

Not So Trad – Southern Lesbian & Gay Climbers Club Constitution and Rules

1. Name

1.1 The name of the Club shall be “Not So Trad – Southern Lesbian & Gay Climbers”, hereinafter referred to as "the Club".

2. Membership of the Club

2.1 Membership of the Club is open to Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual and Transgendered Climbers and Mountaineers, and their friends. The Club is based in London but Membership is open to anyone regardless of where they live.

2.2 In addition to 2.1 above membership of the Club shall only be open to individuals who recognise that climbing and mountaineering 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.

2.3 All Members of the Club agree to support the British Mountaineering Council's Equal Opportunities Policy and Equity Statement.

3. Objectives of the Club

3.1 To provide an opportunity for members of the Club to meet and participate in climbing, mountaineering and related activities together.

3.2 To promote the interests of climbing and mountaineering amongst members of the Club.

3.3 To encourage the sharing of climbing and mountaineering skills and knowledge amongst members of the Club, including new members.

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

3.4 To take part in the work and activities of the British Mountaineering Council (BMC).

4. Management of the Club

4.1 The activities of the Club are organised by and for the Membership. All members are encouraged to be involved in the activities and organisation of the Club.

4.2 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 President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer. Additional Officers may be elected, as deemed necessary (e.g. Membership, Access and Conservation, Social, Meets, Website, etc).

5.2 Voting for the election of Officers shall take place at the Annual Planning Meeting

5.3 Officers shall be re-elected each year.

5.4 A person shall not be elected to more than one of the offices of President, Secretary or Treasurer.

6. Committee of the Club

6.1 The President 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 Annual Planning Meeting.

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

6.3 The Committee shall consist of no fewer than three and no more than twelve voting members (Officers).

6.4 The Committee shall nominate a representative (or representatives) of the Club to attend BMC Area meetings and represent the views of the Membership and shall nominate the President (or a representative) to attend the BMC AGM and vote on behalf of the Club.

6.5 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 Annual Planning Meeting and shall give at least 30 clear days notice of such a meeting and its agenda.

6.6 All notices and communications to members can be via e-mail and sent to the last known e-mail address

6.7 The Secretary (or the Membership Secretary, if one is elected) shall keep records about the Membership of the Club and shall report to the BMC the size of the Membership.

6.8 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.

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

6.10 The Committee shall have the power to fill such vacancies as may occur from time to time amongst the Officers. Officers appointed in this way shall be re-elected at the next Annual Planning Meeting.

6.11 A quorum for a meeting of the Committee shall be half of the elected voting members.

6.12 Minutes shall be kept of all meetings of the Committee.

7. Meetings of the Club

7.1 The Annual Planning Meeting of the Club shall normally be held in November. At the Annual Planning Meeting the President shall give his or her report on the Club, the Club accounts shall be presented for approval, the Club Officers shall be elected for the following year, the annual Club subscription shall be set and any other matters transacted as necessary.

7.2 An Extra-ordinary General Meeting of members may be called at any time by the Committee or upon a written request signed by 15 members. Such request shall be addressed to the President and shall state the object of the meeting, which shall be called within 45 days following the request.

7.3 A quorum for the Annual Planning Meeting and General Meetings shall be five members.

8. Club Subscriptions

8.1 The annual subscription payable by members shall be determined at the Annual Planning Meeting.

8.2 The membership year will run from the 1st of November to the 31st of October the following year. The subscription shall be due from the 1st of November.

8.3 Any member who has not paid the subscription by 1st of January shall cease to be a member, to ensure that members are suitably insured with the BMC

9. Rules of the Club

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

10. Accounts and Audit

10.1 The financial year of the Club shall run from 1st November to 31st October.

10.2 The Treasurer shall keep proper books of account, and at the end of each year shall prepare an annual income and expenditure account and a year end balance sheet.

10.3 The balance sheet and income and expenditure account shall be audited and reported to the Membership at the Annual Planning Meeting for approval.

10.4 A bank account in the name of the Club shall be opened. All cheques and other instructions concerning the use of the Club's funds shall be signed by any two of the President, Secretary or Treasurer.

11. Amendments to the Constitution of the Club

11.1 This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of members present at a quorate meeting, including members voting by proxy. Notice of any amendment must be delivered to the Secretary at least 45 days prior to the Annual Planning Meeting.

12. Dissolution of the Club

12.1 The Club can be dissolved by two-thirds majority vote of members present at a quorate meeting, including members voting by proxy, carried out in accordance with Article 11 whereupon the Committee will arrange to discharge any assets equally amongst the Members. Any liabilities at the time of dissolution shall be the joint responsibility of all Members.