



Affiliated to the BMC No. H910392

LANCHESTER MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

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1. NAME

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

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE CLUB

- 2.1 To provide a means of communication between Club members.
- 2.2 To promote the interests of walking; climbing and mountaineering amongst members of the Club.
- 2.3 To provide an opportunity for members of the Club to meet and participate in walking, climbing and mountaineering, socialising and other adventurous activities together.
- 2.4 To act on behalf of and in the interests of Club members.
- 2.5 To promote awareness of the need to maintain access, conservation and protection of the cliff and mountain environment.
- 2.6 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 only be open to the following.
- 3.1.1 Former and current members of Coventry University Mountaineering Society; and mountaineering societies/ clubs of Coventry Polytechnic; Coventry (Lanchester) Polytechnic; Lanchester Polytechnic; the Lanchester College of Technology; and the preceding parent establishments dating from the Coventry School of Design, established in 1842.
- 3.1.2 Individuals nominated by two existing club members. Persons specified under Section 3.1 will hereinafter be 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 open to minors. Minors may only attend meets in line with the LMC Protection Policy.
- 3.4 In the event that the Members resolve that the Club shall affiliate to the BMC, the Members acknowledge and agree that they will become Club Members of the BMC and that the Club shall pay the appropriate subscription on behalf of each Member included in the return filed by the Club with the BMC, and, in the event of the BMC being wound up, shall pay the sum of not more than £1 on behalf of each Member included in a return filed by the Club with the BMC at any time within the preceding period of one year pursuant to the guarantee comprised in clause 6 of the Memorandum of Association of the BMC. The Members further acknowledge and agree that upon the Club being affiliated to the BMC and each becoming a Club member of the BMC that they will each be bound by the Memorandum & Articles of Association of the BMC.

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 President; the Secretary; the Treasurer; the Meets Officer; the Distribution Secretary; the Journal Editor; the Webmaster; Youth Liaison Officer; and the Cheese Development Officer; hereinafter referred to as "the Officers".
- 5.2 Voting for the election of Officers shall take place at the AGM.
- 5.3 Offices shall be subject to annual election, and no Officer shall serve for a consecutive term of longer than four years in that office.

6. COMMITTEE OF THE CLUB

- 6.1 The Committee shall be composed of the Officers plus a CUMS/Lanch Liaison Officer. The CUMS/Lanch Liaison Officer shall be nominated by the members of Coventry University Mountaineering Society Executive and agreed by the Officers of the Club.
- 6.2 The Committee shall nominate 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.
- 6.3 The President shall act as an ambassador for the Club. The President is responsible for the coordination and running of the Club, and reporting to the Membership at the Club's AGM.

The President will normally preside at and chair all meetings of the Committee of the Club. The president shall be responsible for holding the Club Asset Register.

- 6.4 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 keep records about the Membership of the Club and shall report to the BMC the size of the Membership. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the payment of the membership subscription to the BMC. The Treasurer shall recommend an auditor for approval by the committee.
- 6.5 The Distribution Secretary shall be responsible for circulating all correspondence relating to Club affairs and for announcing Committee meetings, and the distribution of minutes from those meetings.
- 6.6 The Meets Officer shall be responsible for all matters relating to the administration of Club meets. The Meets Officer shall not be responsible for the actions and activities of the Membership on Club meets.
- 6.7 The Secretary shall be responsible for coordinating the administration of the Club. The Secretary shall be responsible for announcing all Club meetings, and for the production of agendas and compilation of minutes for those meetings, and other briefing documents as required. The Secretary shall be responsible for announcing the AGM and shall give at least 30 days' clear notice of such a meeting and its agenda, including details of any proposals to change the constitution or any change to the running of the club. Items for inclusion should be submitted to the Secretary at least 45 days prior to the AGM. The Secretary shall be responsible for collating a complete record of the following documents: Meeting agendas and minutes; briefing sheets; meets lists; meets attendance sheets; and Club Journals.
- 6.8 The Journal Editor shall be responsible for all matters relating to the Club Journal: The Lanchester Loudhailer.
- 6.9 The Webmaster shall be responsible for maintaining the Club website, incorporating our current meets, and other information that the Committee shall deem appropriate.
- 6.10 The Youth Liaison Officer shall act as the primary contact for both Club members and the BMC in issues relating to Child Protection. The Youth Liaison Officer shall hold the current Good Practice guidelines relating to Child Protection matters and shall be responsible for disseminating this information to the Club. The Youth Liaison Officer shall maintain a complete record of all parental consent forms.
- 6.11 The Cheese Development Officer shall be responsible for all matters relating to research into and supply of Cheese to all club events. The Cheese Development Officer shall not be responsible for the consumption of such cheeses, which the membership undertakes at its own risk.
- 6.12 The Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional members.
- 6.13 The CUMS/Lanch Liaison Officer shall be responsible for ensuring the effective and timely flow of information between the Committees and the Memberships of the Club and Coventry University Mountaineering Society.

- 6.14 A quorum for a meeting of the committee shall be four voting members of the Committee. In addition to the AGM the Committee shall hold at least three 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. Varying membership fees may be set to correspond to variance in actual cost. This is envisaged primarily for family membership; half year membership; and members resident outside the UK.
- 7.2 Subscription levels will be subject to annual review at the Club AGM.

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.
- 8.2 The agreed rules on the 6th June 2015 are:
- 8.2.1 All members will be required to sign a membership form, including the participation statement, when joining the club for the first time, or a year or more of lapsed membership. Membership renewal is by payment of the agreed subscription fee – members are not required to re-submit membership forms each year, provided they update the membership secretary with any changes – especially to contact details and specified next of kin. All members will inform the specified next of kin of their involvement in the club and of their adherence to the contents of the participation statement
- 8.2.2 On Club meets, Club members shall leave details of their proposed route with a responsible person at base camp.
- 8.2.3 Any advice or instruction given by a Club member is at his/her discretion, and is the responsibility of that member solely. The Officers and other members of the Club are not responsible for ensuring the quality and accuracy of advice given by members. The recipient should accept that the Club member giving advice may not be a technical expert but an amateur with some experience who is happy to impart his/her knowledge. It is the responsibility of the recipient to ascertain the validity of any advice given.
- 8.2.4 Guests of the Club member may partake in Club activities when that member is present. A guest may only attend one Club meet, and must join as a member before attending further meets.
- 8.2.5 Ordinary members of Coventry University Mountaineering Society are not required to join the Club in order to attend Club meets or events.
- 8.2.6 Children in the full time care of a parent or legal guardian are not required to join the Club in order to attend Club meets or events.

- 8.2.7 Club members will not behave in a manner which may be deemed detrimental to the interests of the Club, or the majority of the Membership.
- 8.2.8 It is the collective will of the membership to jointly cover the cost of the club and its events.

Thus the Club:

- Expects members who indicate their intention to attend meets pay the costs as outlined in the meet sheet, preferably in advance.
- Indication is defined by confirmation in writing or by way of payment.
- Expects that non-attendance at a club event is not a reason for a refund or credit, unless their space is directly filled by another person.
- Expects that the committee manages the financial risks of meets, particularly of making a loss, by setting and amending the surplus sum applied to all meets.

- 8.3 The breach of any Club rules will be dealt with at the discretion of the Committee, and may result in a caution, suspension or expulsion.

9. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE CLUB

- 9.1 This Constitution may be amended by a two thirds majority present at an AGM or EGM. 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.