

North East Wales
Mountaineering Club

Constitution



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1. Name

1.1 The name of the club shall be the North East Wales Mountaineering Club, hereafter referred to as 'The Club'.

1.2 The club shall be affiliated to the BMC.

2. Aims and Objectives

2.1 The club shall hold the following as its aims and objectives. The club shall strive to fulfil these aims and objectives in the course of the year as its commitment to its membership.

2.1.1 Encourage a knowledge of the mountaineering available in the locality of North Wales, and throughout the rest of the UK.

2.1.2 Encourage a knowledge of the influence of the local area on the history of mountaineering.

2.1.3 Encourage a long term bond to be formed between international and UK students

2.1.4 The sharing of the knowledge base between members of the club

2.1.5 To make mountaineering available and affordable to the clubs members

3. Statement of intent

3.1 The club shall also be governed by the BMC standing orders, regulations and/or constitution.

3.2 If required, the club committee shall supply a Code of Conduct to the BMC for approval, who shall acknowledge it as the accepted Code of Conduct for the club.

4. Membership

4.1 The following shall be eligible to become members of The North East Wales Mountaineering club:

4.1.1 Any person over the age of 18 paying the annual membership fee will be eligible to be a FULL MEMBER, so long as they have not previously been barred or expelled from this or any other mountaineering club, or if a minimum of two committee members feel it inappropriate for them to become a member of the club

4.1.2 Any person over the age of 18 paying the reduced annual membership fee, and only attending specified 'associate member inclusive' events as well as fundraising and social events will be eligible to be an ASSOCIATE



MEMBER, so long as they have not previously been barred or expelled from this or any other mountaineering club, or if a minimum of two committee members feel it inappropriate for them to become a member of the club

4.1.3 Any person under the age of 18 paying the reduced annual membership fee, who will always be accompanied by an appointed legal guardian who is a FULL or ASSOCIATE member of the club, on club events, will be eligible to be a YOUTH MEMBER of the club

4.2 Any club members meeting the requirements of clauses 4.1.1 or 4.1.2 or 4.1.3, shall be members of the club.

4.3 All FULL members shall pay an annual subscription to the club, if required; the membership fee shall be decided by the club committee, based on the financial needs of the club, and this fee shall be dictated at the clubs AGM.

4.4 All ASSOCIATE and YOUTH members of the club shall pay a reduced annual subscription to the club, if required; the membership fee shall be decided by the club committee, based on the financial needs of the club, and this fee shall be dictated at the clubs AGM.

All members shall complete a standard club membership form, and shall sign to acknowledge acceptance of all rules and regulations of the club, and of a standard liability disclaimer. It is the member's responsibility to ensure all details are up to date and accurate, and to report any changes to the club secretary.

5. The Club Committee

5.1 The committee shall consist of the following voting members:

5.1.1 President

5.1.2 Treasurer

5.1.3 Secretary

5.1.4 Meets Officer

5.1.5 Kit Officer

5.2 All committee members must be FULL members of the club.

5.3 No committee member can be voted into more than one post during each academic year.

5.4 Office shall be held from the AGM at which the election of the officers occurred until the election of the new officers at the following AGM one year later.

5.5 No office shall be held for more than 5 academic years



6. Management and Job Descriptions

6.1 The President shall represent the club, and shall be responsible for making sure that the club is run according to the club constitution and code of conduct as far as can be reasonably expected. The president of the club is expected to be present to represent the club at BMC area meetings whenever possible, and at the BMC AGM, as well as hosting the clubs AGM, and any other meetings. If the President is not capable of being present at the BMC AGM they should nominate another member of the committee, or other full member of the club to take their place.

6.2 The President and Treasurer and secretary shall be co-signatories of the club bank accounts

6.3 The Treasurer shall carry out the day to day financial duties of the club. The treasurer should be responsible for the allocation of funds to provide the club with kit, and to provide funding to expeditions and events organised by club members.

6.4 The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping the club records in good order.

6.5 The Kit officer shall be responsible for logging the kit in and out to any member who wishes to borrow it. The Kit officer will also be responsible for inspecting all kit on its return, and notifying any damages to the President. The Kit officer is also responsible for the inspection of all kit according to manufacturers' instructions, and its complete removal from service when deemed necessary.

6.5.1 The Meets Officer will be informed of any proposed meets, as well as informing the rest of the club of any meets. The meets Officer shall be expected to have a knowledge of the local crags, and to be able to give advice where necessary to the organiser of a meet.

6.6 Other tasks committee members shall carry out include publicity, club communication duties, and maintenance of the club web pages.

6.6.1 These other tasks may be committed to other members of the club, if they are deemed suitable by the committee.

6.6.2 The management of the club shall be vested in the club committee

6.7 Quorum of the committee shall be two thirds of the voting committee at any meeting.

7. General Meetings:

7.1 A general meeting may be called by the club President, quorum of the committee or by five members of the club; this must be submitted to the



President in writing. The general meeting must be held within 10 working days of receipt of the proposal.

7.2 General Meetings should only be held during undergraduate term time of Glyndwr University where practical

7.3 At least five working days notice of a general meeting must be given to the club membership.

7.4 All members of the club may vote at General Meetings.

7.5 Quorum of the meeting shall be half of the attendees at the meeting.

7.6 Decision shall be reached by a simple majority of the members present.

8. The Annual General Meeting

8.1 The AGM shall be held between September and November of each year, as set out in the code of conduct, and shall have as its main business:

8.1.1 The presentation of the Officers Reports for the past year.

8.1.2 The election of the Committee for the next session.

8.2 An agenda giving notice of the AGM must be circulated to all club members at least five working days in advance.

8.3 Nominations for club officers must be raised during the AGM.

8.3.1 Each nomination shall require one proposer and one seconder who shall be full members of the club.

8.3.2. The quorum of the AGM shall be half of the attendees of the meeting.

8.3.3 In the event of there being no nomination for a post within the stipulated time then nominations may be accepted at the AGM.

8.4 In the event that no person is voted in to a post or of resignation from a position, the President will undertake the duties until such time as the post is filled. Elections to fill such a vacant post should take place at a general meeting and shall be subject to the same rules as per AGM.

8.5 The President may allocate the duties of an officer should the conditions of 8.4 exist to an interim officer, until such a time as a vote can be held for a democratically elected officer.



9. Finance

9.1 The club may receive a grant from external sources and shall administer this and any self generated income in accordance with usual Financial Regulations.

9.2 The club Treasurer will provide the Treasurer of the BMC with a detailed budget for the following academic year during the first half of the second term of the academic year.

9.3 All spending must be approved by two of the three account signatories.

10. Health and Safety

10.1 The club acknowledges its duty of care to its members and will abide by and the BMC's Safety policy.

10.2 The club shall seek membership of the BMC to provide insurance to all of its members.

11. The Constitution.

11.1 The Constitution shall only be altered by consent of a two-thirds majority of the full members present at a general meeting.

11.2 The Constitution shall be binding on the club officers and members from 01/11/13

11.3 From 01/11/13 all other North East Wales Mountaineering club constitutions are hereby revoked.

12. Winding up.

12.1 If the club should encounter a situation where its closure becomes unavoidable, the assets of the club should be split according to the following recommendations.

12.1.1 Banked Funds – Any existing funds in the clubs bank account should either be transferred into the accounts of the the BMC, for safe keeping until such a time as a new mountaineering club is formed, or the NEWMC account signatories should be renamed to be the president of the BMC and another BMC representative, such as the clubs officer, to be held until such a time as a new mountaineering club is formed in the region. The option chosen is to be made by the reigning president of the BMC

12.1.2 Club Equipment – Perishable club equipment, including ropes, slings, other 'software' and any food products will be shared amongst members of the club, if it is deemed safe by the most recently appointed kit officer



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12.1.3 Any remaining club equipment is either to be held by the BMC until such a time as a new mountaineering club is formed in the region, or is to be sold off in an auction format advertised amongst climbing communities, with all funds raised going into the club bank account to be wound up according to 12.1.1, or is to be dealt with according to clause 12.1.4

12.1.4 An alternative to option 12.1.3 is for the most recently appointed kit officer, or, in the absence of a kit officer, the most recently appointed president, to hold the club equipment for a period of up to 12 months if the intention is to re-launch the mountaineering club

This constitution has been approved in accordance with 11.1 above, and accepted as the constitution for the North East Wales Mountaineering club, signed,

President

Secretary

Date _____

Date _____

