



Ascutney Trails Association
P.O. Box 246, Brownsville, Vermont 05037

By-Laws

The Ascutney Trails Association was formed in January, 1967. Since 2020, its membership has included the members of the former Sport Trails of the Ascutney Basin.

BY- LAWS OF THE ASCUTNEY TRAILS ASSOCIATION, INC. WINDSOR VERMONT As amended in 2020.

1. The ATA's mission is to advocate for and maintain accessibility of low-impact trails and structures used for human powered recreational activities in the townships of the Mt. Ascutney Area, and to support and preserve the deep historic connection Mt. Ascutney has to Vermont and New Hampshire. The ATA will adhere to environmentally sound methods of responsible trail building, use, and stewardship while promoting outdoor education and cooperation with landowners.
2. The ATA activities, as described in the above Mission Statement, shall be controlled by a Board of Directors of 9 individuals interested in and capable of performing such duties.
3. Nine Directors shall be elected at the first Annual Meeting after adoption of these amended Bylaws, with membership on the Board being spread as evenly as possible among the townships in the Mt. Ascutney area. Five Directors shall be elected for a term of two years and four for a term of one year, in order to begin staggered terms. At the second Annual Meeting after adoption of these amended Bylaws, four Directors shall be elected for a term of two years. Thereafter, each Annual Meeting shall fill the expired terms. Directors may not serve more than two consecutive two year terms.
4. The President, with the approval of the majority of the Board, may appoint new members to fill any vacancies occurring between annual meetings or to bring the Board up to strength.
5. Members of the Board shall be representative of the same diverse demographics that we find in the surrounding townships of Mt. Ascutney, including age, but must be at least 17 years old.
6. Officers, elected annually by the Directors from among the Board membership, shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Offices may be combined consistent with state law.
7. The Board shall meet as often as a majority shall consider desirable or upon the call of the President.
8. The President, with Board approval, shall appoint all special and standing committees.



Ascutney Trails Association
P.O. Box 246, Brownsville, Vermont 05037

9. The annual meeting shall be held at a time chosen by the Board and upon thirty days written or electronic notice to the members, to elect Directors, to hear reports on the year's activities and to plan for the coming year.
10. Membership is open to all who enjoy or support human powered outdoor activities.
11. Membership categories and annual dues shall be set by the Directors. July 1 shall begin the fiscal year.
12. The Directors shall create, approve and follow a yearly budget that supports the activities outlined in the mission statement.
13. Officers shall not make any single expenditure, beyond what is specifically allowed in the annual budget, in excess of \$1000 without the majority approval of the Board of Directors.
14. The By-Laws may be amended by a 3/4 vote of the Board of Directors.
15. A quorum, for all business other than amendment of the By-Laws, shall be a simple majority of the total number of Directors.
16. A director who fails to attend at least one Director's meeting a year will be asked to resign.
17. Upon dissolution of this Association all funds and other property, after payment of all obligations, shall be turned over to a Vermont organization, selected by the Board, which is in good standing and supports human powered outdoor recreation. Nevertheless, scrap books and any other memorabilia shall be given to the Windsor Public Library or a local historical society.

These Bylaws were duly adopted by the Association's Board of Directors on May 6, 2020.