



Terms of Reference

General Mountaineering Camp Committee (Standing Committee)

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The General Mountaineering Committee is established as a special committee at the pleasure of the Board of Directors and will have the oversight responsibility, authority, and specific duties described below:

Purpose

The General Mountaineering Camp (GMC) has been an Alpine Club of Canada tradition since 1906. The GMC is about climbing mountains with old and new friends. It is about taking club members to mountains and places they would have difficulty organizing on their own. It is about learning mountain craft. It is about telling and listening to stories. It is about meeting and climbing with people that are new to the mountains, as well as those who have made the mountains their lives for sixty or more years. The purpose of the General Mountaineering Committee is to provide the expertise to plan and operate the annual General Mountaineering Camp.

Membership

The General Mountaineering Committee consists of five to seven members who have sufficient knowledge of the General Mountaineering Camp history and operations. The Chair of the General Mountaineering Committee is appointed by the Board of Directors of the Alpine Club of Canada. Members of the General Mountaineering Committee are appointed by the Chair of the General Mountaineering Committee. National Office representation and the Vice President of Activities will also be included as an ex-officio member. The committee membership represents its constituencies, participants, volunteers and amateur leaders, paid camp staff, guides and national office staff.

Terms of Office

The General Mountaineering Committee terms of office shall be three years, co-incident with the term of the Vice President of Activities, with unlimited renewals. Renewal of committee members shall be conditional upon their performance and is subject to the recommendation of the Chair of the General Mountaineering Committee.



Committee Meetings

The General Mountaineering Committee shall document an annual work plan outlining the work it will undertake in the context of its duties and responsibilities, and schedule meetings for the year based on the work plan.

Records and Committee Output

The General Mountaineering Committee shall report regularly (verbally or in writing) on its activities, recommendations and conclusions to the full Board in the context of the Committee's annual work plan. Written minutes of committee meetings and reports shall be maintained and shall be available to the full Board.

Power and Authority

The General Mountaineering Committee shall not have the power to obligate the Club to any financial outlay, or to commit it to any contract, agreement or other arrangement unless specifically authorized to do so by the Board.

Quorum

A majority of the members present at a meeting shall constitute a quorum at meetings.

Duties and Responsibilities

The Board of Directors delegates the following responsibilities to the General Mountaineering Committee, which acts in an advisory capacity to the Board on these matters:

1. Selection process for GMC location.
2. Camp preparation planning, logistics and setup.
3. Support to the National Office for GMC staffing considerations.
4. Organizing operational camp support for ordering and delivery of supplies and of operational overhead items to running the camp.
5. Camp closure planning, logistics and take down.
6. Evaluation and inventory of replacement and upgrades requirements for the following year GMC.
7. Camp report to National Office and write up for *Canadian Alpine Journal*
8. Maintenance and promotion of the idea, experience, history and organizational motivation of the General Mountaineering Camp.
9. Other