
MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE BIRDING CLUB CONSTITUTION

- Article I Name: The name of this organization shall be the Middlebury College Birding Club.
- Article II Purpose: The purpose of the Middlebury College Birding Club is as follows:
1. To provide an engaging social and academic environment to students who share an interest in bird watching, bird biology, bird conservation, and/or bird awareness education.
 2. To organize and offer club sponsored field trips to Middlebury College students for bird watching, ornithological education, and/or locally promoting bird awareness and conservation.
 3. To provide students with transportation and access to field guides, binoculars, and other necessary resources during club sponsored field trips.
 4. To organize and/or sponsor fundraisers, lectures, and/or any other events on campus that support local bird awareness and conservation, often in conjunction with events sponsored by local, national, and international bird conservation organizations.
- Article III Membership: Membership shall be open to all Middlebury College students.
- Article IV Officers:
- Presidents: There shall be two main leadership positions: President of Planning and President of Logistics.
- Duties of the President of Planning shall include organizing, scheduling, and running club meetings as well as choosing and planning fundraising events, special travel events, and guest speakers. President of Planning shall play liaison to outside organizations such as the local Audubon Chapter and the Vermont Institute of Natural Science.
- Duties of the President of Logistics shall include acting as treasurer by playing liaison to the SGA Finance Committee. President of Logistics shall also be responsible for planning and executing regularly scheduled club birding outings, including choosing location, notifying members, renting vans, and bringing equipment.
- Article V Elections: Elections shall be executed by a simple count of hands during a pre-designated election meeting. A quorum of 20% of members, including any officers and candidates, must be present at the election to conduct a valid vote. A 2/3 majority is needed to win an election. Candidates may vote for themselves. Elections must occur at least once every school year. All elections must be completed by March 15th. Should an officer drop out during the year, an elections shall be held at the next regularly scheduled meeting to fill his or her position.
- Article VI Meetings: Meetings shall occur at least once per month throughout the school year. The day, time, and location of meetings shall be specified in advance by the president(s). Meetings shall include an update on club events from the president(s), a report from the Treasurer on club finances, and an open reflecting/brainstorming session amongst members, concerning past, present, or possible future club events.
- Article VII Committees: The president(s) have the power to appoint temporary committees as the need arises. These committees shall have only those powers granted to them by the president(s).
- Article VIII Faculty Advisor:
- The membership agrees to maintain an advisor from the faculty or staff, as required.
- Article IX Affiliations: The Middlebury College Birding Club maintains no affiliations with any local, state, national or international organizations.
- Article X Discrimination Policy:

The Middlebury College Birding Club 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 the Middlebury College Birding Club.

Article XI

Ratification:

- A. The constitution must be ratified by a two-thirds majority of the membership.
- B. The constitution must be approved by the Student Government Constitution Committee.

Article XII

Amendment:

- A. The constitution must be ratified by a two-thirds majority of the membership.
- B. The constitution must be approved by the Student Government Constitution Committee.

Approved as to Form: April 20, 2006