

# Constitution and Rules

## 1. **Name**

- 1.1 The name of the club shall be the "Avon Mountaineering Club", hereinafter referred to as "the Club".

## 2. **Objectives**

- 2.1 The objectives of the Club shall be:

(a) to promote the interests of climbing and mountaineering amongst members of the Club.

(b) to provide an opportunity for members of the club to meet and participate in climbing and mountaineering activities together.

(c) to act on behalf of and in the interests of the members of the Club.

(d) to promote awareness of the need to maintain access, conservation and the protection of the cliff and mountain environment.

(e) to take part in the work and activities of the British Mountaineering Council (BMC).

## 3. **Membership**

- 3.1 Membership of the Club shall be open to all adults (over the age of 18).

- 3.2 Membership shall be open to minors under the age of 18 years provided that written permission is obtained from a parent or legal guardian.

## 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".

- 4.2 The Officers of the Club shall be the Chairman, the Secretary and the Treasurer.

- 4.3 The Committee shall be composed of the three Officers of the Club, the Membership Secretary, the Meets Secretary and three ordinary members from amongst the Full Members of the Club.

- 4.4 The election of the Committee shall normally take place at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

- 4.5 In the event that any of the Officers posts should become vacant at any point in the year, that post shall be filled by election at a General Meeting of the Club within three months.

- 4.6 The Committee shall be able to co-opt members to fill any other vacancies on the Committee.

## 5. **Committee of the Club**

- 5.1 The Chairman will normally preside at meetings of the Committee or the Club and shall be responsible for reporting to the Membership of the Club at the AGM.

- 5.2 The Secretary shall be responsible for all correspondence relating to Club affairs, for announcing Committee and Club meetings, and for the production and distribution of minutes from those meetings. The Secretary shall also be responsible for reporting the Membership to the BMC.

- 5.3 The Treasurer shall account for all income to the Club and expenditure on behalf of the Club and present an audited account of the Club's finances to the AGM. The Treasurer shall also be responsible for payment of the Club's membership subscription to the BMC.

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- 5.4 The Membership Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining a list of all current Club members and for collecting membership subscriptions from all members. The Membership Secretary shall be responsible for reporting the membership to the Secretary when requested.
- 5.5 The Meets Secretary shall be responsible for the booking of accommodation for meets and for collecting fees due for accommodation booked by the Club. The Meets Secretary shall not give any guarantee of the safety or suitability of any accommodation or its access. The Meets Secretary is also not responsible for organising the activities of individual Club members on meets.
- 5.6 The Members of the Committee shall undertake other duties as assigned to them by the Committee.

### 6. Meetings

#### 6.1 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

- 6.1.1 The AGM shall be held during November each year.
- 6.1.2 Members shall receive 28 days notice of the AGM and its agenda by email OR by post if requested.
- 6.1.3 Items for inclusion in the agenda of the AGM must be submitted to the Secretary not later than 1st September.
- 6.1.4 The quorum for the AGM shall be one quarter of the Members or 20 Members whichever is the smaller number.

#### 6.2 Extra-ordinary General Meetings (EGM)

- 6.2.1 Any Member of the Club may request an EGM at any time by presenting a petition; signed by one quarter of the Members to the Secretary.
- 6.2.2 The Secretary shall notify all members of the Club within 14 days of receipt of a valid request for an EGM. All members shall receive 14 days notice of an EGM and its agenda by email OR by post if requested..
- 6.2.3 The EGM shall not consider any other business than that contained in the petition requesting the EGM.
- 6.2.4 The quorum for an EGM shall be one quarter of the Members or 20 Members whichever is the smaller number.

#### 6.3 Committee Meetings

- 6.3.1 A quorum for a meeting of the Committee shall be four.
- 6.4.1 All members of the Committee shall be entitled to vote. In the case of a tied vote, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

### 7. Club Subscriptions

- 7.1 All members shall pay such annual subscriptions as set by the Committee.
- 7.2 Annual subscriptions shall be renewable on 1st January each year.

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### 8 **Rules of the Club**

#### 8.1 Membership

- 8.1.1 The Committee reserves the right to refuse membership if, in the opinion of the Committee, the inclusion of the potential member in the Club would be contrary to the interests of the Club or injurious to its reputation.
- 8.1.2 The Committee may suspend membership of any Club Member whose conduct is, or has been, in the opinion of the Committee, contrary to the interests of the Club or injurious to its reputation.
- 8.1.3 The suspended Club member shall be invited to explain his/her actions at a specifically arranged meeting of the Committee. The Committee has the right to expel the suspended member from the Club should, in the opinion of the Committee, a satisfactory explanation not be received.
- 8.1.4 Any member expelled in this way shall forfeit their membership fee, at the discretion of the Committee.

### 9. **Amendments to the Club Constitution and Rules**

- 9.1 The Constitution and Rules of the Club may only be amended by a General Meeting (AGM or EGM) of the Club. Notice of a motion to amend the Constitution or Rules shall be given to the Secretary in accordance with the rules for General Meetings.
- 9.2 In order to amend the Constitution or Rules of the Club, a majority of two thirds of the Full Members present must approve the change.

### 10. **Dissolution of the Club**

- 10.1 The Club may only be dissolved by a two thirds majority in a postal ballot of all Club Members, 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 members.