

Constitution

Middlebury College Fly Fishing Club

Article I Name:

The name of this organization shall be the Middlebury College Fly Fishing Club (MCFC).

Article II Purpose:

The purpose is to embrace the spirit of fly fishing and further a liberal arts education by helping newcomers and old hands to appreciate Vermont's rivers and streams.

Article III Membership:

Membership is open to any Middlebury College student, faculty or staff.

Article IV Officers:

A. Chief Angler:

The Chief Angler is the leader of the Middlebury College Fly Fishing Club and is responsible for calling all meetings. In addition, the Chief Angler must run each meeting or select someone to run the meetings in his or her absence.

B. Resident Instructor:

The Resident Instructor is responsible for coordinating workshops in various fields including casting and fly tying. In addition, the Resident Instructor is responsible for arranging for the use of space in the Field House for off-season clinics and practice sessions. The Resident Instructor should be the person who works with the people who have never fly fished before and helps them to get acquainted with the sport. When possible, the Resident Instructor should also work with the Athletic Department to make learning to fly fish count toward the P.E. credit requirement.

C. Head Guide:

The Head Guide is responsible for planning trips and working with any member of the club who needs help finding a spot to go fishing. The Head Guide should also work as a web person to create an online forum for sharing advice on local conditions. In addition, the Head Guide is responsible for maintaining a relationship with the local representative of the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Agency and the local Middlebury area Fly Fishing Club. The Head Guide will be responsible for coordinating the guide program as well as the guide training program (see Article V: Guides).

D. Tier of Flies:

The Tier of Flies is responsible for coordinating with the Head Guide and other members to keep track of what flies are being found in our local streams and rivers. The Tier of Flies should report to the Head Guide to create an online forum for sharing advice on what flies are working well in local waters. In addition, this person should offer help to any member of the club who seeks to learn to tie their own flies. The Tier of Flies will coordinate all learn to tie flies classes and will be responsible for the club's supply of fly tying materials. It is also the responsibility of the Tier of Flies to coordinate on campus guest lectures on various topics related to fly fishing.

E. Catch Keeper:

The Catch Keeper is responsible for managing all of the funds allotted to the Fly Fishing Club by the SGA Finance Committee and will act as a liaison to that committee. This person is responsible for submitting requests for all purchases and expenses as well as submitting a yearly budget request to the SGA Finance Committee. In addition, the Catch Keeper will keep notes on important decisions that occur at every meeting.

F. Gear Person:

The Gear Person will be in charge of the MCFC's equipment, and will decide what new gear should be purchased. The Gear Person will work with the Middlebury Mountain Club (MMC) gear managers for distributing gear one night a week during the fishing season.

Article V: Guides

Section One:

The Head Guide will be responsible for coordinating the guide program.

Section Two - Requirement for becoming a guide

A. Must be certified in Wilderness First Aid before going on the guide seminar.

B. There will be a Guide Overnight Seminar run by the Head Guide which will cover low-impact camping, hiking, stream safety, learning to read the water, fly selection, knot tying and general safety protocol.

C. CPR training

D. College Van Test

E. Co-lead at least one trip with a current guide. (This must be done after completing all other steps.

Section Three - Bridger Courses

There will be a Bridger course for persons who have completed MMC or Middlebury Outdoor Orientation (MOO) training.

Article VI: Elections

Candidates can nominate themselves or be nominated by others. The chair of the meeting will conduct the elections, which must occur during the month of January. A quorum must be present and shall consist of more than half of the active members of the club. To be elected, a nominee must receive a simple majority.

Article VII: Meetings

The club shall meet no less than once a month during the school year.

Article VIII: Committees

There are no standing committees of the club but the Chief Angler shall have the power to appoint a temporary committee, if the need arises.

Article IX: Advisor

A member of the faculty or staff should act as an advisor of the club. In addition, a member of Campus Activities will advise the club when needed.

Article X: Discrimination Policy:

This student organization operates in full accordance with Chapter Four, Section II, A of the Middlebury College Handbook concerning Student Organization Policies of Discrimination, Freedom of Association, Anti-Hazing, Freedom of Inquiry and Expression, Student Publication, Funding, Advertising, and Scheduling. Any and all changes made to the Student Organizations Policies section of the Middlebury College Handbook will immediately become policies adopted by MiddFly.

Article XI: Ratification

The constitution must be ratified by a two-third majority of the club membership. The constitution must be approved by the Student Government Association Constitution Committee.

Article XII: Amendment

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Approved as to Form: April 23, 2000