

KENDAL MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

CONSTITUTION

1. Name

- 1.1 The Club shall be called "Kendal Mountaineering Club"

2. Object

- 2.1 To promote the interests of climbing and mountaineering amongst members of the Club
- 2.2 To provide an opportunity for members of the Club to meet and participate in climbing and mountaineering 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

- 3.1 The Club shall be open for membership to any person over 18 years of age or over
- 3.2 Membership of the Club shall 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 Each member shall keep the secretary informed of changes of address
- 3.4 The committee shall have the power to expel from the club any member whose conduct warrants such action. On such occasions the decision must be unanimous.
- 3.5 Honorary members who shall not be liable to pay any subscription fees but shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership and may be elected for life by the Club in General Meetings. No more than 10 honorary members at any one time

4. Subscriptions

- 4.1 Subscriptions shall be paid yearly
- 4.2 The subscription shall be reviewed each year at the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

- 4.3 Membership subscription shall run from 1st January until 31st December
- 4.4 Any member joining after 1st July will be entitled to a discount on membership in line with the appropriate BMC discount until 31st December.
- 4.5 Members whose subscription is unpaid as at 15th February will be considered to have resigned their membership of the Club.

5. Committee and Officers

- 5.1 The management of the Club shall be entrusted to the Club Committee, hereinafter referred to as "the Committee"
- 5.2 The Committee shall consist of at least the following:
- a. President
 - b. Secretary
 - c. Treasurer
 - d. Meets Secretary
 - e. Two other members

Additional officers may be elected if considered necessary by the committee at the AGM or General Club Meetings

- 5.3 All officers of the Club and all ordinary members of the Committee shall be elected by the Club at the AGM for one year at a time and may be re-elected to the same or another office the following year.
- 5.4 A quorum for a meeting of the Committee shall be half of the elected voting members. Committee meetings shall be held quarterly but the Committee may decide to hold meetings more or less frequently.
- 5.5 In the event of the resignation of any officer or Committee member of the Club a temporary officer may be appointed to the Committee until officially voted in at the AGM or General Club Meeting.
- 5.6 The Committee shall have the power to co-opt Club members onto the committee. Such members would be able to vote at Committee meetings. Any such appointments would expire at the next AGM, but may be renewed by the new Committee.
- 5.7 The Committee shall nominate a representative (or representatives) of the Club to attend the BMC Area meetings and represent the views of the membership and nominate the President (or a representative) to attend the BMC AGM and vote on behalf of the club.

6. The President

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

7. The Secretary

- 7.1 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
- 7.2 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
- 7.3 The Secretary shall keep records about the Membership of the Club and shall report to the BMC the size of the Membership.

8. The Treasurer

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

9. Bank Mandate

- 9.1 Authorised signatories of cheques shall be registered with the Club's Bankers on an approved form of mandate. They will normally consist of: the Treasurer, the President, the Secretary and one other Committee member
- 9.2 Any two named signatories may sign a cheque but in no case may the Payee of the cheque also be one of the signatories

10. Annual General Meeting (AGM)

10.1 An AGM shall be held before the 15th December of each year for the purpose of electing officers for the forthcoming year (1st Jan - 31st Dec following) and to discuss and

vote on any matters affecting or of interest to the Club. A quorum for the AGM shall be half of the voting Committee members and at least 5 other members.

10.2 The AGM format shall include:

- Consideration of the report and Accounts - presented by the Committee
- Election of Committee members
- Any Other Business

10.3 The Chairman may accept new resolutions and amendments to existing resolutions proposed at the AGM.

11. Extra-Ordinary General Meetings (EGM)

An EGM may be summoned by the Committee at any time and shall be so summoned by 10 members delivering to the Committee a written request stating the resolution they wish to put. Notice of the meeting shall be given to members by the Secretary at least 14 days prior to the EGM.

12. Amendments to the Constitution of the Club

This Constitution may be amended by a two thirds majority of the membership present at the General Meeting. Notice of any amendment must be delivered to the Secretary at least 45 days prior to the AGM.

13. Dissolution of the Club

The Club can be dissolved by two thirds majority vote of the members present at the General Meeting whereupon the Committee will arrange to liquidate all assets and discharge all debts and liabilities of the Club. Any liabilities at the time of dissolution in excess of the assets of the Club shall be the joint responsibility of all Members. Any balance of funds in excess of liabilities shall be donated to Mountain Rescue or other such organisation that promotes the objectives of the Club.

This constitution was adopted by the members of the Kendal Mountaineering Club at an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting of the Club held on 15th November 2016.