

Maes y Lade 'Out There' Club - Constitution

1. NAME

The club shall be known as 'Out There' herein known as The Club.

2. OBJECTS

The objects of The Club are to provide outdoor and adventurous activities for young people of Hay on Wye and surrounding area and to promote their personal development.

3. MEMBERSHIP

a) Qualification: Any person who undertakes to behave in the best interest of The Club and the activities it promotes shall be eligible for membership.

b) Membership is available to young people between the ages of 7 up to the age of 16 years. There will also be a small number of members aged over 16 who are club helpers and over 18 become club volunteers.

All applicants under the age of 18 years will require written permission from a parent or guardian as requested on the application form.

c) Election: Candidates for election to membership shall make written application to the Secretary of The Club on the form provided. This form shall include a medical form. The power of election shall rest with the General Committee, who may refuse to elect to membership any applicant without assigning a reason for so doing.

d) Acceptance: The General Committee may at its sole discretion, decline to accept renewal of membership from any person, without disclosing the reason.

4 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Each applicant for membership shall, if his/her application be accepted, pay a subscription, the amount of which shall be determined by the General Committee and shall be due on election to membership and thereafter, on or before that date in each year.

5 CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

a) Any member may resign giving one months clear notice in writing to the Secretary

b) Any member violating any of the rules or regulations of The Club or being adjudged guilty of unsatisfactory conduct may, by resolution of the General Committee, be suspended or expelled.

c) A member shall be deemed to have resigned from the Club, if after due notice in writing, he/she has not paid the annual subscription within 2 weeks of its due date. He/she may, however, rejoin at any time during that year, subject to the provision of 3c or 3d above.

6 SECTIONS

a) The Club may organise various sections to cover the various activities of the club.

b) The affairs of each section shall be conducted by a sub-committee of up to 5 members of whom the Chairperson shall serve on the general committee.

7 GENERAL COMMITTEE

a) The general committee shall conduct the affairs of The Club as a whole and shall ensure that the club fulfils it's stated objectives giving due consideration to the wishes and interests of the members.

b) The General Committee shall consist of a Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and other officers as deemed necessary. Additionally, the General Committee may co-opt other club members to its number.

c) The General committee shall elect a vice-chairperson from among its number.

d) The term of office shall be for one year and members shall be eligible for re-election.

e) The general committee shall meet at regular intervals throughout the year as required by the business of the club to be transacted.

f) Special meetings of the General Committee shall be called by the Hon Secretary on instructions from the Chairperson, of not less than 3 committee members.

g) A quorum shall consist of not less than 3 members.

8 DUTIES OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

a) Chairperson: The chairperson will preside at all general meetings of the club and at all meetings of the General Committee. He shall be responsible for guiding the activities of The Club in accordance with its rules and general policy. The chairperson shall represent The Club to other bodies and organisations and shall ex-officio be a member of any other committee of The Club.

b) Hon Secretary: The Hon Secretary will be responsible for the organisation of meetings of the General Committee and of The Club, and the recording of minutes relating to such meetings and all correspondence relating to the general business of The Club

c) Hon Treasurer: The Hon Treasurer will be responsible for the collection of all monies including subscriptions and shall keep such books of account as required by the General Committee. He/she shall ensure that the Accounts of The Club are examined annually by an external accountant or auditor and produced at the AGM, balance sheets showing the financial state of the general funds accompanied by the Hon Auditor's report. Payments/Cheques should have 2 signatures. The Treasurer must make the committee aware of any existing or potential financial or cash flow problems.

9 DISQUALIFICATION FROM HOLDING OFFICE

a) Any member who is under the age of 18 shall not be eligible for election to the General Committee.

GENERAL MEETINGS

- a) An Annual General Meeting shall be held each year within 15 months of the previous meeting. There shall be laid before the meeting a statement of accounts of the last financial year.
- b) An Extraordinary Meeting shall be called on the instructions of a simple majority of the General Committee.
- c) Not less than 21 days notice shall be given, specifying to all members the time and business of the General Meeting.
- d) Motions for discussion not originating from within the General Committee shall be lodged with the Hon Secretary at least seven days preceding the meeting
- e) At all General Meetings not less than twenty percent of the voting membership shall constitute a Quorum.
- f) At all general meetings the Chairperson shall preside or, in his/her absence the General Committee will elect a Chairperson for the meeting.

VOTING

Only members of 16 years of age, or above, may vote

ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION

- a) This constitution shall not be altered, amended or rescinded except by a General Meeting of The Club.
- b) A resolution to give effect to a change must be passed by at least 75% of the voting members present at the General Meeting, and voting on this behalf.

TERMINATION

The club shall not terminate except by a resolution of a Special General Meeting convened for the purpose and in such an event, any surplus assets shall be handed over to a body or bodies with similar objectives as agreed by the meeting which formally terminates the club.

POWER OF DECISION

Any matter not provided for in this constitution or any question over the interpretation of it shall be dealt with by the General Committee whose decision shall be final.

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