Marylebone Mountaineering Club

CONSTITUTION
(Amended 26/10/2026)

1
NAME OF THE CLUB

1.1
The name of the club shall be the MARYLEBONE MOUNTAINEERING CLUB hereinafter referred to as THE CLUB.

2
OBJECT OF THE CLUB

2.1
The object of the Club shall be to encourage and assist its members to pursue and further their interest in rambling; fell walking; rock, snow and ice climbing; both in this country and abroad.

2.2
The Club shall, if required, have its own newsletter or magazine published from time to time.

3
MEMBERSHIP OF THE CLUB

3.1
There shall be two classes of membership of the Club: Ordinary Membership and Honorary Membership.

a)
Ordinary Membership:
Ordinary Membership shall be granted upon a two-thirds majority of the elected Committee of the Club voting to accept an application for membership; which application shall be made in writing. The Committee shall not be required to give its reasons for rejecting any application.

b)
Honorary Membership:
Honorary Membership may be offered to persons who have some standing in the field of mountaineering and to whom the Club is indebted for exceptional services.

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

The club respects the rights, dignity and worth of every person and will treat all Members equally within the context of Club activities and mountaineering activities regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality or social/economic status.

3.4

The Club is committed to all Members having the right to enjoy mountaineering in an environment free from the threat of harassment and abuse.

3.5

All Members agree to challenge discriminatory behaviour and promote equality of opportunity.

3.6

The Club will deal with any incidence of harassment, abuse or discriminatory behaviour seriously.

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MANAGEMENT OF THE CLUB

4.1

The management of the Club shall be in the hands of a Committee elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. The Committee shall consist of: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Meets Secretary, Newsletter Editor, and up to two other members.

4.2

The Committee shall have the power to co-opt any member of the Club to fill any vacancies that occur, and to re-allocate Committee functions as the need arises.

4.3

No committee member shall incur personal debts or, save with the prior consent of the Committee, incur any other liability or expenditure in the name of the Club.

4.4

All Ordinary Members shall be eligible to serve on the Committee. Honorary Members shall not be eligible to serve on the Committee, but may be co-opted by the Committee. Those so co-opted shall have no voting rights on the Committee.

4.5

No Committee Member shall remain on the Committee for more than three consecutive years. After that period he shall stand down for at least one year before seeking re-election. If for special reasons his presence is required on the Committee, he may be co-opted on to the Committee, but this only when a two-thirds majority of the elected Committee vote in favour of so doing.

4.6

Nominations for the posts available on the Committee shall be submitted to the Secretary before the Annual General Meeting. Written Nomination papers shall give the name of the candidate's proposer and seconder, both of whom shall be Ordinary Members of the Club, and shall also be signed by the candidate to indicate his consent to stand.

4.7

Election to the Committee shall be by a vote of Ordinary Members at the Annual General Meeting.

4.8

Committee members shall hold office from one month after the annual general meeting until one month after the following AGM. The appointment of co-opted members shall lapse automatically, to coincide with the end of the year of the serving committee, but shall be renewable.

4.9

The Committee shall meet at least once every three months. The Secretary shall minute the proceedings of the Committee. A quorum at these meetings shall be three voting Committee members. Motions before the Committee shall be passed by a simple majority vote unless otherwise specified in this Constitution.

5

GENERAL MEETINGS

5.1

Honorary Members shall have no voting rights at any general meeting of the Club.

5.2

A quorum at a general meeting shall be 20 per cent of voting members of the Club. Motions at a general meeting shall be passed by a simple majority of votes unless otherwise specified in this Constitution.

5.3

The Annual General Meeting shall, where possible, be held approximately one year from the previous AGM; but subject to variation at the discretion of the Committee. The business to be transacted at this meeting shall include a report by the Secretaries on the activities of the Club, a detailed statement by the Treasurer of the Club accounts,

and the election of the Committee for the following year.

5.4
The Secretary shall give every member of the Club 21 days notice in writing of the business to be transacted at the Annual General Meeting.

5.5
An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called by the Secretary within 30 days if at least five full members have made a written request for such a meeting, stating their reasons. The Secretary shall give all members 21 days notice of the business of the meeting.

6.0
SUBSCRIPTIONS AND FEES

6.1.
There shall be no entrance fee to the Club.

6.2
Subscriptions for membership shall be paid by ordinary members at such rates as determined from time to time by the Committee. Subscriptions for full members are due on 1st November each year. Subscriptions in the first year of membership are due within 28 days of acceptance.

6.3
Fees for social occasions and outside meets shall be paid by all participants and shall be used to offset the running cost of these occasions. The surplus, if any, shall be put into general Club funds. These fees shall be determined by the Social or Meet Secretary and shall be approved by the Committee. A deposit may be requested.

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LIABILITIES OF THE CLUB

7.1
The Club shall have no liability for any loss, damage, cost, claim, injury, or expense, of whatsoever nature, and howsoever arising, suffered, incurred, or made, by any member or guest of any member, during, or whilst travelling to or from any meet, social event, or activity organised, or held by, or on behalf, or in the name, of the Club.

8.
TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

8.1
A person's membership of the Club shall automatically terminate if his subscription is two months in arrears.

8.2

The Committee may terminate the membership of any member upon agreement of a two thirds majority of elected Committee members. The Committee shall not be required to give reasons for so doing.

8.3

A duly convened extraordinary general meeting may pass a motion at any time to dismiss one or more Committee members.

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DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB

9.1

The Club shall be dissolved if two thirds of the members present and voting at a general meeting shall be in favour thereof.

9.2

If upon the winding up of the Club there remains, after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Club, but shall be transferred either to some other institution having objectives similar to those of the Club, or to some institutions the objective of which is the promotion of charity. Such institution or institutions to be determined by the members of the Club at or before the time of the dissolution.

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INTERPRETATION OF THE CONSTITUTION

10.1

The Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of this Constitution. The Constitution may be amended at a general meeting of the Club by a vote of two thirds of members present and voting.

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