



Bandon Hillwalking Club Constitution and Rules

NAME

The name of the Club shall be Bandon Hillwalking Club hereinafter referred to as "the Club".

OBJECTIVES OF THE CLUB

To promote the interests of mountaineering, Hillwalking and rambling activities hereinafter called club activities amongst members of the Club.

To provide an opportunity for members of the Club to meet and participate in club activities together.

To act on behalf of and in the interests of Club members.

To promote awareness of the need to maintain access, conservation and protection of the cliff, mountain and countryside environment. To take part in the work and activities of Mountaineering Ireland.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE CLUB

Membership of the Club shall only be open to any members of the public, irrespective of political opinion, nationality or religion, interested in Hillwalking, hereinafter referred to as "the Membership".

Members of other Mountaineering Ireland associated clubs are accepted into the club as "Associate members" with a reduced membership subscription.

Membership of the Club shall only be open to individuals who recognise that climbing, mountaineering and Hillwalking 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

Club Membership is open to people over and equal to the age of 18 years.

The Committee shall have the right for good and sufficient reason to terminate the membership of any member or to refuse membership to any potential member provided that the member/potential member concerned has had the right to be heard by the Committee before any decision is taken.

New members shall be permitted to participate in a maximum of 3 walks in one year before there is a requirement to become a full member.

MANAGEMENT OF THE CLUB

The Management of the Club shall be entrusted to the Club Committee, hereinafter referred to as "the Committee".

OFFICERS OF THE CLUB

The elected Officers of the Club shall be the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the PRO, the Training Officer and the Web Administrator hereinafter referred to as "the Officers".

Each officer shall retire his/her position at the end of each year.

Officers can offer themselves up for re-election but can only hold any one position for a Maximum period of 3 consecutive years.

In the event of two persons applying for the one position a general vote of members will take place.

Voting for the election of Officers shall take place at the AGM.

COMMITTEE OF THE CLUB

The Committee shall be composed of the Officers of the Club.

The Committee shall nominate a representative (or representatives) of the Club to attend Mountaineering Ireland meetings and represent the views of the Membership and vote on behalf of the Club.

The Chairperson of the Club will normally preside at and chair all meetings of the Committee (or Club) and shall be responsible for reporting to the Membership at the Club's AGM.

The Vice Chairperson is subordinate to the chairperson to serve the chair in the absence of the Chairperson or when a motion is being discussed involving the Chairperson.

The Club Secretary shall be responsible for all correspondence relating to Club affairs and for announcing Committee meetings, and the production and distribution of minutes from those meetings. The Secretary shall also be responsible for announcing the AGM, giving 14 days notice. The Secretary shall keep records about the Membership of the Club and shall report to Mountaineering Ireland the size of the Membership.

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 be responsible for the payment of the membership subscription to Mountaineering Ireland and the Insurance premium.

The PRO is to maintain the public image of the club and to manage communication between the club and all forms of media.

The Training Officer is to work with members of the club to promote awareness of all recognised Mountaineering Ireland training courses and to implement training courses throughout the year. Liaise with Mountaineering Ireland training personal.

The Web Administrator shall be responsible for all adds moves and changes on the website and keeping news, Hillwalking schedule, Blog and Photo Gallery pages up to date.

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 two meetings each year for the purposes of preparing the Hillwalking programme and conducting any other business

CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Committee shall have the power to set membership subscription levels for the Club on an annual basis.

Membership fees will be due within 4 weeks from the AGM which will normally be held in September each year. The club year shall run from September to September.

RULES OF THE CLUB

The Committee shall have the power to amend Club rules. Such rules shall be in accordance with the articles of the Club's Constitution and the policies of Mountaineering Ireland.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE CLUB

This Constitution may be amended by a two thirds majority of those present at an AGM. Notice of any amendment must be delivered to the Secretary at least 7 days prior to the AGM.

DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB

The Club can be dissolved by two thirds majority vote of eligible members present at a special meeting, whereupon the Committee will arrange to discharge any assets equally amongst nominated charities and groups e.g. MCI Environmental Defence Fund, Mountain Rescue etc.

Chairperson: _____

Pat Downing

Vice Chairperson: _____

Jerry McSweeney

Secretary: _____

Gina Pendyck

Treasurer: _____

Pauline Harrington

Press Release Officer: _____

Gillian Crowley/Anne Marie Galligan

Training Officer: _____

Tadhg O'Leary

Web Administrator: _____

Rosemary O'Leary