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## **Bylaws** by **Phil Roos**

The Missouri Mycological Society is now a "general not for profit corporation" under Missouri law. The bylaws are printed here. At our annual meeting in February, we can discuss them and change them, if anyone is interested, and then ratify them.

We also have articles of incorporation which I am not sending out. The first two articles of are identical to those of the bylaws. The third is similar to the bylaws, but briefer. The fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh are the same as in the bylaws. The eighth, ninth tenth and eleventh are required by the state for not for profit corporations. The twelfth article says that we will have bylaws. If anyone wishes to see the Articles of Incorporation, I will mail them a copy.

The incorporators were myself, Buddy Samuels and Ken Gilberg.

## **BYLAWS** **MISSOURI MYCOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

### **Article I - NAME**

The name of this not-for-profit organization shall be the Missouri Mycological Society (hereinafter referred to as the MMS) and it will be incorporated in the State of Missouri.

### **Article II - PURPOSE**

This society is organized for educational and scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code:

1. To foster and expand the understanding and appreciation of mycology.
2. To promote the hunting and identification of wild mushrooms and provide means for sharing ideas, experiences, knowledge and common interest regarding fungi.
3. To support efforts to preserve natural environments in the State of Missouri when it is in the best interest of the MMS to do so.

4. And all other legal powers permitted General Not for Profit Corporations.

### **Article III - MEMBERSHIP, DUES and FEES**

1. The MMS shall have two classes of membership.
  - a) Regular members shall be individuals or families who live in the State of Missouri or contiguous states. Dues are \$8.00 per year.
  - b) Associate members may be senior citizens (over the age of 65), full-time students, or individuals or families who belong to a local mushroom club based outside the State of Missouri. Dues are \$2.00 per year.
2. Membership is open to all interested persons who pay dues. No person shall be denied membership because of race, religion, age, sex, sexual preference, handicap or for any other reasons.
3. Dues are payable annually on the first day of November, except that new members joining after the first day of June shall be fully paid members for the following year.
4. Occasional fees may be set by the Board of Directors to defray the cost of special activities, which will be imposed on the participants only and not the general membership.

### **Article IV - AFFILIATION**

The MMS will be affiliated with the North American Mycological Association.

### **Article V - FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year shall begin on the first day of November and end on the last day of October, except that the first fiscal year shall run from January 1, 1987 to November 30, 1987 and the second fiscal year shall run from December 1, 1987 to October 31, 1988.

## Article VI - OFFICERS

1. Officers shall consist of a President, Secretary-Treasurer and a Newsletter Editor. The officers will constitute the Board of Directors.
2. The Board of Directors will make decisions which need to be made between annual meetings. Establishment of times and places for forays is not a decision for the Board of Directors.

## Article VII - ANNUAL MEETING and QUORUM

1. The MMS shall meet at least once a year, in addition to forays and other activities.
2. The annual meeting will ordinarily occur in February.
3. The members attending shall constitute a quorum.
4. Individual members shall be entitled to one vote. Family members shall be entitled to two votes if at least two members of the family attend the meeting.
5. Officers shall be elected at the annual meeting and shall take office immediately after election. Officers shall serve through the next annual meeting.
6. In case of a contest, election shall be by secret ballot.

## Article VIII - NEWSLETTER

The Board of Directors shall publish the Earthstar Examiner, the MMS newsletter, at least three times per year.

## Article IX - REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES

1. Officers and members may apply to the Secretary-Treasurer for reimbursement of expenses including postage, telephone calls, and travel related to the production of the Earthstar Examiner, fund raising activities, and special events.
2. Officers and members who are not professional botanists or mycologists shall not be reimbursed for mileage, meals or lodging in connection with attending forays.
3. Officers, members and non-members who are professional botanists or mycologists may receive partial reimbursement for attending forays or other club activities upon the express approval of the Board of Directors.

## Article X - LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

1. Individual members and guests shall hold harmless the MMS, its officers, members of the Board of Directors, and any other Member, from any and all claims arising from their individual, voluntary participation in any meetings, forays, conferences, or other activities sponsored by the MMS.
2. Members who bring guests to forays, and adults who bring minor children, are responsible for cautioning them concerning the possible risks of eating fungi.

## Article XI - AMENDMENTS

1. These Bylaws may be amended or repealed by a majority vote of the members at the annual meeting.
2. Proposed amendments must be published and circulated in the Earthstar Examiner one month prior to the annual meeting.

## Corrections by Phil Roos

Jay Justice informs me that the correct amount for NAMA publications was \$11,867.99. Also, the total expenditures were \$23,651.22. The \$31,775.00 was the total amount budgeted. Also, Jack and Marty Toll attended the NAMA foray. I forgot to list them. My apologies for both.

No sooner had I sent off the last newsletter than my Sundberg & Bessette handbook miraculously re-appeared. (I wish that would happen with my "Collins Guide" by Lange and Hora which is out of print.) Walt writes that both of his books are available. For prices, write him at Botany Dept., Southern Illinois University, Carbondale IL.

## Miscellaneous

The officers have discussed applying for federal not-for-profit status. The state not-for-profit status is a step in that direction. However, while incorporation cost only \$10.00, the federal application fee is \$150.00. The application won't go in until the annual meeting. If people think that we can't afford it, we should talk it over.

In each of our three years, our membership renewals have gone down, even though we get new members too. People who hadn't renewed as of Jan. 1st received a reminder and some of them have now renewed. More may come in. A brief report will be handed out at the annual meeting.