened after more than two weeks. This general assembly constitutes a quorum independent of the number of members present.

Usage of assets upon dissolution of the association

ARTICLE 19

Upon dissolution of the association, the general assembly defines one or more liquidators and decides on the use of the net proceeds of the association. This will be used entirely for activities that meet the statutory objectives of the association. The net proceeds must go to an organization with the same or similar objectives as those of **mountain wilderness**. The organization that receives the proceeds of liquidation must be a tax-exempt non-profit or for public purpose entity domiciled in Switzerland. A refund to the members and donors are excluded.

The present statutes were adopted on the 16th of January 1994 by the founding general assembly in Brig.

Adaptations by the general assembly of the 6th of May, 2000, 23rd of March, 2006, extraordinary general assembly of the 11th of September, 2008 and of the 18th of March, 2009.

STATUTES

OF THE ASSOCIATION
MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS
WITZERLAND

ADOPTED BY THE FOUNDING
GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE
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SWITZERLAND.
