

# Uncompahgre Treasure Club Inc.

## BY-LAWS (proposed - draft)

### ARTICLE I

The name of this organization is Uncompahgre Treasure Club Inc.

### Objectives:

### ARTICLE II

- A. To promote the advancement and enjoyment of the art and science of metal detecting and treasure hunting by all appropriate means available;
- B. To promote fellowship among all members;
- C. To encourage fellowship with other organizations with similar interests;
- D. To preserve our Western Heritage;
- E. To be of service to the community, including law enforcement agencies and historical societies;
- F. To preserve and protect our environment;
- G. To leave any property (public or private) in as good or better condition than when it was when you arrived;
- H. To promote good will and understanding with all property owners, overseers and caretakers;
- I. To lobby for or against any pending legislation that would affect our hobby.

### ARTICLE III

### Membership:

- A. Membership will be open to any person who will abide at all times to Article II and agree to abide by the following;
- B. Members shall attend as many monthly meetings as possible and participate in as many club outings as possible;
- C. All members should be willing to serve on committees, if asked and available;
- D. All members will conduct themselves at all times in a professional manner;
- E. Any member in violation of these By-Laws shall be subject to disciplinary action as determined by active board members.
- F. For a member to be in good standing, his/her dues must be paid up for the current year, and the member must be an active participant in the club;

- G. Any individual member of his/her family with a paid membership shall be eligible to run for any elective office, and shall be able to vote on club issues.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### Officers:

- A. Official Board Officers shall consist of: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Appointed Executive Committees shall consist of at least three(3) of the above listed officers;
- B. The term of office for each officer shall be for one (1) year, with no term limits. Should a position become vacant during the year, a special election shall be held at the next general membership meeting to elect and fill the vacant position;
- C. A simple majority vote from the members in attendance at an election meeting will elect the nominee to office.

##### President:

- A. Shall chair all general club meetings;
- B. Shall chair all meetings of the Official Board;
- C. Shall have the power to form committees;
- D. Shall have the power to call special club and/or selected committee meetings at any time he/she gives reasonable notice to the members involved.

##### Vice President:

- A. Shall assist the President in the work of the presidential office;
- B. In the President's absence or inability to serve, the Vice President shall preside at club meetings and perform all duties otherwise performed by the President;
- C. Shall assist on committees and help in carrying out their functions;

##### Secretary:

- A. Shall record minutes of all Club, Committee and Official Board meetings;
- B. Shall have the power to organize and manage a telephone committee;
- C. Shall transfer notes and information to the newsletter/website editor or appropriate Board, Committee and club members;
- D. Shall handle club correspondence.

##### Treasurer:

- A. Shall receive all membership dues and membership applications and shall issue cards/badges/emblems and record same;
- B. Shall receive and disperse all monies, and maintain records of account.

## Article V

- Meetings:
- A. Board meetings will be held on a quarterly basis and when deemed necessary by President;
  - B. Club Meetings shall be held on the 2nd Monday of each month;
  - C. Club Meetings shall start at 7:00 PM unless advance notice is given;
  - D. Special club meetings may be called by the President for reasons that are important enough to warrant the club members to assemble. Notice will be given to the members as deemed reasonable for the occasion;
  - E. Guests are welcome.

### Format for Meetings:

- A. The President calls the meeting to order;
- B. Pledge of allegiance, brief prayer;
- C. Secretary's minutes from last meeting; accept and second;
- D. Treasurer's report; accept and second;
- E. Introduction of Guest Speakers and presentations, if any;
- F. Discussion of future and upcoming events;
- G. Break: Finds Table voting, selling of raffle tickets, sign ups, paperwork;
- H. Discussions, night hunts, auctions, Finds Table winners, door prizes;
- I. Adjournment and help with table breakdown and cleanup.

### Dues:

## Article VI

- A. Annual membership dues shall be determined by the Official Board and reviewed yearly. Needed changes to yearly dues shall be presented to and must be approved by a majority of club members present. Current dues are \$24.00 per year;
- B. One paid membership as described in Article III will entitle all members of a family to participate in and enjoy all of the club's activities and privileges.

## Article VII

### Outings and Club Events:

- A. Participation of the membership is highly encouraged at all club sponsored events;
- B. While club officers will attempt to point out known hazards of various outings, it shall be a foregone conclusion that all dangers cannot be known, and that each member shall assume personal responsibility. A signed Release of Liability form is required to participate in outings;
- C. Members with children shall be fully responsible for their safety and well-being.

- D. Alcohol and drug use are prohibited at all club functions;
- E. Guests are permitted at club outings. Guests can only be allowed on the UTC claim with Executive Board approval. Guests are NOT allowed to be on the UTC claim without approval and a proper and active BLM permit;
- F. All members and guests must have a signed and approved casual use permit and membership card when accessing the UTC claim. Any person or persons who join the UTC for the sole purpose of only accessing the UTC claim will be banned from access to the claim, and permits will be revoked and returned to the club until such time as the member becomes an active club participant;
- G. Only club members in good standing will be allowed to be active claim owners of the UTC placer claim;  
Approval of any prospective claim owner will be reviewed and determined by main contact agent Donald Rodarte.

### Article VIII

#### Conduct:

- A. Under no circumstances shall any member use the club name "UNCOMPAHGRE TREASURE CLUB INC." for personal gain or interests without the prior approval of the Official Board;
- B. The Uncompahgre Treasure Club will not tolerate any verbal, physical, or mental abuse toward anyone at a club meeting or event; Any inappropriate touching, innuendo or sexually oriented comments will, at the discretion of the Official Board, be subject to revocation of club membership.
- C. Pets are welcome, as long as they are up to date with tags and vaccinations; All pet owners are responsible for maintaining the conduct of their pets. Pets shall not be allowed to disturb other members while at club events; Owners shall be responsible for cleaning up after their pets.

### ARTICLE IX

#### Amendments:

- A. These By-Laws can be amended with a one month notice by simple majority vote of members present at club meeting.

Amended by Don Rodarte, President UTC;  
Submitted for approval January 10, 2022