

**1. Title**

1.1 The Club shall be called the OADBY HILLWALKING CLUB, hereafter to be referred to as "the Club".

**2. Objects**

2.1 The Club was formed in April 1973 to foster and promote Hillwalking and other social events for the benefit of its Members.

**3. Membership**

3.1 Membership of the Club shall be open to any person who:

3.1.1 Completes a membership application form and pays the relevant subscription fee as determined by the Annual General Meeting of Club Members, and,

3.1.2 Has satisfactorily completed three Club walks as a Guest.

3.2 Membership of the Club is limited to 100 Members, but this may be raised at the discretion of the Committee.

3.3 There shall be five classes of membership:

3.3.1 Full Member;

3.3.2 Junior Member (aged between 11 - 18 years)

3.3.3 Family Membership (up to 2 adults and up to 2 family members aged up to 18 and/or Full Time students aged up to 21 years.)

3.3.4 Honorary Member.

3.3.5 Full Time students 18 - 21 years

**4. Guests/Prospective New members**

4.1 Guests and Prospective Members are welcome to attend Club walks, subject to a Coach place being available and will be accepted at the discretion of the Committee. A levy will be charged for each walk.

4.2 Guests and Prospective new Members must attend three Club walks before being eligible for Membership. They are then expected to join the Club before attending further walks. Guests wishing to participate in Club Weekends must be accompanied by a Member.

4.3 It is the responsibility of a Member introducing a Guest to ensure that the Guest is properly equipped, capable and acquainted with the type of walking and terrain involved.

**5. Expulsion of Members**

5.1 Members of the Club whose conduct is inappropriate or who decline to abide by any of the Rules may be expelled or suspended by a resolution passed at a meeting of the Committee where upon their subscriptions may be forfeited.

**6. Walks**

6.1 Walks to be arranged on the first Sunday in each month or other such day as considered appropriate by the Committee.

6.2 Minimum of two weekend meetings to be arranged during the year, if support is forthcoming.

6.3 Leaders have the right to refuse to take a Member or Guest on a walk if they are of the opinion that the person is inadequately equipped or the terrain too difficult.

6.4 Persons under 18 years must be accompanied by a responsible parent/adult

6.5 Only registered assistance dogs may be taken on Coach walks. Dogs may be taken on Mid month walks by prior agreement of the walk leader

6.6 Members may book a seat for the next month's coach at the monthly Committee meeting. Any member who fails to get on one month's coach may immediately book for the next month's walk.

## **7. Officers**

7.1 The Officers of the Club shall be as follows:

Chairperson	}	
Secretary	}	Executive Officers
Treasurer	}	

Membership Secretary

Social Secretary

Walks Co-ordinator

## **8. Election of Officers**

8.1 All Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Club by a majority of the Members present and voting.

8.2 Nomination of candidates for election of Officers shall be made in writing to the Secretary at least 21 days in advance of the Annual General Meeting. Nominations can only be made by Full Members and must be seconded by another Full Member.

8.3 Two officers to retire each year by rotation.

8.4 All Officers are elected for a period of three years, but may be re-elected to the same office or another office for a further period of three years.

8.5 The office of Chair is for up to three years.

## **9. General Committee**

9.1 The affairs of the Club shall be controlled by a General Committee comprising the Executive Officers of the Club and three other Members elected from, and by, the Members of the Club. The General Committee shall meet at agreed intervals.

9.2 The duties of the General Committee shall be:

9.2.1 To control the affairs of the Club on behalf of the Members.

9.2.2 To keep accurate accounts of the finances of the Club through the Treasurer. These should be available for reasonable inspection by Members and should be approved before every Annual General Meeting. The Club shall maintain a bank current account and the following Officers shall be authorised

to sign Club cheques: two from the Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary

9.2.3 To co-opt additional members of the Committee as the Committee feels is necessary. Co-opted members shall not be entitled to a vote on the Committee.

9.2.4 To make decisions on the basis of a simple majority vote. In the event of equal votes, the Chairperson shall be entitled to an additional casting vote.

## **10. General Meetings**

10.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held not later than the end of May each year. Twenty-eight clear days written notice shall be given to Members of the Annual General Meeting by circulating a copy of the notice to every member at their home address. Members must advise the Secretary in writing of any business to be moved at the Annual General Meeting at least 21 days before a meeting. The Secretary shall circulate or give notice of the agenda for the meeting to Members not less than 14 days before the meeting.

10.2 The business of the Annual general Meeting shall be to:

10.2.1 Confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and any General Meetings held since the last Annual General Meeting.

10.2.2 Receive the approved accounts for the year from the Treasurer.

10.2.3 Receive the annual report of the Committee from the Secretary.

10.2.4 Elect the Officers of the Club (i.e. Chairperson; Secretary; Treasurer and other General Committee Members).

10.2.5 Review Club subscription rates and Coach Fares and agree them for the forthcoming year.

10.2.6 Transact such other business received in writing by the Secretary from Members 14 days prior to the meeting and included on the agenda.

10.3 Special General Meetings may be convened by the General Committee or on receipt by the Secretary of a request in writing, from not less than Twelve Full Members of the Club. At least 28 days notice of the meeting shall be given.

10.4 At all General Meetings, the Chair will be taken by the Chairperson or, in their absence, by a deputy appointed by the Full Members attending the meeting.

10.5 Decisions made at a General Meeting shall be by a simple majority of votes from those Full Members attending the meeting. In the event of equal votes, the Chairperson shall be entitled to an additional casting vote.

10.6 A quorum for a General Meeting shall be three Full Members and two Officers of the Club including one from the Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer.

10.7 Each Full Member of the Club shall be entitled to one vote at General Meetings.

10.8 Evening meetings to be arranged on a monthly basis, or as decided by the committee.

## **11. Insurance**

11.1 The Club shall hold Civil Liability Insurance.

11.2 Members may arrange their own Personal Accident/Death Insurance.

**12. Alterations to the Constitution**

12.1 Any proposed alterations to the Club Constitution may only be considered at an Annual or Special General Meeting, convened with the required written notice of the proposal. Any alteration or amendment must be proposed by a Full Member of the Club and seconded by another Full Member. Such alterations shall be passed if supported by not less than two-thirds of those Full Members present at the meeting, assuming that a quorum has been achieved.

**13. Dissolution**

13.1 If at any General Meeting of the Club, a resolution be passed calling for the dissolution of the Club, the Secretary shall immediately convene a Special General Meeting of the Club to be held not less than one month thereafter to discuss and vote on the resolution.

13.2 If at that Special General Meeting, the resolution is carried by at least two-thirds of the Full Members present at the meeting, the General Committee shall thereupon, or at such date as shall have been specified in the resolution, proceed to realise the assets of the Club and discharge all debts and liabilities of the Club.

13.3 After discharging all debts and liabilities of the Club, the remaining assets shall not be paid or distributed amongst the Full Members of the Club, but shall be donated to the National Park Mountain Rescue Teams of England and Wales.

JC Willard Treasurer February 2006 .

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Signed..... J. A. Fox ..... Dated..... 5-6-19 .....