

Peninsula Ramblers



Constitution

1. The name of the Club shall be the Peninsula Ramblers.
 - The Club's name is registered with Bureau of Heraldry under reference 23/1935: 656/20/68. (AGM 31 March 2017)
2. The Objects of the Club shall be:
 - To promote and organise hikes, camps and other social or sporting activities for members;
 - To preserve the natural beauty of the spots visited and to take the utmost precautions to prevent fires.
3. The Club shall be governed by the following who will hold their positions in an Honorary capacity:
 - Chairperson
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer

Four additional committee members shall be appointed for the purpose of fulfilling the following functions (AGM 31 March 2017):

- Hike Programme Coordinator
 - Weekends Away Coordinator
 - Care Coordinator
 - Web Site and Social Media Coordinator
- i) The Chairperson or, where the Chairperson is not present, an alternate elected by a simple majority vote of the members present at the relevant meeting, will chair General Meetings and Executive Committee Meetings of the Club. (AGM 31 March 2017)
 - ii) The Treasurer shall furnish a detailed financial statement of the affairs of the Club for the period from the first day of March of the prior year to the last day in February of the current year at the Annual General Meeting, or for such other period and at such other times as the Executive Committee may request. (AGM 31 March 2017)
 - iii) Any expenditure of more than one third of the Club's funds on any single project shall be authorised by a two-thirds majority at a General Meeting of the Club.
 - iv) The annual financial statement and books shall be scrutinised and checked prior to an Annual General Meeting by one or more members as appointed by the Executive Committee. (AGM 6 March 1980)

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- v) The Executive Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Club and shall hold office for one year.
 - vi) Election of the members of the Executive Committee shall be by ballot unless elected unanimously.
4. At each Annual General Meeting, the retiring Executive Committee shall be eligible for re-election. The Chairperson shall not be eligible for re-election to the same office for the third successive year.
 5. The Executive Committee shall have the power to:
 - i) co-opt members to fill vacancies in its ranks during the year;
 - ii) appoint sub-committees to deal with various branches of the Club's activities;
 - iii) amend the Club's rules from time to time provided any change to the rules are placed before members at the following AGM for their approval by simple majority vote. (AGM 31 March 2017)
 6. At any Executive Committee meeting, five Executive Committee members shall constitute a quorum and decisions will be taken by a simple majority vote with no Executive Committee member having a casting vote (AGM 31 March 2017).
 7. Executive Committee Members and invitees may participate in Executive Committee Meetings using communication equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other. (AGM 31 March 2017)
 8. A round-robin resolution, signed or agreed to via e-mail by all of the Executive Committee Members, shall be as valid and effective as a decision taken at a properly constituted meeting of the Executive Committee. (AGM 31 March 2017)
 9. The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in March of each year.
 10. All members must be advised by the Secretary of any General Meeting at least three weeks in advance and shall be supplied with an agenda.
 11. The Executive Committee shall have the power at any time to call a Special General Meeting.
 12. At the written request of not less than ten members of the Club, the Secretary shall call a Special General Meeting to be held within forty-two days of the receipt of such request. (AGM 31 March 2017)
 13. The members requesting the Special General Meeting must state, in full in their request, all the matters they wish to have discussed at such a meeting.
 14. At any General Meeting the members present in person shall constitute a quorum. Only Club members present in person shall be entitled to vote at General Meetings and, other than as provided herein or decided on by the meeting's Chairperson, voting will be held by a show of hands. (AGM 31 March 2017)

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15. Minutes shall be kept of all Annual General Meetings, Special General Meetings and Executive Committee Meetings. The Minutes of any Annual General Meeting and Special General Meeting shall be read and approved with amendments as agreed at the following Annual General Meeting. The Minutes of any Executive Committee Meeting shall be read and approved with amendments as agreed at the following Committee Meeting.
16. Membership is open to persons over the age of eighteen years as an Ordinary Member or as a Family Member. Family Members have membership benefits extended to their spouse or partner and their minor children. At most two adults (18 years & older) family members will be allowed to vote at General Meetings. Ordinary Members will be awarded a single vote at General Meetings. (AGM 31 March 2017)
17. Applications for membership must be made to the Secretary, in writing or through the Club's website, using the format approved by the Executive Committee from time to time which format must include the applicant agreeing to abide by the Club's Constitution and its Rules. (AGM 31 March 2017)
18. The application must be proposed and be seconded by two of the Club's hike leaders with whom the applicant has hiked. The hike leaders can confirm their support by signing the application form or via e-mail. (AGM 31 March 2017)
19. Application forms must be accompanied by entrance fees and the appropriate subscription (as indicated in the relevant rules), but should the Executive Committee decide to decline a membership application, the entrance fee and subscription shall be refunded.
20. The Executive Committee, with not more than two dissenting votes, may decline a membership application within twenty-eight days of it being received by the Secretary. In this connection the decision of the Executive Committee shall be final and it shall not be required to give reasons for such decisions. (AGM 31 March 2017)
21. The Executive Committee shall have the power to elect suitable persons to be temporary Honorary Members of the Club such Honorary Members being exempt from the payment of any Entrance Fee or Subscription.
22. The Executive Committee may propose as an Honorary Life Member any member who has rendered extraordinary services to the Club, such Member being exempt from any further subscriptions but nevertheless retaining all privileges. Such an appointment shall be confirmed at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting, and by a two-thirds majority vote.
23. At the discretion of the Executive Committee, whose decision shall be final, a member of not less than ten years standing may purchase, for the sum of not less than ten times the sum of the current annual membership fee, life membership of the Club. Life membership shall commence on the 1st April next, following acceptance by the Executive Committee of the application, which shall be addressed to the Honorary Secretary in writing. All rules relating to an ordinary member shall apply to a Life Member, except that a Life Member shall be exempt from the payment of any further annual subscriptions. (AGM 2 March 1994)
24. The Entrance Fee and Annual Subscription shall be as decided at the discretion of the Executive Committee. (AGM 2 March 1994)

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25. Any member whose subscription is six months overdue and who fails to pay the subscription within one month of due notification shall, unless otherwise decided by the Executive Committee, cease to be a member of the Club. (EGM 17 January 1994)
26. The subscriptions for country members resident more than 40 kilometres from the City Hall may, on application and at the discretion of the Executive Committee, be reduced. (AGM 3 March 1983)
27. If, at any time after the acceptance of a member, it is found that such member was accepted under a misapprehension, mistake as to identity or as a result of incorrect information having been given, the Executive Committee shall have the power to cancel such acceptance and the person shall have no claim whatsoever against the Club.
28. A cloth Club badge suitable to attach to rucksacks and jackets shall be available to members at a cost to be determined by the Executive Committee. (AGM 7 March 1991)
29. On all hikes organised by the Club, members must obey the leader for the day and at all times give him / her assistance and full cooperation. He shall appoint sub-leaders as necessary and at all times designate a responsible person to be "last man". (AGM 6 March 1980) All persons taking part in Club activities do so entirely at their own risk and are required to adhere to the rules of the Peninsula Ramblers Club. (AGM 1 March 1990)
30. The decision of the leader regarding the route to be followed shall be final.
31. Members attending Club functions must at all times respect public and private property. Members shall be held personally responsible for any damage caused by them.
32. Should any member of the Club not comply with this Constitution or disobey the Club rules or act in any manner detrimental to the interests of the Club, they may be called upon to appear before the Executive Committee who may deal with the matter in whatever manner it deems fit.
33. Amendments to this Constitution may only be made by a majority vote of two thirds of the members at a General Meeting of the Club. Notice of any proposed amendment shall be included in the agenda.
34. In the event of the Club being wound up or liquidated, any assets remaining after settling its liabilities must be transferred to some other society or association with similar objects to those of the Club or to a charity nominated by the remaining members. (AGM 31 March 2017)