

Club Constitution

Swansea University Athletic Union Mountaineering Club

29th April 2010

This document defines the management and operation of Swansea University Mountaineering Club.

All other previous versions before 29th April 2010 are rendered obsolete.

1 Main Principles

The official name of the Club shall be 'Swansea University Mountaineering Club' herein referred to as the 'Club'

1.1 Aims

To promote the sport of mountaineering and associated activities in a safe manner amongst all members of Swansea University Athletic Union.

1.2 Eligibility for Membership of the Club

Application for membership of the Club shall be open to all members of Swansea University Athletic Union.

Membership of the Club shall only be given to individuals who recognise the Club's Code of Care and Safety. Members are advised to follow the Code of Care and Safety for their own personal welfare.

Termination of membership will be given after due consideration by the Committee if a member is found:

- Damaging the reputation of the Club and/or the University.
- Endangering any person by their actions on Club activities.
- Abusing or misusing Club property.

1.3 Liabilities

The members of the Club will not be liable for debts contracted by Committee members or by any persons purporting to act on behalf of the Club, unless such person has the authorization of the Committee in contracting such debt.

No individual member or collective of the Committee shall be held personally liable for any injury or death to members, or any loss or damage to members' property while participating in Club events.

1.4 Constitution

This constitution may be amended by a two thirds majority at a general meeting, where at least 12 members must be present. Notice of any proposed amendments must be delivered to the Secretary at least 7 days prior to a general meeting.

2 Running of the Club

2.1 Management

2.1.1 Committee Members

The elected officers of the club shall be:

1. President
2. Secretary
3. Treasurer
4. Gear Representative
5. Social Secretary
6. Trips and Competitions Organiser
7. Training Officer
8. Management Representative

These posts will be held by members of the Club and together form the Committee. It is the responsibility of the Committee as a whole to collectively ensure that the club is run effectively.

2.1.2 Vote of No Confidence

If a member of the Committee does not fulfil their duties then they may be voted out of their position through a vote of no confidence.

If a vote is called then a Committee meeting must be arranged where the member in question may defend their case to the Committee, after which a Committee vote will be taken to decide whether to keep or re-elect the Committee position.

If the Committee vote to re-elect the position then a General Meeting must be called to elect a new Committee member.

2.2 Club Meetings

2.2.1 Annual General Meeting

An Annual General Meeting must be arranged each year to organise the election of a new Committee for the following academic year. The meeting should take place before the end of the active season of the current Committee. The President shall chair the meeting.

Notice of the Annual General Meeting, together with the provisional agenda, shall be given to all Club members not less than 7 days before the meeting.

2.2.2 General Meeting

General meetings may be called by any member of the Committee. At least 48 hours notice must be given to all Committee members before a general meeting.

2.2.3 Minutes

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all the meetings and shall make these available to all members of the Club.

2.3 Elections

Voting for elections will take place at the Annual General Meeting of the club.

Nominations for all elections shall be taken at the meeting, or in advance at the discretion of the Committee.

Any member of the club may run for a committee position

Elections shall be by ballot or by show of hands as decided by the Committee prior to the elections.

If for any reason the club decides not to elect a full Committee before the end of an active season, an Acting President at least shall be elected and shall be responsible for ensuring that the remaining members of the Committee are elected at the beginning of the following season.