

THE WAYFARERS ASSOCIATION

Constitution as amended November 2003

Article:

1. The name of the Association shall be the "Wayfarers".
2. The object of the Association shall be to bring people together for the purpose of hiking.
3. Membership of the Association shall be open to all persons of 18 years and over who subscribe to the Association and who are duly proposed to the committee and approved by the Committee. These members recognise that hiking which includes hill walking and mountaineering, is an activity with a danger of personal injury and death. They shall be aware of and accept these risks and agree to be responsible for their own actions and involvement.
4. The Annual membership subscription shall be determined by an annual or special general meeting and shall be payable by standing members on 31st of October each year for the ensuing calendar year. The membership of any member who fails to pay the subscription by this date shall be deemed to have lapsed. After 1st June each year, part year membership rates apply, that is half the annual rate.
5. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Committee consisting of 5 officers of the Association; viz. the Chairman, the Assistant to the Chairman, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Editor and 3 other members; all of whom shall retire at the Annual General Meeting but shall be eligible for re-election.
6. No officer shall remain in the same office for more than three consecutive years.
7. The ex-Chairman shall automatically be entitled to one of the Committee places for the year after relinquishing the chairmanship.
8. The Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancies which may occur during the year.
9. The Committee shall meet at least once every 2 months and at any meeting of the Committee 5 members shall constitute a quorum and the Chairman shall have the casting vote.
10. Any member of the Committee who misses 2 consecutive meetings without reasonable cause will automatically cease to be a member of the Committee.
11. The Committee shall, but only on a majority of Committee members, have power to terminate the membership of any member for any conduct deemed likely to bring the Association into disrepute or for any conduct detrimental to the interests of the Association. A member shall receive due notice in writing of the intention of the Committee to terminate his membership and shall have the right if he so desires to present his case to the Committee in writing or personally.
12. The Chairman shall chair the meetings of the Committee, Annual General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings or if unable to do so he shall appoint a deputy from the Committee. The Chairman shall also be responsible, subject to the approval of the Committee, for making arrangements for the regular hiking programme. The Assistant to the Chairman shall - at the Committee's discretion - make arrangements for hard hikes, training, and other matters related to hiking activity.
13. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Association and attend to correspondence.
14. The Treasurer shall keep proper books of accounts and shall prepare an

- annual Income and Expenditure account and Balance Sheet for the financial year which shall end on 30th September each year.
15. The Annual General Meeting of the Association should normally be held in the month of October each year when the Committee shall present its report on the various activities of the Association and the financial statements for the previous year.
 16. The members of the Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and such business shall be transacted as is usual at Annual General Meetings. Six separate elections shall be held; one for each Officer position and another for the remaining Committee members.
 17. Two Honorary Auditors, who shall be appointed by the Committee not later than one month before the Annual General Meeting, shall examine and certify the annual accounts. The Auditors shall not be members of the outgoing Committee.
 18. All proposed amendments to the Constitution to be submitted to the Annual General Meeting must be proposed and seconded in writing and must be received by the Secretary on or before the closing date, which date to be decided by the Committee. The Committee shall make arrangements to display the names of candidates for the Committee at the Annual General Meeting. Names of candidates can be proposed and seconded at the Annual General Meeting.
 19. The Agenda for the Annual General Meeting shall be circulated to members at least 10 days beforehand.
 20. Subject to the Chairman's prior permission, a member of the Association may attend a Committee meeting for the purpose of raising an issue considered by that member to be of importance to the Association.
 21. A candidate for chairman should be a paid up member for two full subscription years, and preferably have already held a Committee position.
 22. The Editor shall inform the members of forthcoming events by means of a Bulletin, and shall be responsible primarily for production of the Bulletin.
 23. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by either 10% of the membership, or the Committee, or at the Annual General Meeting.
 24. The quorum for an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be 30% of the paid up membership.