

CONSTITUTION FOR MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS

New Club Adopts Unique Idea,
but No By-Laws—A. A. U.
Rules Have Arrived.

Club constitutions are the exciting order of the day. The Outrigger Club is to have a brand-new one, while the Trail and Mountain Club has just completed its ambitious effort in this direction.

In many respects the Trail and Mountain Club constitution differs from any hitherto promulgated in Hawaii. There are no bylaws, and directors are to make rules and regulations instead as needed. The constitution has many excellent features, well worthy of emulation by other amateur clubs. One of the best of these features is the method adopted for the election of officers.

On this point the constitution says: The board of directors shall, at least five weeks previous to the annual election, appoint from the members of the club a nominating committee of five. The committee is to nominate a ticket of at least eighteen candidates for directors for the ensuing year.

The nine directors elected at the annual meeting will constitute the executive committee of the club. No voting by proxy shall be permitted. The legal title of all properties belonging to the club will be vested in a trustee, to be named by a vote of the club.

One of the most important clauses is in regard to the dropping of obnoxious members. The Hawaii Yacht Club spent much time and care framing a similar clause in its constitution. Here is that adopted by the Trail and Mountain Club:

“Any member may be suspended or dropped from membership in the club upon a vote of at least five members of the board of directors; but no such vote shall be taken until after the member shall have been furnished with a statement of the charges preferred against him and he shall have been given the opportunity to appear before the board and be heard in answer to the charges against him before final action shall be taken thereon.”

The Trail and Mountain Club is, of course, purely amateur in its membership, although its constitution provides for the keeping of records of mountain climbing in Hawaii and permits suitable medals, bars or awards to be presented to those who accomplish unusual feats in trail and mountain pioneering.

The Trail and Mountain Club constitution also provides for three classes of membership—senior, junior and juvenile. Only senior members may, however, vote or hold office.

The rules and regulations of the A. A. U. have arrived in town, and they appear to be more strict than many who considered themselves enthusiastic amateurs ever dreamed that sporting rules could be. There is likely now to be a reburnishing of several old constitutions, that they may conform to the new requirements of amateur qualifications.