

Constitutional Amendment

Reference

2022-01

Proposed by

Josh Brockhouse Smith, Club Secretary

Rationale

When we affiliated the club with the BMC in April, the BMC recommended we make specific amendments to the constitution. Our continued affiliation in 2023 is conditional on these amendments.

Although it looks like a lot, these amendments are mostly quite minor and help clarify points or address errors in drafting, terminology, punctuation and capitalisation.

The most significant parts of the amendments:

- Reinforce that we are a climbing club by removing redundant references to hill walking and mountaineering that were included in error
- In committee meetings where votes are tied, gives power to the Chairperson to cast a deciding vote
- Requires that the Treasurer is a signatory on the club bank account
- Clarify how we would handle any formal complaints about a member's behaviour

Amendments in detail

2. Aims and Objectives of the Club

Replace “To promote the interests of climbing, hill walking and mountaineering...” with “To promote the interests of climbing...”

Replace “To provide an opportunity for members of the Club to meet and participate in climbing, hill walking and mountaineering activities together.” with “ To provide an opportunity for members of the Club to meet and participate in climbing activities together.”

3. Membership of the Club

3.1 Change the capitalisation of “Individuals” to “individuals”.

3.1 Replace “adults over the age of 18...” with “adults aged 18 or over...”

3.3 Change the capitalisation of “members” to “Members”

3.3 Replace “these regulations and codes of practice that the Club has adopted” with “these

regulations, and any codes of practice, policies and rules that the Club has adopted”

3.7 Replace “mountaineering” with “climbing”

3.9 Append “Further detail on these matters is covered in point 4.11 and in Section 7.”

4. Committee of the Club

4.3 Insert “In the event that votes are tied, the Chairperson will cast an additional, deciding vote.”

4.11 Remove the word “regulations” and replace with “codes of practice/policies”.

4.11 Append “Further detail on these matters is covered in Section 7.”

4.12 After “club rules...”, insert “, policies and codes of practice...”

5. Annual General Meeting (AGM)

5.1 Replace “and notified” with “and be notified”

5.1 Insert “at least” before “with 28-days’ notice”

5.2 Replace “Chairman” with “Chairperson”

5.6 Capitalise “members”

6. Club Subscriptions

6.2 Capitalise “club treasurer”

6.5 Append “The Treasurer must be one of these signatories.”

6.6 & 6.7 Capitalise “treasurer”

6.8 Capitalise “members”

7. Discipline and Appeals

7.2 Propend “The Secretary will nominate a sub-committee to hear the complaint.”

7.2 Replace references to “Committee” with “nominated sub-committee”

7.4 Replace 7.4 with: “There will be the right of appeal to the Committee following disciplinary action being announced. The Committee should consider the appeal within 14 days of the Secretary receiving the appeal.”

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2022-02

Proposed by

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Rationale

There's an error in the numbering of section 3. The numbering jumps from 3.4 to 3.6; there is no 3.5.

This amendment corrects that error.

Amendments in detail

3. Membership of the Club

3.6 Renumber to 3.5

3.7 Renumber to 3.6

3.8 Renumber to 3.7

3.9 Renumber to 3.8

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2022-03

Proposed by

Josh Brockhouse Smith, Club Secretary

Rationale

Jack Woolley and Laura Saunders were both co-opted onto the committee during the year and have made valuable contributions to the running of the club. Both have expressed a wish to become elected officers of the club and have drafted descriptions of their roles.

This constitutional amendment creates two new elected officer roles to fit those descriptions.

Amendments in detail

4. Committee of the Club

4.4 Remove the “ and ” in “Treasurer, and Training/Equipment Officer”

4.4 After “Training/Equipment Officer”, insert: “, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Officer, and Members Liaison Officer.”