

## **TACH Club Constitution**

**By Antony Clark in TACH (Town and Country Harriers)**

**1. NAME** This shall be the **TOWN AND COUNTRY HARRIERS**.

**2. OBJECTS** The objects of the club shall be:

- i) to promote amateur athletics, namely: trail running, multi-terrain, fell running, cross-country and road running;
- ii) to open up and promote off road routes for runners;
- iii) to negotiate access to private and public land for runners, directly and through intermediaries.

### **3. MEMBERSHIP**

- a) Membership is open to the whole community; anyone who wants to join may do so.
- b) The club shall consist of amateurs, according to the eligibility rule of the British Athletic Federation.
- c) Application for membership shall be made in writing to the club secretary and approved by a majority of the Management Committee.
- d) Each member shall pay a subscription decided in General Meeting.
- e) Subscriptions must be paid for the current year before the member can compete for the club except where the club choose to waive this rule.
- f) Any member guilty of misconduct (i.e. behaviour contrary to the constitution) may be cautioned once or expelled from the club by a majority decision of the Management Committee. Any person expelled will have the right to appeal to the Management Committee meeting called at his/her request not later than two weeks from the date of expulsion.
- g) BAF Rule 2. A notice of resignation must be made in writing to the club secretary and shall be considered by the Club within one calendar month of receipt. Membership shall be deemed to have ceased on the actual date of the tendering of the notice, unless the member be financially indebted to the club, in which case the acceptance shall be withheld until the indebtedness has been met. The date of resignation shall then be the date on which the debt was discharged.

### **4. MANAGEMENT**

- a) The Management Committee shall consist of Chairman, Club Secretary, Club Treasurer (plus other elected officials) and three members who will be elected in General Meeting.
- b) An Honorary President may also be chosen in General Meeting.
- c) The Management Committee shall meet at least four times a year.
- d) A quorum for the Management Committee shall be four.
- e) All decisions will be by a majority vote, the Chairman shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie.
- f) The Management Committee has the power to co-opt extra members up to a limit of three; to create trustees, and to form a sub-committee as and when considered necessary.
- g) The auditor of the accounts must not be a committee member or a person connected to a committee member.
- h) All surplus income or profits are re-invested in the club. No surpluses or assets will be distributed to members or to third parties. This does not prevent donations by the club to charities, to other clubs that are registered as community amateur sports clubs, or to any of the sport's various governing bodies.

### **5. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)**

- a) The AGM will be held during October. Four weeks advance notice of the meeting will be given on the club website. During the meeting the following business will be undertaken:
- i) The report will be read and discussed;
  - ii) The audited accounts will be presented;
  - iii) The officers and Management Committee will be elected.
- b) Motions to be discussed must be submitted in writing to the Club Secretary at least two weeks before the meeting.
- c) Standing orders or Rules may be changed by a two thirds majority decision.
- d) One quarter of all paid up full members will constitute a quorum. Second claim members are not eligible to vote.
- e) Only members of fourteen years and over will be eligible to vote.
- f) The Chairman shall have a casting vote.

## **6. CLUB COLOURS**

- a) The colours of the Club shall be predominantly green. Details of the design will be decided upon by the Management Committee.
- b) Club colours must be worn by all competitors representing the club at every competitive meeting.

## **7. AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION**

- a) The Management Committee may, by a two thirds majority at a quorate meeting, propose amendments to the Constitution. The changes may be made only at the AGM or an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) called for that purpose. Four weeks notice must be given for an EGM. A quorum consists of one-half of the membership. If the motion is passed by a two thirds majority the amendment to the Constitution will be adopted.
- b) Alternatively ten ordinary paid up and voting members may petition the Club Secretary in writing to call an EGM in which the conditions in 7(a) will apply with respect to calling the meeting and voting in it.
- c) Voting rights as at the AGM pertain.

## **8. DISSOLUTION**

- a) The Management Committee may, by a two thirds majority at quorate meeting, decide to dissolve the club. They must then call an EGM giving four weeks notice to all club members. If the motion is passed by a two thirds majority the club is then dissolved.
- b) Alternatively ten ordinary paid up voting members may petition the Club Secretary in writing, to call an EGM in which the conditions in 8(a) will apply with respect to calling the meeting and voting at it.
- c) Voting rights as at the AGM pertain.
- d) Upon dissolution any club assets (including funds) must be applied for approved sporting or charitable purposes as defined by the Revenue & Customs Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASC) guidance notes. These are: the purposes of the sport's governing body for use in related community sport; the purposes of another CASC; or the purposes of a charity. The choice of how to apply the club assets must be approved by the members of the club at the EGM at which the club is dissolved.

**9. THIS CONSTITUTION** was adopted at the Meeting held on 12th October 2006.

SIGNED:

CHAIRMAN

CLUB SECRETARY