

## **Naturist Ramblers Club - Constitution**

### **1. Name**

The official name of the Club shall be 'Naturist Ramblers Club'.

### **2. Objective**

The objective of this club is to organise and lead walks along, mostly, public rights of way in quiet countryside for groups of naturists who enjoy walking.

### **3. Membership**

3.1 Membership is open to all interested persons over the age of 18 who agree to abide by this Constitution.

3.2 New walkers will be granted Provisional Membership until they have completed at least three successful walks with the Club over a period which includes the current year plus the previous two years (this includes walks held under the auspices of the Singles Outdoor Club during 2015 and 2014). After successfully completing three walks with the Club, they will be granted Full Membership, which gives them full voting rights at the AGM.

3.3 New walkers will be required to complete and sign a Registration Form requesting contact details. The walker's signature is an acknowledgement that the walker understands that they accept full responsibility for their own participation in the walks. All information collected will be treated as confidential under the terms of the Data Protection Act 1998.

3.4 The Committee (see 5.3 below) has the right to decline membership without giving a reason.

### **4. Subscriptions**

4.1 Subscriptions for all Members shall be fixed annually by the Committee.

4.2 All walkers (Full and Provisional Members) must pay the appropriate annual membership subscription fee on or before attending their first walk of any calendar year. This automatically gives them cover under the Club's insurance policy.

4.3 A Full Member with a lapsed membership, who wishes to re-join after missing the previous three full years of walks, will need to re-join as a Provisional Member.

4.4 The subscription year is from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March of the following year.

### **5. Management and Committee Structure**

5.1 The management, finances and control of the Club shall be vested in the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee of the Club shall consist of the Hon. Chairman, the Hon. Treasurer and the Hon. Secretary.

5.2 The remainder of the Committee shall consist of any number of Ordinary Members, duly elected from among the walk leaders. Each walk leader shall be appointed by the Committee and shall be a Full member of the Club.

5.3 The Executive Committee shall have power to co-opt additional committee members from the membership. The combined Executive Committee, Ordinary Committee Members and the co-opted committee members will be known as The Committee.

5.4 The Committee shall have power to appoint Sub-Committees and to determine their Terms of Reference and their powers.

5.5 All Committee members shall retire annually but shall be eligible for re-election.

### **6. Annual General Meeting**

6.1 In January of each year the Committee shall convene an Annual General Meeting of the Club. At least twenty-eight days notice shall be given in writing (including email) to each Member of the Club. All Members of the Club shall be entitled to attend an AGM, but only Full Members will be allowed to vote.

6.2 Matters to be considered at the AGM shall consist of:

- Receiving the Annual Report of the Committee and a statement of accounts for the previous year.
- Electing the Executive Committee and Ordinary Committee Members.

- Discussing and voting on motions, notice of which shall be given in writing (including email) to the Hon. Secretary at least fourteen days before the meeting.
- Voting on any proposals to amend this Constitution in accordance with clause 10.

6.3 The quorum for General Meetings (whether Annual or Extraordinary – see 7 below) shall be two members of the Executive Committee and at least three Full Members.

**7. Extraordinary General Meeting**

7.1 The Hon. Chairman or Hon. Secretary may at any time, and shall within twenty-one days of receiving a request to do so, signed by a minimum of 10 Full Members and giving reasons for the request, call an Extraordinary General Meeting.

7.2 At least fourteen days notice of such a meeting shall be given in writing (including email) to each Full Member of the Club and the notice of the meeting shall contain details of the matters to be discussed and the terms of any motions which it is intended to move. All Full Members of the Club shall be entitled to attend such a meeting and vote thereat.

**8. Finance**

The Hon. Treasurer shall keep proper financial accounts and shall keep the committee informed as to the financial state of the Club. The Financial Year shall be the Calendar Year.

**9. Dissolution**

If, in the event of the dissolution of the Club confirmed by a majority of those present and voting at a General Meeting of the Club, there remains, after the settlement of its debts and liabilities, any assets whatsoever, they shall be transferred to British Naturism.

**10. Amendments to the Constitution**

10.1 This Constitution shall only be amended at a General Meeting with the approval of 60% of those present and voting.

10.2 Any proposal for such amendment must be delivered in writing (including email) to the Hon. Secretary at least fourteen days before the meeting at which it is to be discussed. Details of the proposed amendment shall be published in the notice of the General Meeting.

**11. Expulsion of Members**

11.1 The Committee shall have the authority to expel any Member whose behaviour is prejudicial to the good name of the Club, or whose behaviour towards other Members is unacceptable.

11.2 Such expelled Members have the right of appeal to a General Meeting, provided they give notice in writing (including email) to the Hon. Secretary.

**12 Ratification of the Constitution**

This constitution was agreed at the Inaugural Meeting of the Naturist Ramblers Club held at The Oxford, 256 Kentish Town Road, NW5 2AA, on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

Name (Hon. Chairman) .....

Name (Hon. Secretary) .....

Signed .....

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