



# Keswick Mountaineering Club

Affiliated to the BMC

Hon. Patron: Sir Chris Bonington C.B.E.

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## Club Constitution and Rules

### 1. NAME

1.1 The name of the Club shall be the Keswick Mountaineering Club. Hereinafter referred to as "the Club".

### 2. OBJECTIVES OF THE CLUB

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 OF THE CLUB

3.1 Membership of the Club shall be open to all. Hereinafter 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 is not open to minors (unless written parental consent is obtained).

### 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 Chair, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the BMC rep, the Website Designer, the Meets rep and the Technical rep hereinafter referred to as "the Officers".

5.2 Voting for the election of Officers shall take place at the AGM.

5.3 Two honorary posts may be made, through invitation, onto the Committee. The Honorary Patron and Honorary President will advise the committee as and when they see fit and may if they wish, represent and speak on behalf of the Club in a wider field (for example, within the media).

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

6.1 The Chair of the Club shall organise meetings of the Committee and shall be responsible for reporting to the Membership. The Chair shall be responsible for all correspondence relating to Club affairs, announcing Committee meetings, and actively supporting the duties of the Club Secretary.

6.2 The Committee shall be composed of the Officers of the Club.

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 supporting role of the Chair: for example, the production and distribution of minutes from 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.

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. The treasurer shall support the duties of the Chair.

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. CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS**

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

## **8. RULES OF THE CLUB**

8.1 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.

*(Such rules might include for example: Club Members shall sign for club equipment that they undertake to use it entirely at their own risk, on winter meets Club Members shall leave a basic route plan with the meet organiser, etc.)*

## **9. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE CLUB**

9.1 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.

## **10. DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB**

10.1 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 Members.