

## **333 – Ogwen Valley Mountain Rescue Organisation Support Group Rules**

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### **1. Title**

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

### **2. Aims and Objectives**

To enable members to support the Ogwen Valley Mountain Rescue Organisation (“OVMRO”) financially through membership fees and fund raising, and materially by provision of goods and services.

To provide members with information about OVMRO and its activities. To promote awareness of the activities of Mountain Rescue and specifically the OVMRO to the general public.

### **3. Membership**

- A) The Group shall consist of Corporate, Personal, Family, Senior Citizen (OAP) Members and Honorary Members. Membership shall not be restricted on grounds of age, sex, and race or of political, religious or other opinions. Membership is open to any person who is prepared to accept, support and serve the needs of the Group.
- B) Membership will be conditional on Members continuing to pay their annual subscription fee, except Honorary Members who pay no fee.
- C) Honorary Membership shall be awarded at the discretion of the OVMRO and 333 Committees, together with any future changes to Patrons of the Group.
- D) In the event of any Member no longer satisfying the criteria for continuing membership, or, in the opinion of the Committee, bringing the Group into disrepute, the Committee may terminate membership. The Member involved shall be given written notice of the committee meeting at which the business is to be discussed and shall be given a written statement of the matters to be considered. The Member concerned shall be entitled to address that meeting or, if unable to attend, to request one adjournment.
- E) Any Member who has been given notice of termination of membership shall have the right to appeal to a General Meeting provided that notice of appeal is given to the Secretary within 21 days of the member being notified of the decision of the Committee.

### **4. Management and Organisation**

- A) The Chairman, or Madam Chairman, of OVMRO, or their representative, will be ex officio a member of the Group Committee. The Treasurer of OVMRO, or his, or her representative, will be ex officio a member of the Group Committee and will act as treasurer of the Group.
- B) Officers: - The Officers of the Group shall be The Chairman and the Secretary who shall be elected biennially at the Annual General Meeting of the Group. In the event of an Officer resigning the Committee shall seek to co-opt a replacement. If the Chairman resigns the Committee shall seek nominations and shall organise a ballot at the earliest opportunity.
- C) The Management Committee:- The Management Committee of the Group (hereinafter called the Committee) shall consist of:-
  - i) The ex officio members (being the OVMRO Chairman, or Madam Chairman, or their representative, and the OVMRO/333 Treasurer, or the Treasurer’s representative).
  - ii) The Officers (being the Chairman and the Secretary).
  - iii) Maximum of six representative members of the Group who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

Starting with the A.G.M. of 1998 the Chairman, Madam Chairman, and three representative members will stand for election to office for a 2-year period. This will then continue biennially. At the 1999 A.G.M. the Secretary and the remaining three representative members will stand for election to office for a 2 year period. This will then continue biennially.

- D) Committee meetings shall be called as arranged at the previous Committee meeting or at the request of any two members of the Committee. At the meetings, the elected Officers, Members and the Officers representative have the right to speak and vote on any matter. Co-opted Members only have the right to speak and vote on the subject for which they are co-opted. No Member shall vote on motions of discipline concerning themselves. In the event of the voting being equal on a particular motion, the Chairman shall have a casting vote. A quorum for all Committee meetings shall be five members of the Committee. Members of the Committee shall bring to the notice of the Committee any complaints, ideas

or suggestions made to such Committee Members by any other Member or Members of the Group regardless of his own opinion of such a suggestion or complaint.

- E) Powers of the Management Committee: - The Committee is responsible for the general management and policy decisions of the Group in accordance with these Rules and subject to the direction of the Group from the Annual General Meetings and to its own standing orders and procedures from time to time in force.

It may also: -

- i) Acquire and dispose of property with the permission of the OVMRO Treasurer.
- ii) Expenditure will be under the control of the OVMRO Treasurer.
- iii) Establish such Sub Committees and co-opt Members for specific functions as may be deemed necessary.
- iv) Receive reports from any organised groups within and from without the Group at regular intervals.

## **5. Finance**

- A) The Finance and accounting shall be under the control of the Treasurer.
- B) The financial year shall end on 31<sup>st</sup> December and all accounts shall be made up to that date but the Treasurer will submit a financial statement to the Annual General Meeting.

## **6. Annual and Extra-Ordinary General Meetings**

- A) The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the Autumn of each year for the purpose of receiving reports of the Officers, the election of Officers and Committee and any other relevant business.
- B) The Secretary shall furnish every member with notice of the Annual General Meeting and a request for any resolutions and nominations for the posts of Officers and Committee Members. The Secretary shall give 28 days notice of such a meeting.
- C) Resolutions and nominations with proposers and seconders and any other business for the A.G.M. including postal votes for election of Committee Members shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary no less than 7 days before the Annual General Meeting.
- D) The Agenda for the Annual General Meeting, together with all supporting papers shall be issued at the Annual General Meeting. Relevant documentation, if required, will be provided, and dispatched, by the Secretary on written request prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- E) If no nominations have been received prior to the Annual General Meeting then nominations may be accepted from the meeting.
- F) Extra-Ordinary General Meetings shall be called on any of the following instances:-
  - i) When the Management Committee considers it necessary.
  - ii) Upon receipt of a request signed by at least 30% of the Members.
  - iii) When the Secretary is notified of an appeal as allowed in Section 3 of these Rules.
- G) Any request for an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting shall specify the business to be reviewed and no other business shall be discussed at such meetings. Members shall be given 21 days notice of any Extra-Ordinary General Meeting and the notice shall specify the reason for the meeting.
- H) A quorum for Annual and Extra-Ordinary General Meetings shall be 10 Members. Postal votes shall be deemed to count as though the person is present for the purposes of obtaining a quorum.
- I) Voting rights applying shall be as follows:-
  - i) One vote per Corporate Membership.
  - ii) One vote per Family Membership.
  - iii) One vote per Personal/OAP/Honorary Membership.

## **7. Rules**

- A) 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.

## **8. Dissolution**

The Group shall only be dissolved in consultation with the OVMRO Committee.