

## BEDFORD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB – CONSTITUTION

- 1) NAME: The name of the club shall be the Bedford Mountaineering Club.
- 2) OBJECTIVES: The objectives of the club shall be:-
  - a) to promote the sport of mountaineering and hill walking among members;
  - b) to promote such other things as are conducive or incidental to the achievement of (a).
- 3) MEMBERSHIP: The membership of the club shall be open to the following groups, all of whom shall abide by the club rules and bye-laws:-
  - a) any persons over the age of 18 years;
  - b) membership shall run from the 1st January to the 31st December;
  - c) members who join after 30th September shall receive the remainder of that year's membership free, paying only the relevant fee due to the British Mountaineering Council;
  - d) the club does not accept responsibility for the actions of its members and visitors, whilst involved in club activities.
- 4) SUBSCRIPTIONS: The annual subscription shall be decided by the Annual General Meeting.
- 5) OFFICERS; The officers of the club shall be:-
  - Chairperson
  - Treasurer
  - Secretary
  - Meets Secretary
  - Membership Secretary
  - Social Secretary
- 6) COMMITTEE:
  - a) The club shall be managed by the committee, composed of the officers and two elected open place members.
  - b) The committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
  - c) The committee shall have the power to co-opt no more than two additional members.
  - d) The committee shall have the power to formulate club bye-laws.
- 7) MEETINGS:
  - a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held in November or December each year. Fourteen clear days notice of such a meeting shall be given.

The Agenda shall include:

    - i) the election of officers;
    - ii) a report from the Secretaries on the previous year's activities;
    - iii) the Treasurer's report.
  - b) An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be held at the request of a quorum of the committee, or of any six members. Fourteen days notice of such a meeting shall be given.
  - c) Committee meetings shall be held as often as necessary.
- 8) QUORUM:
  - a) The quorum for an Annual or Extraordinary Meeting shall be one quarter of the membership.
  - b) The quorum for a committee shall be four committee members including an officer.
- 9) VOTING:- A simple majority shall rule on all occasions except for amendments to the constitution, where a majority shall be 2/3 of those present.

10) FINANCE:

- a) The Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection of monies, shall keep the books, shall prepare the financial statement for presentation to the Annual General Meeting or as directed by the committee
- b) The committee shall have the power to appoint an Auditor.

11) AFFILIATION: The club may seek affiliation with any other bodies as the club may deem fit.

12) BYE LAWS

- The Mountain Code
- The Countryside Access Code
- The Crag Code

Dated 24 November 2007