

By-LAWS
of the
PARADISE GEM AND MINERAL CLUB, INC.

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PARADISE GEM AND MINERAL CLUB, INCORPORATED

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I- PREAMBLE

Section 1

To promote the study of earth science through the use of the collection, classification and preservation of mineral specimens (including rocks and fossils).

Section 2

To encourage others to become acquainted with the Earth Sciences through but not limited to educational projects, shows, exhibits of specimens, cooperation with other Earth Science Societies and Federation and educational institutions such as schools, museums and libraries.

Section 3

To maintain educational programs within and outside the organization compatible with these purposes.

Section 4

To promote fellowship and understanding among members and others interested in the various phases of Earth Science.

ARTICLE II- NAME

Section 1

The name of this organization shall be the Paradise Gem and Mineral Club, Incorporated.

ARTICLE III- INCORPORATION

Section 1

Upon dissolution of this corporation after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligation of the corporation, the remaining assets shall be distributed to a non-profit fund, foundation or corporation, which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational or scientific purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 2

No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall benefit or be distributed to it's members, trustees, officers or other private persons. The corporation may be empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payment and distribution in furtherance of the exempt purposes for which it was formed.

Section 3

The Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. All business and committee meetings shall be conducted using Robert's Rules of Order as a guideline.

ARTICLE IV- MEMBERSHIP

Section 1

Membership will be open to any person 18 years of age or older interested in the purpose and objectives of this Club.

ARTICLE V- DUES

Section 1

All active members shall pay dues. The amount shall be determined, once per year, by a majority vote of the Executive Board and approved by a two-thirds (2/3's) vote of the Members present at the next general meeting.

ARTICLE VI- OFFICERS

Section 1

The Executive Board of the Club shall consist of the following elected officers: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The other voting members of the Executive Board will be the Library Director, California Federation Director, Alternate California Federation Director and the three (3) at-large Directors.

Section 2

All officers will hold office for one (1) year, beginning July 1st, and shall serve without compensation. The two elected Directors will serve for a period of two (2) years. The third Director will be the recent Past President and shall serve until the current President steps down or two years, whichever is shorter. In the event of a special election to fill a vacant office, new officers shall assume duties at once. No one shall hold two elective offices at the same time.

Section 3

The President shall appoint all special and standing committee Chairpersons that are necessary to carry out the purpose of the Club.

ARTICLE VII- PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1

In case of procedural questions, all business and committee meetings shall use Robert's Rules of Order as a guideline.

ARTICLE VIII- MEETINGS

Section 1

There will be one (1) Executive Board Meeting on the 1st Thursday of each month, except for July and August, or at the discretion of the President.

Section 2

Six members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum to transact any business.

ARTICLE IX- ELECTIONS

Section 1

The annual election of Officers and Directors shall be at the first general meeting in June. Nomination of Officers shall be opened at the first general meeting in May and held open until just before time to vote.

Section 2

No member shall be eligible for the nomination of election to the Office of the President unless he/she will have been a member for at least one (1) year at the time of the election.

Section 3

The Slate of Officers will be presented to the Membership for three (3) meetings prior to the election night, (meaning they will be read once at each of the three (3) meetings before the election Meeting).

ARTICLE X- PROPERTY OF THE CLUB

Section 1

The Club shall have the power to own property and Real Estate and to sell or otherwise dispose of the same, to own, and establish a hall, museum, or other buildings. Such possessions shall be for the benefit and welfare of the Club on a non-profit basis.

ARTICLE XI- FISCAL YEAR

Section 1

The fiscal year of the Club shall begin on July 1st and end on June 30th of each year.

ARTICLE XII- BUDGET

Section 1

The President and the Treasurer shall present a proposed budget for the fiscal year by the second meeting of the Executive Board. This budget may be accepted, rejected or amended by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE XIII- DISTRIBUTION OF BY-LAWS

Section 1

A copy of these By-Laws, printed in booklet form, shall be supplied to one member of each family and presented to each new member with their membership card. Replacement booklets may be purchased at Club cost.

ARTICLE XIV- OPERATING PROCEDURES

Section 1

The Executive Board must adopt Operating Procedures consistent with these By-Laws.

Section 2

All elected Officers and Directors shall possess a copy of the Operating Procedures and a copy shall be provided to any member that makes a request.

ARTICLE XIV- AMENDMENTS

Section 1

All amendments to these By-laws must be presented in writing and approved by a majority vote of the Executive Board and then read at the next general meeting of the Club.

Section 2

A two-thirds (2/3's) vote of the Members present at the general meeting shall be required to accept a proposed amendment. The proposed amendment must be read at two consecutive meetings and a secret ballot is recommended.