

**Grand Mesa Jeep Club**  
**P.O Box 4915 - Grand Junction - Colorado 81502**  
**BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND MESA JEEP CLUB**

*Revised, July 2022*

These amended By-laws consist of the following nine pages and attached Club Regulations, consisting of three 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, May, 2015 and again in July of 2022. These amended By-Laws take precedence over all previous amended By-Laws.

Sec. 2 Grand Mesa Jeep Club of Mesa County, Colorado is also known as Grand Mesa Jeep Club and GMJC.

**ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES:**

The Grand Mesa Jeep Club is organized as a non-profit 501(c)(3) in the United States of America in the state of Colorado and in Mesa County for the purpose of:

Sec. 1 Educate our members and the public at large in the proper and responsible manner of all road driving. The club works through various grants, internal and external, to preserve the natural beauty and terrain of our Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) roads and trails in Colorado.

Sec. 2 Pursue adopt-a-trail agreements with land managers to preserve the natural beauty and terrain of our OHV roads and trails in Colorado.

Sec. 3 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. 4 To make ourselves and our vehicles available in case of any emergency in which they may be required as circumstances allow.

Sec. 5 To be recognized as an upstanding, ethical organization representing the off highway community with integrity.

Sec. 6 To create an environment of camaraderie and friendships between members, families and friends through four wheeling trips and events.

### **ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIPS:**

#### **Sec. A GENERAL 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 GMJC activity.

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

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

Sec. 4 A member shall have legal possession of a vehicle with both front and rear wheel drive.

Sec. 5 A member shall be limited to those individuals and families with 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 A 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 MEMBERSHIP:**

Sec. 1 Associate Members must live outside the limits of Mesa County, and shall meet the requirements of the General Membership.

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

#### **Sec. C HONORARY MEMBERSHIP:**

Sec. 1 A person who has performed some distinguished service for the Club or community and who is not an associate or general 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.

#### **Sec. D LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP:**

Sec. 1 A person who has performed some distinguished service for GMJC or the four wheel drive community and is a member of GMJC may be awarded a Lifetime Membership after being nominated by a member of GMJC and approved by the Board of Directors.

Sec. 2 Lifetime memberships receive full benefits as a member, including voting and holding office, but yearly dues are waived.

#### **Sec. E TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP**

Sec. 1 Any non-member person/family/vehicle participating in an event sponsored by GMJC must apply for Temporary Membership, agreeing and complying with all rules, regulations and BY-LAWS of GMJC including Article III, section 1, to hold harmless GMJC and it's membership.

Sec. 2 All fees prescribed by the GMJC event must be paid in full.

Sec. 3 A copy of GMJC BY-LAWS is available on the website, and upon request a paper or electronic version will be sent.

#### **ARTICLE IV: ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP AND RESIGNATION:**

Sec. 1 Applications for membership shall be submitted in writing to any officer of GMJC

Sec. 2 Memberships shall be approved by a three-fourths vote of the Board of Directors.

Sec. 3 Upon acceptance to the membership, each member shall be provided a copy of the GMJC Regulations along with other information pertinent to GMJC and 4-wheel driving. The by-laws are available to the membership on the website.

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 general 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 in a timely manner by a neutral person(s) appointed by the President of GMJC, the President will present such charges to 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: President, 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 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 President.
- B. The Vice-President shall assist the President in all matters pertaining to GMJC and perform all duties that usually pertain to that office. In the absence of the President he/she shall assume all duties of the President and preside over all meetings.
- C. The Treasurer shall keep the records of memberships, fees and dues, and make bank deposits, and disburse same on order of the Board of Directors. He/she shall sign all checks. His/her accounts and records shall at all times be open to the inspection of the President, 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 Treasurer shall provide a quarterly financial summary to the President, or his/her representative. A year-end financial summary and bank statement will be provided to the President-elect in January of each year.

D. The Secretary shall keep records of meetings and maintain a membership list and assist the treasurer where needed.

**E. BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the immediate past President and three (3) elected Board Members
2. Each Director shall be an active member in good standing.
3. The Board of Directors shall determine the policies, and activities of the Club, approve the budget, approve all expenditures, and have a general management of the Club and disciplines pursuant to Article V.
4. The Board of Directors shall establish and determine meeting dates and places, and all club activities and trips as sponsored by the Club.
5. The conveyance, encumbrance, acquisition or disposition of all corporate property shall be through the Board of Directors; and the President and the Treasurer are the duly authorized agents of the corporation to execute any such conveyance, encumbrance, acquisition or disposition of real or personal property.

Sec. 5 INDEMNIFICATION: The officers, committee members, and other volunteers of the Grand Mesa Jeep Club shall be indemnified by the Club to the fullest extent permissible under the laws of this state of Colorado. Indemnification includes liabilities and expenses, including amounts paid in satisfaction of judgment, in compromise, or as fines and penalties and counsel fees of officers, committee members, and other other volunteers acting in good faith and on behalf of the Grand Mesa Jeep Club.

**ARTICLE VII NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Sec. 1 At the September GMJC meeting the President will appoint a nomination committee who will present to the membership at the October meeting a list of candidates who have agreed to have their name placed on the ballot. Also at the October meeting the nomination committee will accept nominations from the membership in the following order: President first, vice-president second, then the board of directors. Nominations will close and no other names can be added to the ballot. The list of nominees shall be published in the October and November newsletters.



Sec.2 Voting shall be by ballot and only members in good standing may vote. One vote, per membership. Ballots may be paper or electronic.

Sec. 3 The President shall appoint a member to count the ballots. The nominee for each office receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. In the event of a tie, a tie-breaker vote will be held at the next GMJC meeting.

Sec. 4 The Secretary and Treasurer, and other standing GMJC committee chairpersons shall be appointed by the President within 30 days of the election.

Sec. 5 In the case of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice-President shall succeed to the office. In the case of a vacancy in the office of Vice-President or Director, the vacancy shall be filled at a regular meeting by the Board of Directors. In the case of Secretary or Treasurer they will be appointed by the President

Sec. 6 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 a vote shall be supplied to each active member of record, by mail or electronic mail, not less than ten (10) days prior to such vote.

Sec 7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST: The officers of the Grand Mesa Jeep Club have a duty to disclose any financial interests as a result of their activities in their position as an officer of the Grand Mesa Jeep Club. Once disclosed, potential conflict of interests shall be adjudicated by the board of directors in the absence of the reporting party. After appropriate due diligence and investigation, the board of directors will determine the necessary action to remove the conflict of interest up to removal from their position as an officer of the club.

#### **ARTICLE VIII: PUBLIC ACTIVITIES:**

Sec. 1 The club shall engage in partnerships with public land management agencies with the specific intent of preservation, maintenance and development of the natural beauty and terrain of our OHV roads and trails in Colorado.

Sec. 2 The club shall not engage in political or legislative activities prohibited under section 501(c)(3). 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. 3 GMJC 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 and/or off-road vehicle use..

Sec. 4 No action on any public question or proposed legislation shall be taken unless first approved by the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE IX: REVENUE:**

Sec. 1 The membership application fee/dues 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 (January 1 thru December 31) pursuant to Article V, Section 1. Mid-year applications may be pro-rated for the remainder of the year.

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.

Sec. 4 The use of monies dedicated for specific use, (land use for example), and legal determination, must be accounted for separately from GMJC general funds.

Sec. 5 DISSOLUTION: In the event of dissolution of the club, the Board of Directors shall, after making provisions for payments of all liabilities of the club, dispose of club funds in such a manner, or to such organization or organizations, organized exclusively for charitable, educational, or scientific purposes and shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal revenue law).



## ARTICLE X: 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 either by paper ballot at the next regular meeting and/or by electronic ballot.

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

President: Rob McNulty

Date: 9-12-22



Vice-President: Jeff Bates

Date:

Director: Cody Lange

Date: 9/12/22



Director: Rick Mordica

Date: 

Director: Keri Hawthorne

Date: 9/12/22



Director: Jeffery Weber

Date: 9/12/22



I hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the Grand Mesa Jeep Club on 9-12-22 the Articles of Incorporation were adopted as provided for in said Articles.

Secretary-Treasure: John Stadter

Date: 9-12-22 