



# London Mountaineering Club

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## Constitution

### 1. Name

The name of the organisation shall be "The London Mountaineering Club", hereinafter referred to as the "Club".

### 2. Objects

- a) The Club shall provide opportunities for its members to engage in mountaineering activities, and shall encourage them to do so with safety.
- b) The Club may provide for its members activities other than mountaineering.
- c) The Club may acquire and rent property and accumulate or borrow funds to further its objects.

### 3. Membership

- a) Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport on application regardless of sex, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or beliefs. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis.
- b) Membership of the Club shall be limited to persons over the age of eighteen approved by the Committee. Members should normally work or reside in South East England.
- c) The committee reserves the right to decline offering membership on a nondiscriminatory basis.
- d) **Honorary Membership:** An Honorary Member shall be:
  - (i) a person who is distinguished by virtue of his or her association with mountaineering; and/or
  - (ii) a person who has rendered exceptional service to the Club.
- e) Honorary Members shall be nominated by the Committee and elected for life by a two-thirds majority at a General Meeting. Such an election shall be an exceptional occurrence. Every such election shall be announced in the Club Journal. Honorary Membership shall carry all the rights and privileges of full membership.

#### **4. Membership Subscriptions and Other Club Income**

- a) An entrance fee shall be payable on admission to the Club, of such sum as shall be decided from time to time by the Committee.
- b) A membership subscription shall be payable on admission to the Club and thereafter annually, of such sum as shall be decided from time to time at a General Meeting. Any membership commencing after 1 October in any one year shall continue to the end of the following year without further payment.
- c) Subscriptions shall be renewable between 1 January and the last day of February in each year.
- d) Membership shall be deemed to have lapsed if the subscription renewal is not received by the Club by the last day of February in any year. Such lapsed members shall be re-admitted only on payment of a further entrance fee, and at the discretion of the Committee.
- e) The club may from time to time raise or receive income in addition to entrance fees and subscriptions. All surplus income or profits will be re-invested into the club. No surpluses or assets will be distributed to members or third parties.

#### **5. Election of the Club Officers and Committee**

- a) The Committee shall consist of ten Officers, namely:
  - (i) the President
  - (ii) the Secretary
  - (iii) the Treasurer
  - (iv) the Membership Secretary
  - (v) the Social Secretary
  - (vi) the Meets Secretary
  - (vii) the Hut Warden
  - (viii) the Hut Booking Secretary
  - (ix) the Editor and
  - (x) Website Administrator

and five ordinary members. The Officers and ordinary members shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

- b) The Committee shall have the power to fill such vacancies as may occur from time to time amongst the Officers and ordinary members. The Committee shall further have the power to co-opt any full member of the Club to the Committee: such co-opted members shall not have the power to vote at Committee meetings.
- c) Two Honorary Auditors shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. The Auditors shall not be members of the Committee.

#### **6. Accounts and Audit**

- a) The financial year of the Club shall run from 1 January to 31 December.
- b) The Treasurer shall keep proper books of account, and at the end of each year shall prepare an annual income and expenditure account and a year end balance sheet.

- c) The balance sheet and income and expenditure account shall be certified by the Auditors and shall be laid before the Annual General Meeting for approval.
- d) An account or accounts in the name of the Club shall be opened at such bank or banks as the Committee shall approve. All cheques and other instructions concerning the use of the Club's funds shall be signed by any two of the Officers, one of whom should preferably be the Treasurer.
- e) Members have the right to inspect the books of the Club.

## **7. General Meetings**

- a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of March, when the Committee shall present its report and the accounts for the preceding year. The Officers and ordinary members of the Committee shall be elected and any other necessary business transacted.
- b) An Extra-ordinary General Meeting of members may be called at any time by the Committee or upon a requisition in writing signed by 25 full members. Such requisition shall be addressed to the President and shall state the object of the meeting, which shall be called within 60 days of the day upon which the President receives the requisition. At such Extra-ordinary General Meetings only the business stated in the requisition shall be discussed.
- c) Fourteen days' notice in writing of General Meetings shall be given to all introductory and full members.
- d) Items for the agenda of an Annual General Meeting must be in the hands of the President on or before 31 January.
- e) In a vote upon a resolution, a simple majority only shall be required, except as specified under Rules 3 and 11. Voting shall be in person at the General Meeting only, except as specified under Rule 11. In the event of a tie, the President shall have a casting vote; if the President abstains from using his or her casting vote the motion shall be deemed to have been defeated.
- f) A quorum for General Meetings shall be 25 members.
- g) At least fourteen days before the Annual General Meeting the following documents must be made available to download from the Club's website:
  - 1. Agenda for the Annual General Meeting.
  - 2. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting (if not already circulated).
  - 3. Annual Accounts.
  - 4. Particulars of any motions proposed.

Members may contact the Secretary to request that a hard copy of the documents is posted to them.

## **8. Operation of the Committee**

- a) The affairs of the Club shall be administered by the Committee.
- b) The Committee shall arrange all activities of the Club and all activities of the Club shall be attended by a member responsible to the Committee.
- c) The Committee may establish ad hoc or permanent sub-committees for specific purposes, and may delegate powers to such sub-committees, provided that the terms

- of reference establishing such sub-committees shall be minuted and that the sub-committees shall report the exercise of their delegated powers to the Committee.
- d) The Committee shall produce a regular Club Journal or Newsletter, which shall be distributed to all members.
  - e) The Committee shall produce an Annual Directory of Members, which shall be distributed to all members.
  - f) The Committee shall meet as often as is deemed necessary to conduct the business of the Club.
  - g) A quorum for Committee meetings shall be six members of the Committee.
  - h) The President shall be Chair of the Committee. In the absence of the President, the Committee shall appoint an Officer to chair the meeting.
  - i) In any Committee vote upon a motion, a simple majority only shall be required, and the Chair shall not have a vote. In the event of a tie, the Chair shall however have a casting vote; if the Chair abstains from using his or her casting vote, the motion shall be deemed to have been defeated.
  - j) Minutes shall be kept of all meetings of the Committee.
  - k) At the discretion of the Committee, members of the Club may attend Committee meetings, but may not speak or vote.

## **9. Property and Funds**

- a) All real and leasehold property acquired by the Club shall be vested in three members of the Club appointed by the Committee, who shall hold such property upon trust for the Club.
- b) All other property and funds acquired by the Club shall be vested in the Committee.
- c) Upon the winding up of the Club, such real and leasehold property and all other property and funds shall be given or transferred to another Community Amateur Sports Club, a registered charity or the British Mountaineering Council, in accordance with the decisions reached at an Extra-ordinary General Meeting called for that purpose.

## **10. Termination of Membership**

- a) Any member, who in the opinion of the Committee has been guilty of conduct prejudicial to the interests of the Club, shall be liable to expulsion from the Club, subject to the right of appeal to an Extra-ordinary General Meeting. This provision shall apply whether the conduct in question occurred during the period of membership of the Club or previously if the Committee were unaware of such conduct at the time of admission to membership of the Club.

## **11. Changes to the Constitution**

- a) No changes shall be made to the Constitution of the Club unless approved by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at a General Meeting or those returning votes in a postal ballot.