

CONSTITUTION

1. **NAME**

The name of the organisation shall be "The Ceunant Mountaineering Club".

2. **REFERENCES**

The word "Club" shall hereinafter refer to "The Ceunant Mountaineering Club". The word "Member" shall hereinafter refer to a full member of the Club. The word "Officers" shall hereinafter refer to the Chairman, Vice Chairman, General Secretary, Members Secretary, Indoor Meets Secretary, Outdoor Meets Secretary, Hut Secretary, Hut Warden, and Treasurer of the Club.

3. **OBJECTS**

- (a) The Club shall provide facilities for the pursuit of safe mountaineering in all its aspects.
- (b) The Club shall arrange indoor meets for the purpose of providing lectures and discussions on mountaineering and kindred subjects.
- (c) The Club may acquire property to further its objects.
- (d) The Club may affiliate to kindred bodies to further its aims.
- (e) The Club shall manifest a concern for the natural environment and the consequence of its activities thereon.

4. **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership of the Club shall be at the absolute discretion of the Committee and subject to the following conditions:

- (a) The candidate for membership shall be over 18 years of age and shall have made application on the approved form and signed the consent form with the participation statement detailed in Clause 13 herein.
- (b) The candidate shall be proposed and seconded by two members and the candidate's name shall be considered at two Committee Meetings held at an interval of not less than six months and not more than twelve months. After the application has been received initial approval the applicant shall pay the Club entrance fee as determined by the Committee for prospective members.

During this period the candidate shall be expected:-

- (i) To attend a reasonable number of meets, i.e. one-quarter of the annual programme.
 - (ii) To become known to members of the Committee.
 - (iii) To actively and competently participate in the pursuit of mountaineering.
- (c) Joint membership is available for member and partner: provided that the non-member is proposed and seconded and approved by the Committee; without fulfilling the conditions set out in 4(b) herein.
 - (d) At no time shall the number of prospective members exceed the number of full members.

- (e) The candidate's admission shall not raise the total of all grades of membership above 175. In the case of joint membership the members shall be counted separately.
- (f) Notwithstanding the above, day membership may be made available on payment of a fee decided by the Committee.
- (g) Life members shall be selected at the discretion of the Committee and shall retain full voting rights.
- (h) Only full members and their guests, prospective members and outside parties booked through the Hut Secretary may stay at the Club Huts.

5. SUBSCRIPTIONS

- (a) Entrance fee and annual subscriptions shall be fixed from time to time by the Committee.
- (b) Subscriptions shall be payable between 1st and 31st January. Any member who has not paid by 31st March shall be liable to a surcharge of 50% of the set applicable subscription. If any member has not paid by 30 June they shall be liable to expulsion.

6. OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

- (a) The affairs of the Club shall be administered by a Committee consisting of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, General Secretary, Hut Warden, Hut Secretary, Treasurer, Editor for Publications and one member shall be elected to fill each position; also an Indoor and Outdoor Meets Secretary which posts may be filled by one or more member or jointly by two elected members. The Committee shall also comprise two ordinary members elected annually at the General Meeting.
- (b) Two auditors shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. The auditors shall not be members of the Committee.
- (c) Vacant positions on the Committee may be filled by the members co-opted by a Committee member subject to the proviso that the Committee shall approve such nominees shall not constitute a majority.

7. ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT

- (a) The financial year shall run from 1st January to 31st December.
- (b) The Treasurer shall keep proper books of accounts and prepare an annual statement of accounts. A balance sheet drawn up to 31st December in each year shall be certified by the auditors.
- (c) An account shall be opened at such bank that the Committee shall approve in the name of the Club. All cheques shall be signed by any two of the three Officers appointed to do so by the Committee.
- (d) The Committee shall be responsible for making sure that monies from the Club are spent only on Club activities and other appropriate donations.

8. GENERAL MEETINGS

- (a) The Annual Meeting shall be held in the month of March when the Committee shall present its report and accounts for the preceding year, the Officers and Members of the Committee shall be elected by a simple majority and such other business transacted as is usual at Annual Meetings.

- (b) Items for the Agenda at the Annual Meeting must be in the hands of The General Secretary on or before 7th January.
- (c) An Extraordinary Meeting of Members may be called at any time by the Committee, or upon a requisition signed by not less than one-quarter of the membership. Such requisition shall be addressed to the General Secretary and shall state the object of that meeting which shall be called within 30 days of the day of the General Secretary receiving the requisition. At such meeting only the business stated in the requisition shall be discussed.

9. COMMITTEE

- (a) The Committee shall meet as often as is deemed necessary to conduct the business of the Club. A quorum for such meetings shall be six Committee Members. In the case of an equal vote on a matter the Chairman shall have the casting vote.
- (b) In the absence of a Chairman from a Committee Meeting the meeting shall be presided over by the Vice Chairman, or in his absence, the General Secretary and such temporary Committee Chairman shall be able to use a casting vote as in paragraph 9(a).

10. PROPERTY AND FUNDS

- (a) The freehold cottage and land known as "Tyn Lon", Nant Peris, Gwynedd shall be vested in trustees on behalf of the Club.
- (b) All other property and funds acquired by the Club shall be vested in the Committee.
- (c) Upon the winding up of the Club after discharging all liabilities the remaining assets shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Club but shall be given or transferred to some other voluntary sports organisation having similar objectives to those of the Club. This organisation to be chosen by a two-thirds majority of members voting at a General Meeting.
- (d) No permanent residence at Tyn Lon shall be allowed without the express permission of the Committee.

11. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Any member of the Club who, in the opinion of the Committee, is guilty of conduct which is prejudicial to the interests of the Club shall be liable to expulsion, subject to the right of appeal to a meeting of members.

12. APPROVAL AND CHANGES IN TERMS OF THE CONSTITUTION

No change shall be made to this Constitution unless approved by a two-thirds majority of members voting at a General Meeting.

13. LIABILITY LOSS OR DAMAGE

Climbing and mountaineering are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Participants in these activities should be aware of and accept these risks and be responsible for their own actions and involvements. The Club does not hold itself liable for any injury, loss or damage sustained by members, their day members (guests or external), to their person or property incurred whilst staying at or using Tyn Lon, or whilst engaged in any Club events or any associated activity.

This constitution was amended and adopted by the members of Ceunant Mountaineering Club at an Annual General Meeting of the Club held on Saturday 17th March 2007 This document is valid as at 4th April 2007 and supersedes all previous versions.