



Grand Mesa Jeep Club
P.O Box 4915 - Grand Junction - Colorado 81502

BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND MESA JEEP CLUB

Revised, May 1998

These amended by-laws consist of the following six pages and attached Club Regulations, consisting of two pages.

ARTICLE I: NAME AND TERRITORIAL LIMITS:

Sec. 1 This organization shall be known as the Grand Mesa Jeep Club of Mesa County, Colorado, such name being selected by the members at a meeting held originally on May 15, 1962 and amended by the members on May 4, 1998. These amended By-Laws take precedence over all previous amended By-Laws.

ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES:

Sec. 1 To make use of and enjoy our jeeps and other four wheel drive vehicles by exploring our forests, hills and desert as can only be done by a four wheel drive vehicle.

Sec. 2 To make ourselves and our vehicles available in case of any emergency in which they may be required as circumstances allow.

Sec. 3 To give expression, by proper means, on such public questions or proposed legislation as may affect public lands.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIPS:

Sec. A ACTIVE MEMBERSHIPS:

Sec. 1 In accepting membership in the club known as the Grand Mesa Jeep Club of Mesa County the member, hereby agrees, for himself, his heirs, executors, relatives and guests, to hold the Grand Mesa Jeep Club as well as any and all members free and harmless for or on account of any damages to person and/or property which may be claimed by any person or persons whomsoever by reason of participation in any club activity.

Sec. 2 An active membership shall consist of persons of good character and community standing.

Sec. 3 One membership to each vehicle, and it will include the family and guests.

Sec. 4 An active member shall have in his ownership and possession a vehicle of both

front and rear wheel drive.

Sec. 5 An active member shall be limited to those individuals and families owning a 4-wheel drive vehicle. A family shall be defined as those members of the household including the spouse or partner and any children not over the age of 20.

Sec. 6 An active member shall pay a membership entry fee and any dues or assessments as set by the club, and shall be entitled to all privileges of the club.

Sec. B ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS:

Sec. 1 Associate members must live outside the limits of Mesa County, and shall consist of persons of good character and community standing.

Sec. 2 Associate members dues are equal to the active memberships dues, minus the Colorado Association dues, have full privileges of the club, except those of voting or holding office.

Sec. C HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS:

Sec. 1 A person who has performed some distinguished service for the Club or community and who is not an active or associate member, may be elected an honorary member of the Club for a period of one year and may be re-elected from year to year, with majority approval of the Board of Directors.

Sec. 2 An honorary member shall pay neither membership fees or dues, and shall be entitled to all privileges of the Club except those of voting or holding office.

ARTICLE IV: ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP AND RESIGNATION:

Sec. 1 Applications for membership shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors.

Sec. 2 Members shall be elected by a three-fourths vote of the Board of Directors.

Sec. 3 Associate and Honorary memberships shall be approved by the same method.

Sec. 4 Upon acceptance to the membership, each member shall be provided a copy of the GMJC Regulations, and upon request, the by-laws, along with other information pertinent to 4-wheel driving.

Sec. 4 Any member may resign from the Club provided that all his indebtedness to the Club has been paid and any club owned property is returned.

ARTICLE V DISCIPLINES:

Section A. DISCIPLINES:

- Sec. 1. Any active or associate member being ninety days in arrears in the payment of dues or other assessments, shall automatically stand suspended until reinstated by the Board of Directors. During this suspension period, club privileges may be limited as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.
- Sec. 2. All complaints may be investigated by a committee appointed, in a timely manner by the GMJC Commander/President before any action is taken on such charges by the Board of Directors, pursuant to section 3 of this article.
- Sec. 3. Any member charged with conduct unbecoming a club member and against whom such charges are sustained, after due and proper hearing before the Board of Directors, pursuant to section 2, of this article, may be expelled from membership by a three-fourths vote of the entire Board of Directors.
- Sec. 4. Any person whose membership in this Club has been terminated in any manner shall forfeit any property belonging to the Club. The member further agrees to forfeit use of the GMJC name, emblem, or other insignia.

ARTICLE VI: DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

- Sec. 1. The officers of the Club shall be as follows: Commander/President, Lt. Commander/Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer and four Board of Directors.
- Sec. 2. Each shall be an active member in good standing.
- Sec. 3. All officers shall enter upon their official duties upon election of officers in January of each year, and shall serve until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified.
- Sec. 4. The duties of the officers shall be as follows:
- A. The Commander/President shall be the executive officer of the Club and preside over all meetings of the Club and the Board Directors. He/she may appoint special committees to perform such other duties as usually pertain to office of Commander/President.
- B. The Lt. Commander/Vice-President shall assist the Commander/President in all matters pertaining to the GMJC and perform all duties that usually pertain to that office. In the absence of the Commander he/she shall assume all duties of the Commander/President and preside over all

meetings.

C. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep the records of meetings, membership, fees and dues, and make bank deposits, and disburse same on order of the Board of Directors. He/she shall countersign all checks. His/her accounts and records shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Commander, Board of Directors, and any authorized auditors. All accounts, records, and books must be approved of by the Board of Directors upon termination of his/her term of office. The Secretary-Treasurer shall provide a quarterly financial summary to the Commander/President, or his/her representative. A year-end financial summary and bank statement will be provided to the Commander/President-elect in January of each year.

ARTICLE VII BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Sec. 1 The Board of Directors shall consist of the immediate past Commander/President and three (3) elected Board Members.

Sec. 2 Each Director shall be an active member in good standing.

Sec. 3 The Board of Directors shall determine the policies, and activities of the Club, approve the budget, approve all bills, and have a general management of the Club and disciplines pursuant to Article V.

Sec. 4 The Board of Directors shall establish and determine meeting dates and places, and all club activities and trips as sponsored by the Club. The Commander/President may appoint one of the Board of Directors as chairperson.

Sec. 5 The conveyance, encumbrance, acquisition or disposition of all corporate property should be through, the Board of Directors; and, that the Commander/President and the Secretary-Treasurer are the duly authorized agents of the corporation to execute any such conveyance, encumbrance, acquisition or disposition of real or personal property.

ARTICLE VIII NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Sec. 1 At a regular meeting of the club at least four weeks prior to the date of election, nominees shall be filed for all officers to be filled at the general election meeting.

Sec.2 Voting shall be by ballot and only Active Members present and in good standing may vote. One vote, per membership.

Sec. 3 The nominee for each office receiving the highest number of votes shall be

declared elected.

Sec. 4 Officers shall be elected in the following sequence: Commander/President, Lt. Commander/Vice-President and Board of Directors.

Sec. 5 The Secretary-Treasurer, and other standing GMJC committee chairpersons shall be appointed by the Commander/President within 30 days of the election.

Sec. 6 In case of a vacancy in the office of Commander/President, the Lt. Commander/Vice-President shall succeed to the office. In the case of a vacancy in the office of Lt. Commander/Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, or Director, the vacancy shall be filled at a regular meeting by the Board of Directors.

Sec. 7 Any officer who is deemed objectionable to the club may, upon written complaint, be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership present and voting. Information on such vote shall be supplied to each active member of record, by mail, not less than ten (10) days prior to such vote.

ARTICLE IX: PUBLIC ACTIVITIES:

Sec. 1 The club shall not be used in any way for endorsing political offices, nor shall it, as a club, actively participate in the political candidacy of any person.

Sec. 2 The club shall have the right to give expression by proper means, on such public questions or proposed legislation as may affect the community in which the club is located.

Sec. 3 No action on any public question or proposed legislation shall be taken unless first approved by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X: REVENUE

Sec. 1 The membership application fee will be determined by the Board of Directors and payable at time of application.

Sec. 2 The membership dues will be determined by the Board of Directors, paid yearly pursuant to Article V, Section 1.

Sec. 3 Revenue from sources other than those defined in this Article may be raised as recommended by the Board of Directors and approved by the Club.

ARTICLE XI: ADOPTION OF ARTICLES:

Sec. 1 In order to be adopted, these Articles must be accepted by 3/4 vote of the Board of Directors and 2/3 vote of the majority at the next regular meeting.

Sec. 2 The Articles as listed from number I to XII having been read and approved by the Officers and Board of Directors at a regular meeting do hereby constitute the By-Laws and Regulations of Incorporation in the organization known as the Grand Mesa Jeep Club of Mesa County, Colorado.

Commander/President

Lt. Commander/Vice-President

Director

Director

Director

Director

I hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the Grand Mesa Jeep Club on May 4, 1998 the Articles of Incorporation were adopted as provided for in said Articles.

Secretary-Treasure

Dated

Attachment: Grand Mesa Jeep Club Regulations

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GRAND MESA JEEP CLUB REGULATIONS

The purpose of the club is to make use of and enjoy our four-wheel drive vehicles by exploring our forests, hills and desert as can only be done with a four-wheel drive vehicle. The club trips are open to all four-wheel drive vehicles and visitors are welcome.

These regulations have been made for the benefit of the club and it's members and we ask your cooperation in helping to maintain a good name for the club. The Board of Directors reserves the right to change, add to, or amend these regulations as may be required. In accepting membership into the Grand Mesa Jeep Club (GMJC), members and their guests accept and agree to follow the Club's By-Laws and Regulations as amended. Copies of the Club regulations will be provided for new members, club by-laws will be provided at the member's request.

Vehicle Use

1. When vehicles are moving on open highways, a distance of two or three vehicle lengths between vehicles is to be maintained.
2. Vehicle speed is never to exceed the legal speed posted limit at any time.
3. All vehicles are to be keep in sight of the vehicle directly behind them at all times. If the vehicle behind you stops, you are to do likewise.
4. When crossing through gates, gates are to be placed back in their original position.
5. When a fork in the road is reached, it is recommended that the vehicle ahead pause or stop until is certain that the following vehicle is aware of the proper turn.
6. No individual vehicle or groups of vehicles are to leave the group as a whole unless the leader is notified.
7. Each vehicle *must* have the following: vehicle insurance, fire extinguisher, one front and rear tow hook or suitable alternative, first-aid kit and a citizens band radio.
8. If you use spare parts or items from other members, you will be responsible for reimbursing that member for those items.

Individual Responsibility

1. No alcohol will be allowed during the trip.

2. There is to be no spreading of litter. All camping and picnic grounds are to be kept clean, and thoroughly checked prior to departure.
3. Club dues are payable within 90 days from the beginning of the calendar year. Guests are allowed three trips before payment of dues are required. If dues are not paid within the time stated, further trips or activities with the group will not be permitted, until such time as dues are paid, or other arrangements are made.
4. Skillful off-pavement driving requires total vehicle control and an awareness of road and trail obstacles. Members must know the limits of their vehicles, and, of *themselves*.
5. “Tread Lightly” etiquette requires us to travel only where motorized vehicles are permitted, respecting the rights of others to use trails, educating ourselves by using maps and following regulations from public agencies and complying with signs and barriers. It encourages us to avoid streams, lakeshores and wildlife and to drive responsibility and to protect the environment.
6. In accepting membership in the Grand Mesa Jeep Club, the member hereby agrees, for himself, his heirs, executors and guests to hold the Grand Mesa Jeep Club, as well as any and all members free and harmless for, or on account of any damages to person and/or property which may be claimed by any person or persons whomsoever by reason of participation in any club activities.
7. Please *respect* group leaders as volunteers and individuals who have spent a considerable amount of time organizing and preparing for the trip.

Group Leaders

1. The group leader will be responsible for seeing that no private land will be treaded upon without special permission from the owner, *in writing*.
2. A strict departure on all trips will be adhered to as announced.
3. Group leaders will be responsible for maintaining posted speed limits when leading the club and will be sensitive to the members vehicle needs.
4. Group leaders will coordinate activities, keeping the members informed of trip information, problems or concerns and will encourage consensus among the group when differences are encountered.
5. Group leaders will organize trips in advance and notify the appropriate club representative of the information in writing. This information will be done in enough time so that *trip information, specific vehicle requirements* and *trail difficulty* can be placed in the monthly club newsletter.