

## **1. Name**

1.1 The name of the Club shall be Midleton Hillwalking Club hereinafter referred to as the Club.

## **2. Objectives of the club**

1. 2.1 To facilitate and increase the enjoyment of mountaineering activities by members of the Club.
2. 2.2 To act as the collective voice of Club members.
3. 2.3 To assist in the work of the Mountaineering Ireland aimed at maintaining access to, conservation of and protection of the cliff and mountain environment.
4. 2.4 To encourage club members to train to be capable of ensuring their own safety in the mountain environment.
5. 2.5 To make information on responsible use of the mountain environment available to club members

## **3. Membership of the club**

1. 3.1 Membership of the Club shall only be open to individuals over eighteen years of age.
2. 3.2 Membership of the Club shall only be open to individuals who recognise that Hill walking and Climbing 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.

## **4. Management of the club**

1. 4.1 The club will be controlled by its members acting in General Meeting. One of these meetings will be the Annual General Meeting at which Officers of the Club will be elected.
2. 4.2 Management of the Club between General Meetings shall be entrusted to the elected committee, who must act in accordance with the Constitution and the Rules of the Club. They may make decisions on matters not covered by Constitution or Rules but these must be approved by the next General Meeting.

## **5. Officers of the club**

5.1 The Officers of the Club shall be determined and elected by the members at an Annual General Meeting and shall be the Chair, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Vice-Chair, Walks Co-ordinator, Environmental Officer, Public Relations Officer (PRO), Social Committee and Webmaster.

## **6. Committee of the club**

6.1 The Chair of the Club will normally preside at and chair all meetings of the Committee and General Meetings of the 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 plus a number of members without a specific role if desired by the Membership.

6.3 The Committee may nominate representatives of the Club to attend Mountaineering Ireland General meetings to represent the views of the Membership and vote on behalf of the Club.

6.4 The Club Secretary shall be responsible for all correspondence relating to Club affairs and for giving notice of General and/or Committee meetings, and the writing and distribution of minutes from those meetings. The Secretary shall give, at least seven clear day's notice of such a meeting and its agenda. Items for inclusion should be submitted at least 10 days prior to the AGM and communicated to the members at least 7 days before the AGM. Items not included may, with the agreement of the AGM be included under A.O.B.

- 6.5 The Treasurer shall collect subscriptions, keep records of the Membership of the Club and report the details of members to Mountaineering Ireland as required.
- 6.6 The Treasurer shall collect subscriptions and account for all income and expenditure of the Club. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the payment of membership subscriptions to Mountaineering Ireland.
- 6.7 The Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional non-voting members.
- 6.8 A quorum for a meeting of the Committee shall be half of the elected voting members rounded up to the next whole number. The Committee shall determine the number to be held each year.

## **7. Club subscriptions**

- 7.1 A General meeting shall have the power to set membership subscription levels for the Club

## **8. Rules of the club**

1. 8.1 A General meeting shall have the power to set Club rules. Such rules shall be in accordance with the articles of the Club's Constitution and the policies of Mountaineering Ireland.
2. 8.2 Any paid up member of the club is entitled to vote at General meetings.
3. 8.3 Votes will be decided on a show of hands basis.

## **9. Amendments to the constitution of the club**

1. 9.1 This Constitution may be amended by a two thirds majority of those present and voting at a General Meeting. Notice of any proposed amendment must be delivered (*see 6.4 above*)
2. 9.2 The Club rules may be amended by a simple majority of those present and voting at a General Meeting. Notice of any proposed amendment must be delivered. (*see 6.4 above*)

## **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 equally amongst the Members (*or donated to Charity, Mountaineering Ireland Environmental Defence Fund, Mountain Rescue etc.*). Any liabilities at the time of dissolution shall be the joint responsibility of all Members.

*Approved at AGM 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019*