

# **INNOMINATA MOUNTAIN CLUB CONSTITUTION**

## **1. Name**

1.1 The name of the Club shall be the Innominata Mountain 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, hereinafter referred to as "the Membership", shall be open to all persons aged 18 and above.

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.

## **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:

- President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Membership Secretary
- Meets Secretary
- Social Secretary
- Tuesday Climbing Organiser
- Walks Organiser

hereinafter referred to as "the Officers".

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

5.3 No Officer shall serve for a term longer than three years unless re-elected.

## **6. Committee of the Club**

6.1 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.

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 all correspondence relating to Club affairs and for announcing Committee meetings, and the production and distribution of minutes from those 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 Membership Secretary shall keep records about the Membership of the Club and shall report to the BMC the size of the Membership.

6.6 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.

6.7 The Meets Secretary shall be responsible for arranging a programme of weekend meets and for booking accommodation where appropriate. The Meets Secretary shall ensure that a Member is nominated to be responsible for the running of each weekend meet.

6.8 The Social Secretary shall be responsible for organising social events

6.9 The Tuesday Climbing Organiser shall be responsible for arranging a programme of venues for outdoor or indoor climbing, according to season, on Tuesday evenings

6.10 The Walks Organiser shall be responsible for arranging a programme of walks

6.11 The Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional non-voting members.

6.12 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 4 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.

## **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.

### **RULES OF THE CLUB**

- 1 The Annual General Meeting will be held before the end of November each year
- 2 A Special General Meeting may be called by a two-thirds majority vote of the Committee
- 3 Subscriptions will become due on 1<sup>st</sup> January and are to be paid before 31<sup>st</sup> March (when membership will cease)
- 4 The Committee has the power to suspend any member found to have brought the name of the Club into disrepute
- 5 Minors are not eligible for Membership. Minors may participate in Club activities only if accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult.