



PENINSULA RAMBLERS

Constitution and Rules

1. The name of the Club shall be the Peninsula Ramblers.
2. The Objects of the Club shall be:
 - To promote and organise hikes, camps and other social or sporting activities for members
 - To preserve the natural beauty of the spots visited and to take the utmost precautions to prevent fires.
3. The Club shall be governed by the following:
 - Honorary Chairman
 - Honorary Secretary
 - Honorary Treasurer
 - Four additional committee members (honorary), one or two to be appointed as programme coordinators. (AGM 4 March 1998)
 - i) Chairman to open a General Meeting of the Club
 - ii) The Treasurer shall furnish a detailed financial statement of the affairs of the Club during the previous year at the Annual General Meeting, or at such other times as the Executive Committee may request, and a financial report at all Executive Committee meetings.
 - iii) Any expenditure of more than one third of the Club's funds on any single project shall be authorised by a two-thirds majority at a Special General Meeting of the Club.
 - iv) The annual financial statement and books shall be scrutinised and checked prior to an Annual General Meeting by one or more members as appointed by the Executive Committee. (AGM 6 March 1980)
 - v) The Executive Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Club and shall hold office for one year.
 - vi) Election of the members of the Executive Committee shall be by ballot unless elected unanimously.
4. At each Annual General Meeting, the retiring Executive Committee shall be eligible for re-election. The Chairman shall not be eligible for re-election to the same office for the third successive year.
5. The Executive Committee shall have the power to co-opt members to fill vacancies in its ranks during the year.
6. The Executive Committee shall have the power to appoint sub-committees to deal with various branches of the Club's activities.
7. At any Executive Committee meeting, five members shall constitute a quorum.
8. There shall also be a General Purposes Committee consisting of a Convenor and seven other members, the duties of which shall be to cater and make all the necessary arrangements for the

running of camps, socials and other events decided on by the Executive Committee. (AGM 6 March 1980)

9. The General Purposes Committee shall also be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
10. The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in March of each year.
11. All members must be advised by the Secretary of any General Meeting at least three weeks in advance and shall be supplied with an agenda.
12. The Executive Committee shall have the power at any time to call a General Meeting.
13. At the written request of not less than one third of the members of the Club, the Secretary shall call a Special General Meeting.
14. The members requesting the Special General Meeting must state, in full in their request, all the matters they wish to have discussed at such a meeting.
15. Only Club members shall be entitled to vote at meetings of the Club.
16. Minutes shall be kept of all Annual General Meetings, Special Meetings, General Meetings and Executive Committee Meetings. The Minutes of any Annual General Meeting and Special General Meeting shall be read at the following Annual General Meeting. The Minutes of any Executive Committee Meeting shall be read at the following Committee Meeting.
17. Membership is open to persons over the age of 15 years. (AGM March 1988)
18. Applications for membership must be made to the Secretary, in writing, and must be proposed and seconded by two members, one of whom should be a member of the Executive Committee. Application forms must be accompanied by entrance fees and the appropriate subscription (as indicated in the relevant rules), but should the Committee not accept an applicant, the entrance fee and subscription shall be refunded.
19. No person shall be accepted as a member unless his / her application has been approved by the Executive Committee with not more than two dissenting votes. In this connection the decision of the Executive Committee shall be final and the Committee shall not be required to give reasons for such decisions.
20. No person shall be accepted as a member unless he / she has attended at least three Club hikes to the satisfaction of the Committee member on the hike. (AGM 5 March 1997)
21. The Executive Committee shall have the power to elect suitable persons to be Honorary Members of the Club, either temporary or permanent, such Honorary Members being exempt from the payment of any Entrance Fee or Subscription.
22. The Executive Committee may propose as an Honorary Life Member any member who has rendered extraordinary services to the Club, such Member being exempt from any further subscriptions but nevertheless retaining all privileges. Such an appointment shall be confirmed at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting, and by a two-thirds majority vote.
23. At the discretion of the Executive Committee, whose decision shall be final, a member of not less than ten years standing may purchase, for the sum of not less than ten times the sum of the current annual membership fee, life membership of the Club. Life membership shall commence on the 1st April next, following acceptance by the Executive Committee of the application, which shall be addressed to the Honorary Secretary in writing. All rules relating to an ordinary member shall

apply to a Life Member, except that a Life Member shall be exempt from the payment of any further annual subscriptions. (AGM 2 March 1994)

24. The Entrance Fee and Annual Subscription shall be as decided at the discretion of the Executive Committee. (AGM 2 March 1994)
25. Any member whose subscription is six months overdue and who fails to pay the subscription within one month of due notification shall, unless otherwise decided by the Executive Committee, cease to be a member of the Club. (EGM 17 January 1994)
26. The subscriptions for country members resident more than 40 kilometres from the City Hall may, on application and at the discretion of the Executive Committee, be reduced. (AGM 3 March 1983)
27. If, at any time after the acceptance of a member, it is found that such member was accepted under a misapprehension, mistake as to identity or as a result of incorrect information having been given, the Executive Committee shall have the power to cancel such acceptance and the person shall have no claim whatsoever against the Club.
28. A cloth Club badge suitable to attach to rucksacks and jackets shall be available to members at a cost to be determined by the Executive Committee. (AGM 7 March 1991) The badge remains the property of the Club and is returnable on cessation of membership. In the event of a badge being lost the Secretary must be notified in writing immediately. A new badge may be hired for a further fee after a period of three months has elapsed.
29. On all hikes organised by the Club, members must obey the leader for the day and at all times give him / her assistance and full cooperation. He shall appoint sub-leaders as necessary and at all times designate a responsible person to be "last man". (AGM 6 March 1980) All persons taking part in Club activities do so entirely at their own risk and are required to adhere to the rules of the Peninsula Ramblers Club. (Revised AGM 1 March 1990)
30. The decision of the leader regarding the route to be followed shall be final.
31. Members attending Club functions must at all times respect public and private property. Members shall be held personally responsible for any damage caused by them.
32. Should any member of the Club disobey these rules or act in any manner detrimental to the interests of the Club, he / shall be called upon to appear before the Executive Committee who may deal with the matter in whatever manner it deems fit.
33. Amendments to these rules may only be made by a majority vote of two thirds of the members at a General Meeting of the Club. Notice of any proposed amendment shall be included in the agenda.