

# **The Perth & District Hillwalking Club**

## **CONSTITUTION**

### **Name**

- 1.1 The club shall be called The Perth & District Hillwalking Club

### **Objects**

- 2.1 The objects of the club shall be to foster the love of mountains and to afford opportunities to its members by the provision of organised walks of acquiring knowledge of all aspects of the mountains and hillwalking and through the use of recognised rights of way to preserve them for the use of the general public.

### **Membership**

- 3.1 The club shall consist of Ordinary members and Honorary members.
- 3.2 Ordinary membership shall be open to any person over the age of 18 years.
- 3.3 Honorary membership shall be by the invitation of the committee only.
- 3.4 All members of the club agree to be bound by the rules of the club and to pay the annual subscription. All members of the club shall be entitled to avail themselves of the facilities of the club.
- 3.5 Ordinary members shall pay an annual subscription as shall be fixed by the committee. Annual subscription shall fall due on the 1st March each year. Resignation of membership shall be incurred by any member whose subscription is two months in arrears.

### **Committee**

- 4.1 The affairs of the club shall be administered by a committee elected from amongst the members of the club at each Annual General Meeting. The Committee shall consist of not less than 8 or more than 12 Ordinary members. The committee shall elect from amongst its members a Chairman, Honorary Secretary, honorary Treasurer and such other office bearers as may be necessary. The offices of Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer may be combined. The Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy in their number pending the next Annual General Meeting. The Committee may also form such sub-committees and co-opt such other persons, as may in their view be necessary or desirable. The quorum for meetings of the committee shall be 6.
- 4.2 Members of the Committee shall hold office from the Annual General Meeting at which they are elected until the Annual General Meeting next succeeding. They shall be eligible for re-election.
- 4.3 Nominations for membership of the committee shall be made in writing, shall be signed by a proposer and seconder and shall be lodged with the honorary Secretary at least 1 week before the Annual General Meeting. The Nominee shall require to consent to the nomination either before or at the Annual General Meeting. In the event of there being fewer nominations than vacancies all the nominees shall be declared duly elected. In the event of there being more than 12 nominations the members of the committee shall be elected by a ballot at the Annual General Meeting and proxy voting to be allowed.

### **Meets and Meeting**

- 5.1 Meets and meetings of the club shall so far as possible be held at least monthly and advance notice shall be given.
- 5.2 The Annual General Meeting of the club shall be held in March of each year, at which the committee shall submit an Annual Report of the activities of the club and the independently examined Accounts for the year preceding.
- 5.3 An Extraordinary General Meeting of the club shall be called by the Honorary Secretary on the instruction of the committee or on a requisition to that effect signed by not less than 15 members of the club specifying the reason for such meeting. An Extraordinary General Meeting of the club shall take place within 8 weeks of such instruction having been given or requisition made.

- 5.4 Notice of the Annual General Meeting and of any Extraordinary General Meetings shall be given to all members not less than 4 weeks beforehand and shall specify the matters to be discussed.
- 5.5 The chair at any meeting of the club shall be taken by the Chairman whom failing any other office bearer of the club. At any meeting the Chairman, or in his absence the person taking the chair, shall in a tie have a casting vote.
- 5.6 The Honorary Secretary shall keep minutes of all General Meetings and Committee Meetings of the club.

### **Finance**

- 6.1 The funds of the club shall be applied in the interests of the club and in the furtherance of its objects as the committee may decide.
- 6.2 The financial year of the club shall be from 1<sup>st</sup> March in one year to the 28<sup>th</sup> February in the next year.
- 6.3 The Honorary Treasurer shall keep proper accounts of the finances of the club and shall at the Annual General Meeting submit independently examined accounts for the financial year.
- 6.4 An Independent Examiner shall be appointed by the committee to audit the accounts of the club.
- 6.5 The Honorary Treasurer shall open such account or accounts with a Bank approved by the committee as may be necessary or desirable. Cheques drawn on the club's account or accounts shall be validly signed by any two of the club's appointed officials as may be authorised by the committee.

### **Property**

- 7.1 The club may acquire and hold heritable property by feu, purchase, lease or otherwise to be used in the furtherance of the club, and may sell, let or otherwise dispose of such property, the arrangements of its use and management being made by the committee.

### **Amendment of Constitution**

- 8.1 A General Meeting of the club shall have the power to alter or add to this constitution provided that such alteration or addition is approved by a majority of two-thirds of the votes recorded by the members present.
- 8.2 Notice in writing of proposed alteration should be submitted to the Secretary five weeks prior to General Meeting.

### **Dissolution of Club**

- 9.1 A general Meeting of the club shall have the power by a majority of not less than five-sixths of the votes recorded to dissolve the club, provided that there shall be a recorded votes of not less than two-thirds of all Ordinary Members of the club at that time. The proposal to dissolve the club shall only be made on a motion submitted by the committee or in pursuance of a requisition submitted to the Honorary Secretary and signed by not less than 15 members or by two-thirds of the existing members whichever shall be the less. Ordinary Members who are unable to attend the Meeting shall be entitled to record their votes by post provided that they reach the Honorary Secretary before the date of the Meeting.
- 9.2 If the motion to dissolve the club is successful, the whole funds and assets of the club, after settlement of all outstanding obligations, shall be paid over to such body or bodies having the same or similar objects to the club as the committee may think fit.

### **General**

- 10.1 The committee shall have the power to take such steps as are not herein specified which they deem necessary or desirable to fulfil the objects of the club.