

# **Warminster Adventure Sports Club - Constitution**

## **1. NAME**

1.1 The name of the Club shall be The Warminster Adventure Sports Club hereinafter referred to as "the Club".

## **2. OBJECTIVES OF THE CLUB**

2.1 To promote the interests of climbing, mountaineering, caving, kayaking and all types of adventure sports amongst members of the Club.

2.2 To provide an opportunity for members of the Club to meet and participate in adventurous sporting activities together.

2.3 To act on behalf of and in the interests of Club members.

2.4 To promote awareness of the need to maintain access, conservation and protection of the river, cliff, mountain and countryside environment.

2.5 To take part in the work and activities of appropriate national organisations, eg. the British Mountaineering Council (BMC), British Caving Association (BCA) should the club elect to join these organisations.

2.6 To increase access to "adventure sports" in the Warminster and West Wilts area and to be as inclusive as possible.

## **3. MEMBERSHIP OF THE CLUB**

3.1 Membership of the Club shall only be open to anyone hereinafter referred to as "the Membership".

3.2 In addition to 3.1 above membership of the Club shall only be open to individuals who recognise that climbing, caving, kayaking, mountaineering and other adventurous sports are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Members shall be aware of and accept these risks and agree to be responsible for their own actions and involvement.

3.3 Club Membership is not open to minors (unless written parental consent is obtained).

## **4. MANAGEMENT OF THE CLUB**

4.1 The Management of the Club shall be entrusted to the Club Committee, hereinafter referred to as "the Committee".

## **5. OFFICERS OF THE CLUB**

5.1 The elected Officers of the Club shall be the Chairman, the Secretary, the Treasurer the Development Officer, the Quartermaster and the Training & Safety Officer hereinafter referred to as "the Officers".

5.2 Voting for the election of Officers shall take place at the AGM

5.3 The rotation of leadership is encouraged and no Officer shall serve for a term longer than three years.

## **6. COMMITTEE OF THE CLUB**

6.1 The Chairman of the Club will normally preside at and chair all meetings of the Committee (or Club) and shall be responsible for reporting to the Membership at the Club's AGM.

6.2 The Committee shall be composed of the Officers of the Club.

6.3 The Committee shall nominate a representative (or representatives) of the Club to attend meetings of national associations and represent the views of the Membership and shall nominate the President (or a representative) to attend the relevant AGMs and vote on behalf of the Club.

6.4 The Club Secretary shall be responsible for all correspondence relating to Club affairs and for announcing Committee meetings, and the production and distribution of minutes from those meetings. The Secretary shall also be responsible for announcing the AGM and shall give at least 30 clear days notice of such a meeting and its agenda. Items for inclusion should be submitted at least 45 days prior to the AGM. The Secretary shall keep records about the Membership of the Club and shall report to the relevant national associations (subject to joining) the size of the Membership.

6.5 The Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection of subscriptions and will account for any other income and expenditure made on behalf of the Club. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the payment of the membership subscription to the BMC.

6.6 The Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional non-voting members.

6.7 A quorum for a meeting of the Committee shall be half of the elected voting members. In addition to the AGM the Committee (or Club) shall hold at least four (or another suitable number) meetings each year.

## **7. CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS**

7.1 The Committee shall have the power to set membership subscription levels for the Club on an annual basis.

## **8. RULES OF THE CLUB**

8.1 The Committee shall have the power to set Club rules. Such rules shall be in accordance with the articles of the Club's Constitution.

8.2 Decision-making based on a consensus being reached is actively encouraged, however at those times when a consensus cannot be reached a two thirds majority will carry a motion.

## **9. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE CLUB**

9.1 This Constitution may be amended by a two thirds majority. Notice of any amendment must be delivered to the Secretary at least 45 days prior to the AGM.

## **10. DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB**

10.1 The Club can be dissolved by two thirds majority vote carried out in accordance with Article 9 whereupon the Committee will arrange to discharge any assets to benefit charitable organisations with a beneficial area within the BA12 postcode. Any liabilities at the time of dissolution shall be the joint responsibility of all Members.

## **Warminster Adventure Sports Club - Rules**

1. Club Members shall sign for club equipment that they use and also undertake to use it entirely at their own risk.
2. All official club activities shall be included in the club published programme (whether on the website or via e-mail or both).
3. Club renewal subscriptions must be paid in December of each year..
4. Members must not misuse Club equipment, and must report all damage to an officer of the Club immediately. Members are responsible for replacing or repairing any damage caused to club equipment. In special cases members breaking equipment can appeal to the committee.
5. Members are expected to act in a responsible manner wherever and whenever involved in Club activities.
6. Members and their guests must not behave in a way which causes offence to other members whenever and wherever involved in Club activities.
7. Members using their own equipment must ensure that it is in a safe condition, and must cease to use it when told to do so for safety reasons by an officer of the Club.
8. Under 16's must be supervised, and belayed (when climbing), by a parent or legal guardian who should be aware of, and accept, the risks inherent in climbing (or other adventurous activities) and be responsible for their own actions and involvement.
9. For younger children with small waists and little hip definition, a full body harness is mandatory.
10. Smoking, drinking and narcotic use is not permitted if it is undertaken in a way that it may either cause damage to equipment or pose a risk to other members of the club. For example: smoking next to climbing equipment or drinking prior to going canoeing.

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