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ANNUAL MEETING, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23

The Mountaineering Club of Alaska will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 23rd at the Miller Park Recreation Hall to conduct the business of the Annual Meeting. There will be election of officers: a President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer - each to serve for one year, and one member of the Board to serve a two year term. Dues (\$5.00 per member, \$7.50 per family, \$2.50 for Juniors - age 14 to 18 -, and \$2.50 for members living beyond a 50 mile radius from Anchorage) are now due and in the past the precedent has been established that only members in good standing for the coming year are eligible to vote.

There will be several revisions and amendments to the MCA constitution to be considered and decided upon. These are published below. All interested mountaineers, hikers, outdoor lovers are most eagerly urged to attend with an especial invitation to axe grinders to come and air all differences. Attention is called to the fact that the Mountaineering Club does have a constitution which has functioned quite creditably over 4 years of activity and that all business will be conducted in accordance with stated proper procedure.

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION AS FOLLOWS:

In accordance with the By-Laws of the Mountaineering Club of Alaska, Article III, Amendment of By-Laws, this amendment is being published in the organization publication between the date of introduction, which was the September meeting, and the date of action which will be the October meeting.

The Amendment of the By-Laws is suggested as follows.

Article I - Membership

Section III - Should any of the members of this organization desire to meet and work together for the purpose of increasing their knowledge and their skill in connection with a special interest, they may by obtaining permission of the Executive Committee, organize a sub-group. Such sub-group shall be known as a Section and shall be subject to the following limitations.

- Representation on the Executive Committee shall be the same as a functioning committee.
- In order to defray any expenses of the Section, the Section may fix a schedule of charges to be paid by participants and by the Section members. The Section shall be responsible to the Executive Committee and shall report on activities of the Section and on the receipt and disbursements of funds whenever required to do so and in any event, at least once a year at the Annual Meeting.
- The Executive Committee shall have the power to dissolve any Section at any time.
- Any member of the Mountaineering Club of Alaska shall be eligible and allowed to participate in the Section.
- Guests of the Section on Club or Section climbs must agree to abide by the constitution and By-Laws of the M.C.A.

The limitations provided herein shall apply to any section now organized and existing as well as to any new activities by M.C.A. members. Any activities by group members not so limited shall be undertaken only outside of the Section and the Club.

REVISION TO THE CONSTITUTION AS FOLLOWS:

Section 5: Dues shall entitle member to attend the Rock Climbing School. Rock Climbing School shall be closed to guests.

NOMINATIONS:

The Nominating Committee has endeavored to provide a slate of officers who are representative of and workers for the Club. All members suggested for nomination by others have been approached when possible. Should any member wish to suggest a name or wish to announce a candidacy between this time and election night, this committee invites him or her to meet one of its members. The committee promises that the name will be added to the slate and that all confidences will be respected. The meeting will also be open for nominations on the floor.

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HISTORY - AS SHE IS WRIT

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A gleam in the eye of a bumbling mountaineer appeared during the summer of 1958. With proper cooperation the Mountaineering Club of Alaska was conceived and well on its way by fall. The constitution and bylaws were formed. The first election established Paul

Crews as President. In October the first issue of "SCREE" tripped onto the scene. Our lists and artistically minded were at work on an insignia. 1959 closed with 73 members and of their efforts and looking forward to better accomplishments.

Warm spots are in our hearts (memories as well as indigestion) as we look back and remember our 1959 efforts: The movie "Mountains Don't Care". The patch contest with a prize of an experienced ice axe. The first rock school with more students than rocks. Ammo can registers on peaks. First ascents of Mt. Iliamna, Mt. Redoubt, North Marcus and Bashful. Many of our present members had their interest awakened by the Explorer out trips up Explorer Glacier. Byron Glacier was established as our stomping ground and glacier school. One of our members was with Larry Nielsen on the Valdez Glacier trek. We bragged about our efforts with tales and slides. Who can forget the Shiprock slides, Marcus Baker slides, Byron slides and Hans Metz Alps slides?

1960 was a year! A party of our hardy hikers was arrested and almost incarcerated as they headed out the Old Ship Creek Mail Trail from the Ski Bowl. On this same trip Gene Horning and Jackie Cote announced their engagement. By this time our proud members were wearing their long awaited patches. Johnnie Johnston was installed as proxy #2. Eklutna Lake became a minor tradition despite it's remoteness at that time. The Eklutna snow-shoe trip and the Eklutna Lake outing over the 4th of July weekend made this so. A trip was accomplished over the Johnson Pass trail. Milk Glacier became a site of "higher" learning. MCA entertained Takeichi Katano and Susumu Kahakashi of the Keiji University McKinley Expedition. Four of our members stood atop our 'Great Denali' and a few more trod upon her. Mt. Spur was a "first".

The Alaskan icy calm and Rodman Wilson ushered MCA into 1961. Rod was elected as our third president and our climbing and hiking activity ran rampant. Every weekend snow trips into Byron Glacier, Explorer Glacier, Juneau Lake, Russian Lake, Three Mile Lake, Thunderbird Falls and the Eagle River Mail Trail to mention a few. Kick over a rock and it popped an MCA'ite. In conjunction with the Italian Alpine Club, a benefit showing of "Gasherbrum IV" was held with great success. Joe Pichler's Girdwood cabin became a reality. Mt. Gerdine and Mt. Gilbert fell to our members.

This past year has seen as many Presidents as the previous three. Our elected leader and longtime supporter, Howard Schuck, led the first pitch. Upon his transfer to Outside, Gene Horning succeeded. Upon Gene's temporary leave for Outside schools, Dave Duncan was appointed. Our Mt. Marathon team, our footgear and equipment debates, the succulent memories of Fireweed sprouts served during the MCA "do-it-yourself" canape party, and the Eklutna Glacier stampedes are all mile posts of this past year.

Many of our original members are gone. There are many new faces. Some have remained. All of these past accomplishments and occurrences are wonderful memories. They were possible as a result of many people bound with common interests and working together unselfishly. MCA has passed into its fifth year of existence and is moving toward the events which will be recorded with nostalgia upon the tenth anniversary.

RESIDE CLIMBING SECTION:

October 19th: will meet at the residence of Hazel Owen and Barbara Gillett. Steve Foss will lead "A Study of Pioneer Peak". The address is 1336 1/2 15th Avenue. The time 8 p.m.

October 26th: A fascinating sounding program entitled "Mountain Psychology" with Paul Crews leading the discussion, and it is hoped with an assist by Bill Davis. The meeting place is as yet undecided. Interested members can check with Dave DeVoe EE 3-1492.

November 2nd: Knots and Ropes: a demonstration of some practical, necessary aspects of mountaineering. Joe Pichler will be in charge.

Next month's Scree, there will be a fine article by Hans Metz describing the climb of Mt. McKinley which some members of the Hans Metz Ski School made on skis in May 1962.