

Montrose Area Bicycle Alliance  
By-laws Approved: June 9, 2010

**Article I: Name, Purpose, and Emblem**

1. Name: Montrose Area Bicycle Alliance, founded March 30, 2009 (herein referred to as MABA)

2. Mission Statement:

The mission of the Montrose Area Bicycle Alliance is to be a strong advocate for bicycle related issues in the area, provide information on bicycle education and safety, to be actively involved in bicycle path/trail development, to be an information sharing source and to provide a social network for area bicyclists.

3. The purpose of the organization:

Bicycle Advocacy (local government; city council, county commissioners, planning boards)

Work locally with leaders and staff of the City of Montrose, Montrose County, other neighboring governments, local bike shops, and other concerned organizations to help each other promote more and safer bicycling in our community and surrounding areas.

Education and Safety

**The goal of MABA is to be actively involved in the direct education of other bicyclists and motorists regarding adherence to the rules of the road and basic riding safety.**

Trails/Paths/Bicycle infrastructure

**MABA will have a strong and consistent involvement in the planning, public discussion process, and promotion of bicycle infrastructure in the area.**

To provide a social network for area bicyclists this will include ride and equipment information resources.

**MABA membership will provide individuals with the opportunity to get together with other bicyclists.**

**4. Emblem/logo:** the emblem is a basic silhouette of three bicyclists riding together. This symbolizes bicyclists not only riding together but also thinking, planning and making changes together.

5. No person or organization may use the name or emblem of the Alliance in advertising, soliciting goods or services, or promoting without the consent of the Alliance.

**Article II**

**Membership**

MABA shall have an unlimited number of members. Members are those who have paid dues to the organization as set out by the Board of Directors. The Board may review the dues structure annual or periodically as it sees fit. MABA shall not discriminate on accepting members.

1. Membership shall be available to any person who:

- has an interest in bicycling,
- promotes and practices the rules of bicycling safety,
- desires to promote the sport of bicycling through an association with the members of this organization.

2. The Directors shall have the authority to reprimand, to request the resignation, and/or to expel a member for cause.

### **Article III**

#### Board Officers

1. The management of the affairs of MABA shall be in the hands of the Board of Directors

2. The Board of Directors shall consist of the following officers: Director, Co-Director(s), Treasurer, Secretary, and others as appointed by the Board.

3. At a regular meeting, at least thirty days preceding the election, the Director shall appoint a nominations committee of three members to nominate the Officers.

4. Election of MABA officers shall be at the annual meeting.

5. Officers shall hold offices for twelve months or until their successors are elected. The Director, Co-Directors(s), Treasurer, and Secretary will be elected at the same time.

6. Vacancies of an officer may be filled by appointment by the Director with concurrence of the other officers.

### **Article IV**

#### Duties and Responsibilities of the Officers

1. Director: Coordinates all MABA programs and policies and presides at regular and Board of Director meetings. Appoint such committees as necessary to accomplish the purposes of the Alliance. The Director will have co-signatory authorization on all MABA accounts.

2. Co-Director(s): Perform the duties of the Director in the absence of the Director and assist the Director in carrying out MABA responsibilities.

3. Secretary: Take and preserve minutes of all meetings and be responsible for MABA's correspondence in coordination with the necessary officers and members.

4. Treasurer: Under the supervision of the Board, shall have the responsibility for all monies and financial records belonging to MABA. The Treasurer shall deposit all monies received into the MABA bank account and disburse funds as authorized by the Board. The Treasurer shall submit monthly financial reports to the members at regular meetings. The Treasurer shall maintain the membership database and manage MABA's insurance policies.

#### **Article V**

##### Finances

1. Annual dues: The Board of Directors will set the dues with input from the membership.
2. MABA may collect additional funds through sponsorship of participation in various events compatible with the purpose of this organization.
3. Funds collected by MABA shall be used solely to advance the purpose of MABA which is recognized by the US Government and the State of Colorado as a nonprofit and will not be used to jeopardize nonprofit status. MABA shall not have the authority to borrow or lend money for any purpose nor enter into contracts for goods or services over the amount of unencumbered balances in the bank accounts of MABA.
4. Single expenditures over \$75 shall require board approval.

#### **Article VI**

##### Meetings

1. The Annual MABA Business Meeting will be held by the first week in March. The time and location will be announced to the membership in a timely manner.
2. The election of officers shall take place at the annual meeting.
3. The Director may call special meetings by providing ample notice to all members.
4. A majority of MABA members present shall constitute a quorum.

**Article VII**  
Dissolution

If MABA is dissolved and disbanded, all assets of MABA will be turned over to another nonprofit organization with similar interests and selected by vote of the membership.

**Article VIII**  
Construction of Constitution and Bylaws

To all questions as to the construction or meaning of this document, the decision of the Board of Directors shall be final.

**Article IX**  
Amendments

This document may be amended by a majority vote of all MABA members voting, provided each voting member is current on MABA dues. Voting will be by electronic, mailed, or in person paper ballot after notice of the proposed amendment has been given in writing to MABA members at least thirty days prior to the Annual MABA Business Meeting held by March of the next year where proposed amendments will be presented and described.