



333 – Ogwen Valley Mountain Rescue Organisation Support Group



Constitution

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Preamble (to be removed following approval)

333 has an existing constitution and rules last modified in 2004.

The existing constitution states the following regarding changes to the document. These would need to be followed in order to adopt a new constitution.

- Alterations or additions to the Rules of the Group may be made only at an Annual General Meeting or an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting convened for the purpose. The draft of such alterations or additions shall be sent to every Member at least 7 days before such a meeting. Alterations or additions to resolutions may be proposed either before or at the meeting. The alterations or additions shall not be adopted save by a clear majority of Members present at the meeting and subject to ratification by the OVMRO Committee.

1 Introduction

333 was set up in 1997. The purpose of 333 is to help raise both the profile and funds for OVMRO. The numbers were chosen as they are the last three digits of our telephone number.

Members of 333 support OVMRO in providing a rescue service, even though they may not have the time, skills, experience, or fitness required to be operational members of OVMRO.

Members receive a membership card and a car sticker. 333 aims to have a social event three to four times a year in the form of accompanied walks, bike rides, fundraising events and the door to Oggie Base is usually open on Saturday and Sunday afternoons for members to visit. Members also receive a copy of the OVMRO to keep abreast of all things related to the Team.

333 operates as part of OVMRO and shares the governing procedures of OVMRO. All 333 activities must further the aims and objectives of 333 and OVMRO. Strengthening the close link between OVMRO and 333 will ensure 333 can continue to provide essential support for the Team.

2 Name

The Group shall be called “333 – Ogwen Valley Mountain Rescue Organisation Support Group”, hereinafter called 333.

3 Aims and Objectives

- To support Ogwen Valley Mountain Rescue CIO (OVMRO) financially.
- To provide members with information about OVMRO and its activities.
- To promote awareness of the activities of OVMRO, and mountain rescue in general.

4 Powers

333 operates with delegated authority from the Trustees and Committee of OVMRO. 333 may only carry out activities or hold events which have been approved in advance by the Committee of OVMRO.

333 must abide by the Constitution, rules, and policies of OVMRO.

333 may only spend charitable funds with the prior approval of the OVMRO Committee, and all expenditure must be to further the Aims and Objectives of 333. 333 must submit a budget to the Committee for approval each year. 333 will be subject to the same rules as OVMRO working groups with regards to spending inside and outside their budget.

5 Membership

5.1 Eligibility

Membership of 333 is open to anyone who is prepared to further the Aims and Objectives of 333.

A member may be an individual, a corporate body, or an individual or corporate body representing an organisation which is not incorporated.

5.2 Admission procedure

The 333 Committee will decide the procedure for membership applications.

Classes of membership and membership fees will be decided by the 333 Committee. Changes to membership fees must be ratified by the OVMRO Committee.

Honorary membership of 333 proposed and voted by the 333 Committee must be ratified by the OVMRO Committee.

5.3 Termination of membership

Membership of 333 comes to an end if:

1. The member dies; or in the case of an organisation, the organisation ceases to exist.
2. The member fails to pay their membership fee on time.
3. The member sends a notice of resignation to the 333 Secretary.
4. The 333 Committee decides it is in the best interest of 333 that the member is removed.

Before the 333 Committee takes a decision to remove someone from membership of 333, for any reason other than non-payment of membership fees, they must:

1. Inform the member of the reasons why it is proposed to remove their membership.
2. Give the member at least 21 days' notice in which to make representations to the 333 Committee as to why they should not be removed from the membership.
3. At a duly constituted meeting of the 333 Committee, consider whether the member should be removed from the membership.
4. Consider any representations at the meeting as to why the member should not be removed.
5. Allow the member or their representative to make those representations in person at the meeting.

A member whose membership has been removed may appeal to the OVMRO Trustees. The decision of the OVMRO Trustees will be final.

6 Management

333 will be managed by the 333 Committee. This will consist of:

- The Chair of OVMRO (ex-officio)
- The Treasurer of OVMRO (ex-officio)
- The Chair of 333
- The Secretary of 333
- A maximum of 6 other members of 333

The Chair of OVMRO, Treasurer of OVMRO, Chair of 333, and Secretary of 333 will be the Officers of 333.

333 Committee members, excluding ex-officio members, must be paid up members of 333.

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The 333 Committee will report to the Committee of OVMRO and will submit minutes of all meetings within 28 days of a meeting taking place.

The 333 Committee will be elected at a General Meeting of 333. The Chair and Secretary will be nominated by the Committee of OVMRO. The 6 other members will be proposed and seconded by members of 333 and will be subject to final ratification by the OVMRO Committee.

If the Chair or Secretary of the 333 Committee resigns the remaining 333 Committee members may co-opt a replacement until the next General Meeting, with the approval of the OVMRO Committee.

The Chair and Secretary will be elected for a 3-year term. All other 333 Committee members will be elected for a 1-year term.

333 Committee meetings can be called by the Chair, or any two members of the 333 Committee.

333 Committee members have the right to vote on all matters discussed by the 333 Committee. In the case of a tie, the Chair of the meeting has a casting vote.

The quorum for 333 Committee meetings is 4 members. At least one of the quorum must be an ex-officio member of the Committee.

The 333 Committee is responsible for day-to-day management of 333 in accordance with this constitution, and the constitution, rules, and policies of OVMRO.

The Committee and Trustees of OVMRO reserve the right to overrule decisions made by the 333 Committee.

7 Members' decisions

7.1 General Meetings

1. The Annual General Meeting will be held no more than 18 months after the previous Annual General Meeting.
2. The Annual General Meeting will receive reports from Officers of 333, and elect the 333 Committee.
3. The Secretary will provide 28 days' notice of a General Meeting to all members, requesting resolutions and nominations as necessary. This will be via email and OVMRO social media channels.
4. General Meetings can be attended by any member of 333 or OVMRO.
5. The agenda for a General Meeting will be sent to all members at least 14 days prior to a General Meeting. This must include the following where applicable:
 - a. The date and time of the meeting.
 - b. The address where the meeting will take place.
 - c. Details of any resolution to be moved at the meeting.
 - d. The text of any proposed change to the 333 Constitution.
 - e. Details of nominations for elected posts.

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- f. Accounts or reports to be presented at the meeting.
- 6. A General Meeting of 333 may be called when:
 - a. The 333 Committee consider it necessary
 - b. Upon receipt of a request detailing the reasons, signed by at least 30% of the members. The 333 Secretary must respond to any such request that is not frivolous or vexatious within 14 days.
- 7. The Chair of 333 shall chair General Meetings. If they are not able to do so those present will elect a Chair to preside at the meeting.
- 8. The quorum for General Meetings of 333 is 15 members. Proxy votes will be counted when establishing a quorum. No business can be conducted if a quorum is not present.
- 9. Minutes of General Meetings will be circulated to all members of 333 and OVMRO within 28 days of a meeting.

7.2 Voting rights

Each member has a single vote at General Meetings of 333.

Eligibility to vote is limited to members who were members when a proposal was first circulated.

Voting will be by a show of hands unless the Chair or 10% of the members present request a poll.

A proxy vote must be returned to the 333 Secretary at least 7 days before a meeting. It must state:

- 1) The name, address, and membership number of the member appointing the proxy.
- 2) The person appointed to be the member's proxy.
- 3) Be signed by the member appointing the proxy.
- 4) Be delivered as detailed in the notice of the meeting.

Proxy votes may (but do not have to) specify how the proxy appointed is required to vote on one or more resolutions.

Members of 333 have no right to attend meetings of OVMRO, or to vote on matters relating to OVMRO.

8 Alteration of the Constitution

This constitution may only be amended with the prior approval of the OVMRO Committee and Trustees. A General Meeting of 333 must also approve changes to the Constitution.

9 Dissolution

333 may only be dissolved by the OVMRO Committee and Trustees.

10 Document control

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| 0.3 | 29/01/2023 | Allow 333 the same spending power as OVMRO working groups |