

BYELAWS OF THE CHAMOIS MOUNTAINEERING CLUB LTD

March 2014

B1 Officers

The Officers of The Club shall be: President, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and CMC Hut Warden.

- B1.1 Any person fulfilling the role of Chairman, for the period that they hold this office, may choose to be addressed by one of the following titles: Chairman, Chairwoman, Chairperson or Chair.

B2 Elected Members of Committee

There shall be up to seven Elected Members of the Committee in addition to the Officers.

B3 Membership – Ordinary Members

- B3.1 Membership of The Club shall be open to anyone who is at least 18 years old on the date of their application nominated by two Members of The Club and showing demonstrated interest in mountaineering activities. Those interested in becoming Members of The Club are encouraged to attend and participate in at least two club meets before applying for membership as an Ordinary Member. Requests for membership shall be sent to the Membership Secretary, on an application form provided for the purpose by The Club.

- B3.2 The Committee expects the two Members who are nominating someone for membership of The Club to satisfy themselves as to the qualifications of the applicant and to call the attention of Committee to any special circumstances which should receive their attention particularly in the case of those whose mountaineering experience has been limited.

- B3.3 Applicants to be Members of The Club will become Members of The Club when their application has been approved by the Committee.
Until such time as they have been made a Member of The Club by the Committee they shall be a Probationary Associate subject to the following exclusions: not to own shares in The Club, not to vote on any club matter; and not have a key to any club hut or CMC.
They shall receive a newsletter and be entitled to attend meets in the same manner as Members and may speak at an AGM or EGM.
Their name shall be entered on The Club's next quarterly return to the British Mountaineering Council and they then will become an Affiliated Member of the BMC, covered by its civil liability insurance, and able to access the BMC's services on the same terms as Members. The subscription levied in accordance with Byelaw B6 will be used wholly or mainly to defray the cost of this provision.

B4 Junior Member

- B4.1 Shall be aged between 12 and 18 years old and must have a parent, close family relative who is over 18 years old, or guardian who is a Member of The Club.
- B4.2 Applicants will become Junior Members of The Club upon their application

being approved by the Committee.

She/he shall not be entitled to be an Officer but may become an Elected Member of Committee upon reaching the age of 16, and not to have a key to CMC or any other club hut.

Upon being accepted as a Junior Member their name shall be entered on The Club's next quarterly return to the British Mountaineering Council and they then will become an Affiliated Member of the BMC, covered by its civil liability insurance, and able to access the BMC's services on the same terms as Members.

- B4.3 On reaching 18 years of age she/he may apply to be an Ordinary Member of The Club in accordance with Byelaw B3. If upon reaching 19 years of age they have not applied to be an Ordinary Member they shall cease to be a member of The Club.
- B4.4 Be entitled to attend meets in the same manner as a Member unless deemed by the Committee that a particular meet is unsuitable for Junior Members. She/he shall be accompanied on a meet or in using CMC by a Member who has clearly agreed to take responsibility for them at all times and has the parents'/guardians' consent.
- B4.5 Requests for membership as a Junior Member shall be sent to the Membership Secretary, on an application form provided for the purpose by The Club and endorsed by two members over 18 years old one of whom shall be a parent, close family relative or guardian and the other a member who is not a parent, close family relative or guardian of the applicant.

B5 Discipline Appeal Procedure

Members of The Club disciplined by the Committee under Rule 8.5 shall have the right of reply and appeal to the membership at a General Meeting and through the Club Newsletter.

B6 Subscriptions

- B6.1 The annual subscription for class of member of The Club shall be determined by the AGM and any change shall take effect from 24:00 hours on the next 31st August and Members shall be notified of such change through the Newsletter.
- B6.2 The annual subscription shall become payable in advance on 1st September for the next calendar year commencing on the 1st January.
- B6.3 The date of membership lapsing for none life Members shall for the purposes of Rule 8.4(c) be the 30th November by which they have failed to pay their subscription for the next calendar year commencing on the 1st January.
- B6.4 The Club is not offering new life subscription for the time being.
- B6.5 Members who are in full time education and below the age of 25 may apply to only pay the same subscription as a Junior Member.

B7 Amendment of Byelaws, Regulations & Policies

- B7.1 The Byelaws of The Club may only be amended by a General Meeting of The Club, unless deemed a matter of extreme urgency by The Committee for the well-being of The Club.
- B7.2 Any additions or alterations to the Byelaws approved by a General Meeting shall be effective only if approved by at least three-quarters of the Members voting. Every Member present in person or, if allowed, by proxy shall have one vote subject to the provisions of Rules 5.8 and 7.1(e). Unless determined by a postal ballot under Rules 5.8 and 18.
- B7.3 Any amendment to the Byelaws made by the Committee shall require the approval of three-quarters of the total membership of the Committee. It shall be binding on the membership once they have been notified. It shall be in force until repealed by the Committee, or the conclusion of the next General Meeting at which notice relating to the amendment could be given, unless at that General Meeting it is approved in accordance with Byelaw B7.2.
- B7.4 The Committee may from time to time make, repeal and amend all regulations and policies (not inconsistent with The Clubs Rules and Byelaws) as they think expedient for the management and well-being of The Club. All regulations and policies made by the Committee under this Byelaw shall be binding on the membership once they have been notified until repealed by the Committee or set aside by a resolution of a General Meeting.

B8 Club Events

Members & Associates recognise that climbing and mountaineering are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. They should be aware of and accept these risks and be responsible for their own actions and involvement.

B9 Disposal of Assets

For the purposes of Rule 10.3 small value shall be defined as up to £1000.

B10 Borrowing Powers

For the purposes of Rule 3.3 the borrowing limit shall be £25,000.

B11 Club Functionaries

The Committee may appoint annually Members to be Newsletter Editor, Librarian, Webmaster and such other positions as it deems expedient. Any executive powers delegated to such officials shall be limited to that necessary to undertake their role. Unless an Elected Member of the Committee they shall have no voting rights or any right of attendance at meetings of the Committee. They shall periodically report to Committee as required by the Committee.