



# Southampton University Mountaineering Club

## Club Constitution

### 1. Name

- 1.1 The name of the Club shall be “Southampton University Mountaineering 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. Compliance

- 3.1 The Club will exist in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Southampton University Students' Union (SUSU) and the British Mountaineering Council (BMC).

### 4. Membership of the Club

- 4.1 Membership of the Club shall be open to students of the University of Southampton, its Alumni and Staff and members of the public, hereinafter referred to as "the Membership", provided that
- a prospective members are members of SUSU through their status as an undergraduate or postgraduate student of the University of Southampton, or
  - b those who are not students (including Staff and Alumni) have purchased appropriate affiliate membership of SUSU
- 4.2 In addition to 4.1 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.
- 4.3 Every member of SUSU has an equal opportunity to join the Club in accordance with the Students' Union's Equal Opportunity policy.

- 4.4 Club Membership is not open to minors.
- 4.5 Each member pay in full all Club subscriptions and fees. Members must also agree to abide by the Club's Rules and Regulations, additional to this constitution.
- 4.6 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. Affiliation must be reported to the Athletic Union Committee (AUC) of SUSU.

## **5. Management of the Club**

- 5.1 The Management of the Club shall be entrusted to the Club Committee, hereinafter referred to as "the Committee".
- 5.2 The Committee shall be composed of the Officers of the club. The number of Officers and their portfolios may be decided by the Committee, however, as a minimum there must be elected the following Officers:
- a President. Figurehead of the club with overall responsibility for its activities. The main contact point for all external interests. Responsible for any tasks that do not come under the portfolio of other Officers
  - b Treasurer. Shall maintain the Club's accounts, which shall be available for examination at the AGM and by the AU Officer and VP Sports Development at SUSU. Any funds spent must have the approval of Treasurer and President and conform to SUSU regulations. Shall also keep a full and up-to-date membership list, including all contact details required by SUSU and the BMC.
  - c Safety Secretary. Responsible for keeping of up-to-date and suitable risk assessments for all club activities.
- 5.3 Other officers may include, for example, Vice President, Meets Secretary, Gear Secretary, Social Secretary, etc.
- 5.4 All Committee members must be enrolled on an undergraduate or postgraduate course at the University of Southampton and be full members of SUSU.
- 5.5 Voting for the election of Officers shall take place at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- 5.6 A quorum for a meeting of the Committee shall be half of the elected voting members. In addition to the AGM the Committee shall hold at least one meeting per university term.

- 5.7 The Committee shall have the power to set membership subscription levels for the Club on an annual basis.
- 5.8 The Committee shall have the power to set Club Rules and Regulations. Such rules shall be in accordance with the articles of the Club's Constitution and the policies of SUSU and the BMC.
- 5.9 The Committee are jointly liable for the proper management of the Club's finances, in line with SUSU Policy.

## **6. Meetings**

- 6.1 The Club's Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held in the Spring Term.
- 6.2 Notice of the AGM shall be announced no fewer than 14 days in advance and advertised to all SUSU members.
- 6.3 Minutes of the AGM should be made available at the start of the Summer Term.
- 6.4 All Committee members will have the opportunity to present on their activities over the previous year. It is compulsory for the Treasurer to present the accounts.
- 6.5 An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) may be called by the President or by written application of no less than 5 Club Members to the Committee, together with written statement of the objects for which the meeting is being called.
- 6.6 No business other than that stated in the written statement may be discussed at the EGM
- 6.7 At least 24 hours notice of an EGM shall be given. The meeting will be held within 7 days of the receipt of the request by the President.
- 6.8 The AU Officer will be informed of the meeting and the reasons for it being called before it is held.
- 6.9 Every full Member of the Club is entitled to one vote at every voting meeting.
- 6.10 The quorum shall be 20 % of all Members for all voting meetings.
- 6.11 Voting shall be carried out by a show of hands or secret ballot, decided by the Chair at the start of the meeting.
- 6.12 Should any Committee post go unfilled at the AGM, the outgoing President shall be responsible for organising elections for unfilled posts in the Summer Term.

## **7. Expulsion of members**

- 7.1 The Committee shall have the power to expel any Member from the Club, after discussion with the AU Officer/VP Sports Development, on the grounds of misconduct, or for conduct of a nature opposed to the objects of the Club and SUSU.

- 7.2 Where any Member of the Club is expelled by the Committee, a report of the matter shall be made to the next General Meeting of the Club.
- 7.3 Members who are expelled from the Club have the right of appeal to the Athletic Union Committee.

## **8. Effect of ceasing to be a member**

- 8.1 On ceasing to be a Member a person forfeits all right to and claims upon the Club and its property and funds.
- 8.2 A person who has been expelled from the Club shall not be entitled to participate in any subsequent activity of the Club nor to visit the Club's premises.

## **9. Amendments to the Constitution of the Club**

- 9.1 This Constitution may be amended by a two thirds majority vote, carried out in accordance with Article 6. Notice of any amendment must be delivered to the President at least 20 days prior to the AGM.
- 9.2 Copies of the amended constitution shall be held and approved by the AU Officer and the BMC.

## **10. Dissolution of the Club**

- 10.1 The Club can be dissolved by two-thirds majority vote carried out in accordance with Article 6, whereupon the Committee will arrange to discharge any assets in accordance with SUSU regulations. Any liabilities at the time of dissolution shall be the joint responsibility of all Members.