

BYLAWS OF BELLEVUE ROCK CLUB, INC

ARTICLE ONE

NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The name of this organization shall be: BELLEVUE ROCK CLUB, INC.

ARTICLE TWO

PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION

The purpose of this organization is to foster, promote and develop the interests and education of our members and others in geology, mineralogy, lapidary, gemology and related sciences and subjects and in the pursuit of such as a hobby for social, recreational and educational purposes.

ARTICLE THREE

MEMBERSHIP

Any person of good character who has indicated an interest in advancing the purposes of this club may, upon registration with the treasurer and payment of current dues, become a member in good standing. Such membership is subject to continued annual payment of dues. To the greatest extent possible, members are expected to attend regular monthly meetings and participate in club activities including volunteering to provide refreshments at monthly meetings, work at the annual show, participating in field trips, and running for elected office.

Any member in good standing with this club who has given exceptional or meritorious services to the club may be elected to LIFE membership of the club by vote of the membership at a regular monthly meeting. A LIFE member is entitled to all rights and privileges of membership without the obligation to pay annual dues.

ARTICLE FOUR

OFFICERS

Officers of this club shall be: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The general duties of officers are as follows:

- President The president shall be the chief administrative officer of the club and preside over all meetings and act as chairman of the Board of Trustees. If needed, the President shall appoint committees, delegate members for special duties, and perform other such duties that pertain to the office.
- Vice President The Vice President shall perform all duties of the President in the absence or disability of the President, and in the case of resignation or permanent disability of the President, shall fill the President's unexpired term. The Vice President shall also be responsible for the program at regular meetings and solicit volunteers to provide refreshments at said meetings.
- Treasurer/
Corresponding
Secretary The Treasurer/Corresponding Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the club's checking account, collecting membership dues, paying all bills that have been approved by the membership and will provide an oral report at regular monthly meetings on overall club finances. The Treasurer/Corresponding Secretary shall contract with vendors for the annual show and conduct all correspondence related thereto and may select volunteer(s) from the membership to audit cash transactions at the annual show or the club's bank account. The Treasurer /Corresponding Secretary shall be responsible for the club's outside correspondence and shall annually file all Federal and State

documents pertaining to the club's not-for-profit status.

In addition, the Treasurer/Corresponding Secretary shall be responsible for sending flowers to members who are in the hospital or suffering illness.

- Secretary

The Secretary shall record minutes of club meetings and duly report them by posting to the club's website or providing an oral report at the following regular meeting. The Secretary will conduct correspondence on behalf of the club when required.

ARTICLE FIVE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees shall consist of the elected officers of the club plus at least one volunteer member at large to make a minimum of five members. The duties of the Board of Trustees will be to establish policies, make appointments to fill vacancies in the administration of the club if needed, and generally provide oversight of club operations. The President is the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and will call a meeting of the Board at least once a year at which regular members may attend.

ARTICLE SIX
REGULAR MEETINGS

Regular meetings of the club are held on the first Tuesday of each month with the exception of July, August, and September. The September meeting is a pot luck picnic held at mid-day on the first Saturday following Labor Day. Unless changed by vote of the membership, all meetings are held at Aldersgate Methodist Church located at 14230 Southeast Newport Way, Bellevue, WA 98006.

ARTICLE SEVEN
MEETING AGENDA

Regular meetings are approximately two hours long beginning at 7PM and will generally conform to the following agenda:

7:00 PM to 7:45 PM

- Call to order
- Introduction of and welcoming Guests, New Members, Visitors, Speaker, etc.
- Secretary Report on minutes from previous meeting (if not posted on website)
- Treasurer's Report
- Show Report
- Field Trip Report(s)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Bragging Table/Show-and-Tell

7:45 to 8:00 PM

- Silent Auction
- Refreshment Break

8:00 to 9:00 PM

- Program
- Adjournment

A door prize drawing is customarily held before and after the Bragging Table/Show-and-Tell. All members who are in attendance receive a door prize ticket and the winner(s) are selected before the Bragging Table/Show-and-Tell. Members who participate in the Bragging Table/Show-and-Tell receive a separate ticket for which the winning drawing is held immediately following the Bragging Table/Show-and-Tell event.

ARTICLE EIGHT
COMMITTEES

The club may establish committees as needed to further the purpose of the organization. Such committees will have a volunteer chairman appointed by the President and approved by the membership. Such committees may include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Annual Show
- Field Trips
- Special Events
- Membership
- Policies and Procedures
- Washington State Mineral Council
- Federation membership

ARTICLE NINE
FINANCES

The Club shall establish dues and income producing programs at sufficient levels to keep the organization financially self-sustaining. Under no circumstances shall the club borrow or loan money. If requested by the membership, the Treasurer will provide an annual budget that covers all anticipated income and expenses for the calendar year. The Treasurer will provide an annual summary of club expenses and income. The club membership will vote to approve or reject expenses for extraordinary items that may arise from time to time.

Membership dues shall be payable for each calendar year by January 1st. Any member whose dues are not paid by the regular March meeting shall be dropped from club membership. New members who join and pay dues in November or December shall be considered paid up members for the following calendar year. Life members are not subject to payment of dues.

ARTICLE TEN
LIABILITY INSURANCE

In order to qualify for entry onto privately owned land for the purpose of collecting rocks, minerals, and/or fossils; or for any other club organized activity; the club shall maintain a General Liability insurance policy in the amount of not less than One Million Dollars. This policy is intended to indemnify land owners or other third parties from loss due to accidents or injury as the result of allowing club members onto their property.

ARTICLE ELEVEN
CLUB PROPERTY

Property owned or acquired by the club such as, but not limited to, mineral display cases, lapidary equipment, rocks and minerals, etc. shall be kept and maintained under the custody of a member or members approved by the membership. Disposition of such property shall be at the discretion of the membership by majority vote of members present at a regular meeting.

ARTICLE TWELVE
ELECTIONS

Elections for officers of the club will be by majority vote of members present at the regular December meeting every odd numbered year. Elected officers shall assume their office the following January. Vacancies for any office can be filled by special election of the membership or by appointment by the Board of Trustees.

Members are strongly encouraged to volunteer to run for office. Should a member be interested in a particular office, he or she should make this interest known to the incumbent, who may then nominate that person for election to that office at the next election.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN

EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

Any member may be disciplined or expelled from membership in this club for causes or actions detrimental to the best interest of the club. A member may be expelled by majority vote of the general membership present at a regular meeting and such expulsion shall stand for a period of two years. The expelled member may apply for membership, but re-admittance to the club is subject to a majority vote by the membership.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN

EFFECTIVITY AND AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws shall become effective upon a majority vote by the membership present at a regular monthly meeting; provided that they have been presented in writing to all members at least one month prior to the vote. Likewise, these Bylaws may be amended or revised by majority vote following one month's written notice to all members. Furthermore, adoption of these Revised Bylaws automatically cancels all previous Bylaws and amendments thereto of this organization.

These By-Laws were approved by the membership at its regular meeting on the 4th day of October, 2016 in accordance with Article Fourteen above.