



Constitution

Amended and adopted: at EGM dated 22nd February 2022

Signed: Joe McNulty, Chairman
Peter Wright, Secretary

1. NAME

The club shall be called “The Bluestack Ramblers Walking Club” (hereinafter called “The Club”)

2. ADMINISTRATION

Subject to the matters set out below the club and its property shall be administered in accordance with this constitution by the members of the Management Committee constituted by Clause 6 of this Constitution (hereinafter called “The Committee”)

3. OBJECTS

- 3.1. The club is established to promote hillwalking and its associated activities as a beneficial form of exercise and conduct organised walks and activities in a safe and environmentally friendly manner.
- 3.2. In furtherance of the above aims the Club may:
 - 3.2.1. Supply safety equipment as required by the Club.
 - 3.2.2. Provide or assist in providing classes, workshops, training, seminars, lectures, discussions, exhibitions, outings and events.
 - 3.2.3. Procure to be written and printed, published, issued, distributed, and circulated, reports or periodicals, outings or events.
 - 3.2.4. Recruit and train volunteers with relevant skills, for the furtherance of the above aims.



- 3.2.5. Co-operate to such extent as may be necessary with statutory authorities and voluntary organisations engaged in the furtherance of the above objects.
- 3.2.6. Raise and accept money by way of grants, donations, bequests, legacies or other lawful method, provided that in the exercise thereof the club shall not engage in any form of substantial permanent trading.
- 3.2.7. Subject to such consents as may be required by law to sell, let, mortgage, dispose or turn to account all or any of the property or assets of the Club, which shall be deemed necessary for the furtherance of the Club.
- 3.2.8. The Club shall adopt an appropriate Health & Safety Policy to protect all of its members.
- 3.2.9. All such other lawful things are necessary for the attainment of the said objects.

4. MEMBERSHIP

- 4.1. Any persons without distinction of sex, age, nationality, religion or political affiliation shall be eligible for membership of the Club, provided that persons pay the relevant membership fees as set by the Annual General Meeting.
- 4.2. The Committee shall make rules governing the conditions for and rights and privileges of members, and shall make regulations for the admission to and termination of membership provided that any member affected by a proposal to terminate his or her membership shall have the right to state a case against such proposal.

5. MEETINGS

Annual Meeting

- 5.1 The Annual General Meeting shall be held at such place and time not being more than thirteen months since the previous Annual General Meeting, as the Committee shall decide.
- 5.2 The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be:



5.2.1. To receive and approve reports on the activities of the past year from members of the Committee.

5.2.2. To receive and approve the audited accounts of the Club.

5.2.3. To appoint Auditors.

5.2.4. To elect Officers and Committee according to such nomination and voting procedures as the Club may from time to time decide.

5.2.5. To deal with resolutions and such other matters, notice of which shall have been given 14 days in advance of the AGM to the Secretary of the Club by the member proposing such resolution or other matters.

5.3 Other meetings of the Club shall be called General meetings (or in the case of alteration of the Constitution or Dissolution of the Club, Extraordinary General Meeting) and shall be called at not less than 14 days notice to members.

Extraordinary General Meeting

5.4 The Committee shall have the power to call an Extraordinary General Meeting and shall be bound to do so within 21 days of receiving notice in writing signed by not less than three members. The business to be transacted must appear on the agenda and no other business shall be discussed.

6. MANAGEMENT

6.1 Except as otherwise provided in this constitution, a Committee shall manage the Club, consisting of a Chairperson, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, PRO, Training & Equipment Officers and other positions as prescribed by the Committee from time to time, elected in accordance with rule 6.

6.2 The Committee members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose.

6.3 Nominations for the Committee shall be in writing and shall contain a statement by the member nominated of his or her willingness to be elected. Such nominations shall be submitted to the Secretary, in writing at least three days before the relevant meeting.



- 6.4 An officer of the Committee will not be allowed to remain in the same position for more than three years.
- 6.5 The Committee shall meet for the conduct of business as they shall see fit, but in any event shall meet not less than four times a year, i.e. once per quarter, in addition to the Annual General Meeting.
- 6.6 The Committee so constituted shall have the power to co-opt further members provided that the number of co-options shall not exceed one third of the total membership of the Committee.
- 6.7 The Committee shall delegate members to act as leaders as appropriate to their experience.

7. FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee may among other things:

- 7.1 Make such regulations as they consider appropriate for the efficient conduct of the Committee and the Club.
- 7.2 Establish Sub-Committees, consisting of members of the Club or other persons, and shall determine their terms of reference, membership and duration. All such Sub-Committees shall make regular reports on their work to the Committee.

8. FINANCE

- 8.1 All income of the Club, where so-ever derived, shall be applied to the charitable purposes of the Club and to no other purpose (with the exception of Paragraph 8.5) provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment of legitimate out of pocket expenses to members of the club engaged upon the approved business of the Club.
- 8.2 The financial year of the Club shall run from 1st November in any one year to 31st October the following year.
- 8.3 The Committee shall open a bank account or accounts in the name of the Club and shall specify those members of the Committee (being not less than two members of the Committee) authorised to sign cheques on behalf of the Club.



8.4 The Committee shall authorise the keeping of proper books of account, and shall designate responsibility for the preparation of an Annual Statement of Accounts for submission to the Annual General Meeting.

8.5 The Club shall donate €300 or 10% of it's annual income excluding any grants received, whichever is the greater, to 'Mountain Rescue Services' for as long as those 'Services' remains active in a voluntary capacity.

9. ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

9.1 Any alteration to this Constitution shall receive the assent of not less than two thirds of the members of the Club present and voting at an Extraordinary General Meeting called at not less than 14 days notice to members for that purpose.

10. DISSOLUTION

10.1 If on the grounds of expense or otherwise the Committee shall decide upon the dissolution of the Club, a resolution to dissolve shall be considered by an Extraordinary General Meeting called at not less than 14 days' notice to members for that purpose.

10.2 The Club shall be dissolved only by a majority of two-thirds of members present and voting at such meetings.

10.3 Following a decision to dissolve, the assets of the Club shall, following satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, be transferred to one or more charitable associations having objects similar or related to those of the Club, as determined by simple majority at such meetings.

11. MOUNTAINEERING IRELAND

11.1 The Committee shall 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.

11.2 The Secretary shall collect subscriptions, keep records of the Membership of the Club and report the details of members to Mountaineering Ireland as required.

11.3 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.



11.4 The Club shall assist in the work of Mountaineering Ireland aimed at maintaining access to, conservation of and protection of the cliff and mountain environment.

11.5 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.

12. INDEMNITY

Once registered each year as a Member with the Club and with Mountaineering Ireland, Club Members will be indemnified under Mountaineering Ireland's Member Insurance Scheme for as long as the Club remains affiliated to Mountaineering Ireland.

In circumstances where the Club ceases to be affiliated to Mountaineering Ireland the Club shall indemnify and keep indemnified every officer, member, volunteer and employee of the Club from and against all claims, demands, actions and proceedings (all costs and expenses in connection there with or arising there from) made or brought against the Club in connection with its activities, the actions of the officers, members, volunteers or employees, or in connection with its property and equipment except that this indemnity shall not extend to liabilities arising from wilful and individual fraud, wrongdoing, or wrongful omission on the part of the member sought to be made liable. In such circumstances the Treasurer shall effect a policy of insurance in respect of this indemnity.