

**BYLAWS
BAY AREA TREE CLIMBERS**

ARTICLE I: Name

The name of the Club shall be Bay Area Tree Climbers (BATC).

ARTICLE II: Object

The Club is organized for pleasure, recreation, and other non-profitable purposes. The object of the Club is to promote recreational tree climbing in the San Francisco Bay Area as a recognized sport and a worthwhile recreational activity; to hold social events among its members; to obtain and maintain permission for recreational tree climbing access in a variety of locations; and to encourage recreational tree climbing education.

ARTICLE III: Members

Section 1. Members shall understand and sign a copy of the BATC Event Rules at every Club climbing event. Signed copies shall be maintained by the Club Secretary.

Section 2. Members shall understand and sign a copy of the BATC Liability Waiver at every Club climbing event. Signed copies shall be maintained by the Club Secretary.

Section 3. Members shall pay annual club dues of \$(___).

Section 4. Any person with an interest in the Club and its activities, but who is not a member, may be considered a Club Guest. Guests may be welcome at meetings and events, but shall not vote; shall not participate in debating motions during meetings; and shall not climb with the Club except under the supervision of a Club member who is trained in treetop rescue.

ARTICLE IV: Meetings

Section 1. Regular Meetings. The regular meetings of the Club shall be held monthly for the purpose of discussing any necessary Club business, ideally followed by a Club climb.

Section 2. Annual Meetings. [A meeting in the summer/fall?] shall be known as the annual meeting and shall be for the purpose of electing officers, receiving reports of officers and committees, and for any other business that may arise.

Section 3. Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called by the President or by the written request of three members of the Club. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call, which shall be sent to all members at least three full days before the meeting.

Section 4. Quorum. A Club meeting quorum shall consist of at least 20% of the Club's members, including at least 2/3 of the officers.

ARTICLE V: Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Club shall be a President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*.

Section 2. Elections shall be held at the annual meeting.

Section 3. The officers shall be elected by ballot to serve for one year or until their successors are elected, and their term of office shall begin at the close of the meeting at which they are elected.

Section 4. No member shall hold more than one office at a time.

ARTICLE VI: Executive Board

Section 1. The officers of the Club shall constitute the Executive Board.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Club between its business meetings, fix the hour and place of meetings, make recommendations to the Club, and perform such other duties as are specified in these bylaws and by *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*.

ARTICLE VII: Finances

Club finances shall be managed by the Club Treasurer. The Club shall use this money as it sees fit to support the Club and its activities.

ARTICLE VIII: Robert's Rules of Order

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Club may adopt.