

## CONSTITUTION OF THE CHRISTIAN ROCK & MOUNTAIN CLUB

### 1. Title

The name of the Club shall be "Christian Rock and Mountain Club", and is referred to below as "the Club". The name of the Club may be abbreviated to "CRMC".

### 2. Aims

The aims of the Club shall be:

- (a) To foster Christian fellowship between Club members.
- (b) To organise opportunities for safe enjoyment of climbing, mountaineering and hillwalking with Christian fellowship.
- (c) To encourage members to acquire the technical skills necessary for participation in and leadership of climbing, mountaineering and/or hillwalking.
- (d) To promote the knowledge and love of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- (e) To promote good relations between the Club and other Christian Outdoor Activity Clubs and Centres.
- (f) To encourage conservation of and provision of access to the cliff and mountain environment.
- (g) To afford members such benefits and privileges as it may be possible to arrange.

### 3. Eligibility for Membership and Subscriptions

Full Membership of the Club is open to all professing Christians aged 18 and over who have an interest in climbing, mountaineering and hillwalking and who have signed their agreement with the Aims of the Club and the following declaration of faith:

"I believe that the Bible is God's work, true and reliable, and relevant for today, and as such gives us the basis for our beliefs.

I believe:

- 1) In the Trinity: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit
- 2) In the virgin birth of Jesus Christ
- 3) That Jesus is the Son of God
- 4) That Jesus died on the cross in place of sinful man and that the only way to God is through faith in what Jesus did on the cross
- 5) In the bodily resurrection of Jesus, his ascension to heaven and his future return."

Associate Membership of the Club is available at the discretion of the Committee to individuals aged 18 and over who have an interest in climbing, mountaineering or hill walking, who understand and accept the Christian nature of the Club and are in sympathy with the Aims of the Club. Applications and renewals for Associate Membership must be supported by the Committee. The Committee may decline any application for Associate Membership without having to give reason. Associate Members are referred to below as "associates".

Child Membership will be available to the children of full or associate members at the discretion of the Committee. In exceptional circumstances the children of non members may be allowed child membership, in which case the children must be sponsored by one or more club members who will take on the responsibilities that the club would normally expect parents to assume. The procedures which should be followed in the case of children are listed in the club policies. Child members are referred to as "children."

The total number of members, children and associates shall be unlimited. New applications for Associate Membership may be considered only if their acceptance will not cause the total number of associates to exceed one tenth of the total number of members recorded in the Club register on the 31 October preceding receipt of the application.

The annual subscription payable by members, children and associates of the Club will be determined by the Committee. The subscription shall be payable on joining and renewable on 1 January each year. Any member, child or associate wishing to resign from the Club should notify the Committee member responsible for the Membership register in writing before the subscription becomes due for renewal. The Committee shall remove from the list of members, associates and children any person whose subscription is more than three months in arrears.

The Committee shall have the power, after due enquiry, to suspend the benefits of Membership, to expel from Membership or to refuse renewal of Membership to any member, child or associate whose conduct in any respect renders it desirable that such a step be taken.

The submission of an application to join the Club as a member, child or associate shall be made on the understanding that all the personal information supplied may be stored on computer and will be distributed in confidence only to individuals and organisations that have been approved by the Committee and solely for the purposes of the business of the Club. Any application for Full or Associate Membership is accepted on the understanding that members, associates, guests and visitors appreciate that climbing, mountaineering and hill walking are all potentially hazardous activities and accept that they attend any Club events at their own risk.

### 4. Committee

The organisation of the Club and the upholding of the Constitution shall be the responsibility of the Committee, which shall consist of the Chairman and a minimum of three and a maximum of six other members. All members of the Committee shall be Full members of the Club. A quorum shall be formed by three members of the Committee, or by four members if the Committee consists of seven people. The Committee shall have the power to appoint sub-Committees to deal with such matters as the Committee may deem necessary. In the event of any vacancies occurring, by resignation or otherwise, the Committee shall have the power to make a temporary appointment to the Committee from within the Membership of the Club until the next Annual General Meeting.

The Committee shall have the power to reassign roles of Committee members if necessary. With the exception of the Chairman, a Committee member may act in more than one capacity but will only be eligible to occupy one Committee post and to register one vote per motion in Committee Meetings of the Club. The Chairman shall have the casting vote in any motion which remains unresolved.

#### Nomination of Committee members

Candidates for election to the Committee shall be members of the Club. They must be nominated by two members of the Club. No member may nominate more than one candidate to the Committee. The closing date for nominations shall be stated on the notification of the Annual General Meeting.

#### Election of Committee members

The Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. A minimum of two committee members shall stand down at each AGM. Subject to this requirement, each committee post shall

be for a term of two years after which the serving member shall stand down but may be re-elected. Where necessary, the committee shall determine which committee members stand down. The retiring Committee shall decide upon the number of Committee members to be elected and their duties, and will define these posts at the notification of election. No member may stand for more than one Committee post. If there is more than one candidate nominated for a post, a secret ballot will be held of all members present at the Annual General Meeting. The election will be by a simple vote. Two scrutineers shall be appointed by the Chairman to oversee the election.

#### **5. Meetings**

The Annual General Meeting of the members of the Club shall be held between 1st March and 30th June each year at a date and location notified to all members at least three months in advance. The Chairman and other Committee members will present reports of the activities of the Club and audited accounts of the previous calendar year.

Any member wishing to include any matter on the itemised Agenda of the Annual General Meeting shall notify the Chairman in writing at least two months in advance of the Meeting. Any member wishing to include any matter under "Any Other Business" shall notify the Chairman not later than 9.00 am on the day of the Annual General Meeting. Associates are entitled to attend and participate in the Annual General Meeting, but may not vote in any Club ballots or elections.

An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened by direction of the Committee or by the receipt by the Chairman of a request signed by not less than 10% (rounded up) of the full members of the club. At least two months' notice shall be given to all members, children and associates of the date, location and purpose of the meeting.

#### **6. General**

Members, children and associates shall abide by the Constitution of the Club and in all cases of dispute or disagreement shall accept the decision of the Committee as final. The Committee shall have the power to set Club rules and shall decide any question of the interpretation of the Constitution, or anything related to the Club not provided for herein, and may take whatever action it deems necessary which is not inconsistent with the Constitution.

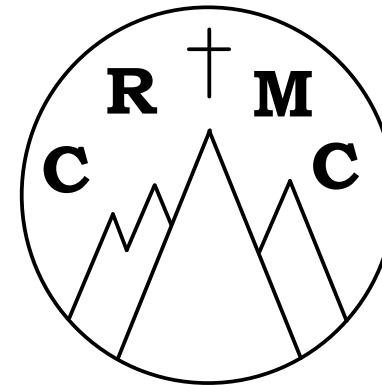
Alterations to the Constitution shall be proposed and discussed at the Annual General Meeting, either by the direction of the Committee, or upon the receipt by the Chairman of a request signed by not less than 10% (rounded up) of the full members of the club. If the proposals and any agreed amendments are passed by a simple majority, a postal ballot of all members will be arranged where a two-thirds majority of votes cast will be required for the alterations to be effected.

#### **7. Dissolution**

The Club may be dissolved by a Special General Meeting convened by direction from the Committee or by the requisition of the majority of members. If a resolution of dissolution be carried, the Committee will liquidate forthwith the affairs of the Club. If there be any surplus assets of realisation these will be disposed of to one or more Christian Charities according to the direction of the Committee. Should the assets of the Club be insufficient to meet any debts, the members of the Club will be severally liable for payment of such debts.

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