

Mohawk Valley Hill Striders Bylaws

Article 1 - Name

The name of this organization shall be Mohawk Valley Hill Striders Running Club; here after referred to as "the Club".

Article 2 - Purpose

Our purpose is to promote the sport of running and provide training opportunities for our members of all categories- from beginners to competitive. By becoming a member of this group you will meet other runners, promoting the commitment, motivation, and confidence to enjoy the sport of running.

Article 3 - Membership

This organization shall be open to any runner of 18 years of age or older, or under the age of 18 years with parental or guardian consent.

- Annual dues to be determined by the Executive Board.
- Any member acting in conflict with the interests of the Club may be expelled from the membership by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

Article 4 - Executive Board

The Executive Board of this organization shall maintain full control and management of the Club, and responsibility for fulfilling the purpose for which it was organized.

- The founding members of the board shall remain in their position on the board until they resign or are removed by majority vote.
 - Missing six (6) meetings in a twelve (12) month period or missing three (3) consecutive meetings will initiate a vote to be removed from the board.
 - In the case of a board member acting against the best interests of the club, any board member may propose a vote to remove the board member.
- In the event of a vacancy on the board, the remaining board members will nominate to fill that vacancy from the active membership.
- All new officers will be formally voted in at the annual meeting by a majority vote of all active members as defined in Bylaws.
- Executive Board shall be made up of a range of seven (7) to eleven (11) members, with non-founding members elected to serve two-year terms with no limit to the number of terms that may be served.

- A founding board member may choose to remain on as a board member emeritus. This is a non-voting position.
- A member may not hold more than one office at one time with the MVHS or hold an office with another running club.

Article 5 - Officers

The Executive Board officers shall consist of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Communications and Social Network Administrator, Information Technology Officer, Membership and Volunteer Coordinator, Race Coordinator, and Event Coordinator.

- **President:** The President shall act as the presiding officer at all business and membership meetings, and as spokesperson for the organization. Provides leadership to the board by proposing policies and practices. Shall be responsible for organizing and planning training runs. Shall motivate and establish a climate of enthusiasm for club members.

The President shall designate a board member to fill in when the President is unable to attend a club event (per succession plan, in order of the listed positions).

- **Vice President:** The Vice President shall assume all Presidential responsibilities and duties in the event that the office is vacated or in the President's absence.
- **Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall be responsible for all the financial affairs of the club. The treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining full and accurate accounts of all income (receipts) and expenses (disbursements or checks) and club dues. The treasurer shall maintain all accounting functions and provide periodic financial reports to the executive board.

In case of a vacancy, the following positions will be filled at the discretion of the board:

- **Secretary:** The Secretary shall be responsible for all club records including meeting minutes, membership list, By-laws, and all correspondence within the club and executive board.
- **Communications and Social Network Administrator:** The Communications and Social Network Administrator shall be responsible for communications from the club or board to the public; working closely with the Executive Board, the administrator will utilize appropriate communication methods, particularly social media, to advance the club mission.
- **Information Technology Officer:** The Information Technology Officer shall be responsible for the creation and maintenance of a club website. Determines the organization's long-term systems needs and any hardware acquisitions needed to accomplish the organization's operation objectives.
- **Membership and Volunteer Coordinator:** The Membership and Volunteer Coordinator shall assist in promoting the club at community events to recruit members; welcomes new members at

group runs and events; solicits members to assist as volunteers in training runs, special running events and club social events.

- Race Coordinator:** The Race Coordinator shall be responsible for coordinating all aspects of scheduled race events within the club and throughout the community; shall oversee the advertisement, recruitment and participation of members to participate in the "Runners' Cup".
- Event Coordinator:** The Event Coordinator shall be responsible for planning regular and special social events to promote the club to members and the community; plans the year-end banquet and annual meeting.

Article 6-Elections

- Elections shall take place at the annual club meeting; nominations shall be made by the board and voted in by the membership. Nominations from the floor will be allowed.
- All members of the club in good standing shall be eligible to vote.
- "Good standing" may be defined as current dues paid and active for the three (3) months prior to the meeting.
- To be eligible for a position on the board, members must have current dues paid and active for the six (6) months prior.
- Voting will occur in person by a show of hands.
- Officers will be nominated by the board.

Article 7-Finances

- Annual dues, fees, and other money received by the club will be utilized solely in carrying out the purpose of the club.
- Annual dues and membership shall be determined by annual majority vote of the Executive Board.
- Members of the Executive Board using club finances shall give a full and accurate record to the Treasurer.
- No part of the funds collected may be used to benefit individuals, nor be used in opposition to the stated purpose.

Article 8-Meetings

- Regular business meetings of the Executive Board will be held monthly. These meetings are open to general club membership.

- An annual meeting will be held in the first quarter of each year, open to the general membership, to elect any new board members.
- General club meetings may be called by any member of the Executive Board as necessary.
- Special meetings may be called by the President.
- For business meetings and decisions requiring a vote, a simple majority of board members must be present, and a majority of the total number of board members will be required to approve a vote.

Order of Business

- Call to Order
- Open Floor
- Review and approval of minutes
- Financial Report
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

Article 9-Amendments

- These bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Board present.

Formally adopted by the Board of the Mohawk Valley Hill Striders on Thursday January 26, 2017.

Approved by the membership at the February 25, 2017 annual meeting.