

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON GRADUATE MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

CONSTITUTION OCTOBER 2015

(SUPERSEDED SEPTEMBER 2004 VERSION FOLLOWING OCTOBER 2015 AGM)

1. The club shall be known as the University of London Graduate Mountaineering Club (ULGMC).

Objects

2. The objects of the club shall be the promotion and encouragement of all branches of mountaineering, hillwalking and climbing, especially among its members and students and graduates of the University of London.

Membership

3. The following are entitled to be full members of the club:
 - a) All members of ULGMC at the time this constitution came into effect (the Annual General Meeting of October 2015)

Upon submitting a completed application form, the following are entitled to become full members of the club, provided they are over 18 years of age:

- b) Graduates of the University of London
 - c) Past and present post-graduate students of the University of London
 - d) Past and present staff of the University of London
 - e) Former members of the University of London Mountaineering Club
4. Other persons may be proposed and seconded by existing full members to become full members of the club. These applications shall be forwarded to the Committee for consideration.
5. Family membership shall consist of a full member of the club, their partner (who may be a full member in their own right) and children of these partners up to the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 18. Both adults of a family membership shall be full members of the club, with full voting rights. Accompanied children of family members may use the club huts as though full members, but have no voting rights.
6. Honorary Membership may be granted to people outside the Club who have been of outstanding service to the Club over a substantial period; they will receive all benefits of membership, except BMC affiliation or voting rights. Honorary Membership will be decided by a majority vote of members at a General Meeting and proxies. Nominations, signed by at least five members, shall be submitted to the Secretary at least six weeks before the AGM and included on the agenda.

7. The position of Honorary Vice-President may be granted to members who have given outstanding service to the club, as decided by a majority vote of members at a General Meeting and proxies. As full members they shall continue to enjoy all members' rights.
8. Full members remain as such, with full membership and voting rights, provided that their subscription is up to date and subject to the provisions of section 9.

Expulsion of a member

9. If at any time the Committee considers that the conduct of a member appears inappropriate, they will take action as follows:
 - a.) The Committee may ask a member to resign from the Club, by a letter specifying the reasons for their request and offering the member an opportunity to provide an explanation either in writing or in person and the date before which the reply should be received.
 - b.) If the member concerned requests a meeting to provide an explanation, the committee must arrange a meeting at a suitable time and place and within a reasonable period of time and must provide the member with not less than seven days written notice of it.
 - c.) The Committee must consider the explanation provided by the member in good faith and have due regard to all available evidence.
 - d.) If the Committee decides the members conduct has been inappropriate they shall continue to request a resignation by the member. If the member concerned does not resign the Committee may suspend the member until the next General Meeting; this issue will be circulated on the agenda.
 - e.) In exceptional circumstances, the Committee may decide to suspend the member provisionally pending completion of the procedures in a) to d) above.
 - f.) At the General Meeting the member must be allowed to offer an explanation of his/her conduct, verbally or in writing, and if after that two-thirds of the members present vote for his/her expulsion he/she will immediately cease to be a member of the Club.
 - g.) The voting at any such General Meeting must be by ballot if not less than five members present at that meeting so demand.
 - h.) On ceasing to be a member, a person forfeits all right to and claim upon the Club and its property and funds.
 - i.) A person who has been expelled from the Club shall not be entitled to participate in any subsequent activity of the club.

Officers

10. The officers of the club shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Meets Secretary. The officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting from amongst the full members, shall hold office for one year, and be eligible for re-election. No one person shall

hold a single office for more than six years, or offices in total for more than ten years. Vacancies occurring during the year shall be filled on an ad hoc basis.

11. Any two members of the club may propose an assenting candidate for the post of any officer of the club. Nominations shall be received by the Secretary not less than six weeks before the Annual General Meeting and included on the agenda. Officers will be elected or confirmed by majority vote of full members attending the AGM and proxy votes. On the event of a contested vote for the Presidency, the Chair will be temporarily taken by a Vice President or former President.

Committee

12. The club committee shall consist of the officers. In addition Honorary Vice-Presidents and up to four other persons may be co-opted to join the committee for either general or specific purposes. In any tied vote of the committee, the President shall have a casting vote. A quorum for a committee meeting shall be four, and officers shall make up at least 50% of those present.
13. One delegate from each of the trust of the huts (Caseg Fraith and Fallcliffe Cottage) and ULMC may be invited to committee meetings for advisory purposes.
14. The committee shall recommend to the Annual General Meeting the amount of the forthcoming annual subscription, and propose expenditure of club funds in accordance with the objects of the club. The Treasurer shall submit a report and scrutinised account on behalf of the committee to the Annual General Meeting.

General Meetings

15. The Annual General Meeting shall be held on a date to be proposed and approved at the previous Annual General Meeting. The venue shall be confirmed as soon as possible thereafter by the Meets Secretary. The Secretary will circulate the agenda at least four weeks before the Annual General Meeting.
16. The committee, on receipt of a written application from 20 of the full members, or when it otherwise deems necessary, shall call an Extraordinary General Meeting, of which four weeks notice shall be given. Notice of such an EGM shall include the reason for calling the meeting, and an agenda with relevant documentation.
17. Provision shall be made for full members unable to attend any general meeting to vote by proxy. Proxy votes shall only be applicable to specific matters on the published agenda of the meeting called, and shall be effective only if received by the Secretary at least three days prior to the meeting in question.
18. This constitution may be amended at the Annual General Meeting, or at an Extraordinary General Meeting called for the purpose, four weeks notice having been given of any proposed amendment. Any amendment must be approved by a two-thirds majority of the full members present at such a meeting, including such proxy votes as have been received.