

# **Newbury Mountain Club - Constitution**

## **1. NAME**

- 1.1 The name of the Club shall be the Newbury Mountain Club. Hereinafter referred to as "the Club".

## **2. OBJECTIVES OF THE CLUB**

- 2.1 To promote the interests of climbing, mountaineering and walking amongst members of the Club.
- 2.2 To provide an opportunity for members of the Club to meet and participate in climbing, mountaineering and walking activities together.
- 2.3 To act on behalf of and in the interests of Club members.
- 2.4 To promote awareness of the need to maintain access, conservation and protection of the cliff and mountain environment.
- 2.5 To take part in the work and activities of the British Mountaineering Council (BMC).

## **3. MEMBERSHIP OF THE CLUB**

- 3.1 Membership of the Club shall be open to all at the discretion of the committee, and shall hereinafter be referred to as "the Membership".
- 3.2 In addition to 3.1 above membership of the Club shall only be open to individuals who recognise that climbing and mountaineering are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Members shall be aware of and accept these risks and agree to be responsible for their own actions and involvement.
- 3.3 Club Membership shall not be open to minors (i.e. persons under the age of 18).
- 3.4 Members shall abide by the club rules.

## **4. MANAGEMENT OF THE CLUB**

- 4.1 The Management of the Club shall be entrusted to the Club Committee, hereinafter referred to as "the Committee".

## **5. OFFICERS OF THE CLUB**

- 5.1 The elected Officers of the Club shall be the President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer. Other Officer posts shall be created at the discretion of the committee and filled by election at the AGM.
- 5.2 Voting for the election of Officers shall take place at the AGM
- 5.3 Officers and other committee members shall be re-elected each year.

## **6. COMMITTEE OF THE CLUB**

- 6.1 The President of the Club will normally preside at and chair all meetings of the Committee (or Club) and shall be responsible for reporting to the Membership at the Club's AGM.
- 6.2 The Committee shall be composed of the Officers of the Club plus a number of elected members from the Club Membership. The minimum number of members of the committee shall be 6, the maximum shall be 12. The actual number of committee members to be elected each year is at the discretion of the committee and shall be notified to the membership prior to the AGM.
- 6.3 The Committee shall nominate a representative (or representatives) of the Club to attend BMC Area meetings and represent the views of the Membership and shall nominate the President (or a representative) to attend the BMC AGM and vote on behalf of the Club.

6.4 The Club Secretary shall be responsible for all correspondence relating to Club affairs and for announcing Committee meetings, and the production and distribution of minutes from those meetings. The Secretary shall also be responsible for announcing the AGM and shall give at least 30 clear days notice of such a meeting and its agenda. Items for inclusion should be submitted at least 45 days prior to the AGM. The Secretary shall keep records about the Membership of the Club and shall report to the BMC the size of the Membership.

6.5 The Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection of subscriptions and will account for any other income and expenditure made on behalf of the Club. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the payment of the membership subscription to the BMC.

6.6 The Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional non-voting members.

6.7 A quorum for a meeting of the Committee shall be half of the elected voting members. In addition to the AGM the Committee (or Club) shall hold at least four (or another suitable number) meetings each year.

## 7. GENERAL MEETINGS

7.1 An Extra-Ordinary General Meeting shall be held at the request of the President or any three members.

7.2 The agenda for the Annual General Meeting shall include: the election of the committee, a report on the previous year's activities, treasurer's report.

7.3 A quorum for a General Meeting shall be 30% of the total Club Membership.

## 8. CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS

8.1 The Committee shall have the power to set membership subscription levels for the Club on an annual basis.

## 9. RULES OF THE CLUB

9.1 The Committee shall have the power to set Club rules. Such rules shall be in accordance with the articles of the Club's Constitution and the policies of the BMC.

## 10. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE CLUB

10.1 This Constitution may be amended by a two thirds majority. Notice of any amendment must be delivered to the Secretary at least 45 days prior to the AGM or the EGM.

## 11. DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB

11.1 The Club can be dissolved by two thirds majority vote carried out in accordance with Article 9 whereupon the Committee will arrange to discharge any assets equally amongst the Members. Any liabilities at the time of dissolution shall be the joint responsibility of all committee Members.