

CONSTITUTION OF THE PUKATOI MOUNTAIN



INCORPORATION.

NAME.  
1. The name of the club shall be "The Pukatol Mountain Club Incorporated".

INTERPRETATION.  
2. In the wording of this constitution the masculine form shall be susceptible also of a feminine interpretation; the word "club" shall mean "The Pukatol Mountain Club Incorporated"; "committee", unless qualified to give a different meaning, shall mean "General Committee" as defined in Section 13; "member", unless qualified to give a different meaning, shall mean "member of the club".

OBJECTS.  
3. (a) To encourage and facilitate walking, climbing, mountaineering, and skiing but always subject to (d) and (e).  
(b) To organise and facilitate shooting under proper control and rules so that this interest also may be an acceptable and legitimate one to shooters desiring the advantage and facilities of a club, but always subject to (d) and (e).  
(c) To encourage and facilitate such field interests as accord with object (a), such as botany, photography, etc. but always subject to (d) and (e).  
(d) To preserve and protect the native flora and the natural scenic properties of the bush and the country generally.  
(e) To preserve and protect the native fauna, except for such shooting of native game as may be permitted by the Government from time to time, such shooting to be subject to the rules of the club.  
(f) To encourage and facilitate social intercourse between members.  
(g) To build and maintain huts and resorts, and to cut tracks; and to co-operate with other clubs, and to invest funds, and to do such other acts as may reasonably accord with the above objects, but always subject to (d) and (e).

MEMBERSHIP.  
4. (a) All persons declared to be members at a general meeting held on Saturday, 24th November, 1951, shall be deemed to have been elected members of this club.  
(b) Persons interested in the objects of the club shall be eligible for membership on the recommendation in writing of one or two members as the General Committee may determine and may be elected by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at a meeting of the committee, provided that the committee may require such proof or tests of walking, mountaineering, shooting, or skiing interest or ability as it may think fit.  
(c) Membership shall be subject to the clauses relating to payment of subscriptions, and may be qualified by the provisions of Section 10.7  
(d) Notice shall be given or sent within thirty days advising each new member of his election.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP.  
5. On a motion of which previous notice has been given to the committee or on the committee's recommendations, any person who has rendered special service to the club or to the furtherance of its objects may be elected to life membership by two thirds of those present and voting at a general meeting of the club. Life membership shall have full privileges, but shall be exempt from payment of the subscription. Life and Foundation Members shall get preferential bookings in the club hut.

SUBSCRIPTION.  
6. (a) The subscription shall be as may be determined by a general meeting from time to time.  
(b) The due date for payment of the subscription in the case of a new member shall be the date upon which the notice is sent advising him of his election. The due date in other cases shall be the first day of the financial year.  
(c) The committee may at its discretion require advance payment of subscriptions with applications for membership, subject to such later refund or rebate as may be necessary due to delay or failure to elect.

SUBSCRIPTION (Continued)

(d) The committee may remit all or part of the subscription in the case of hardship, in the case of outstanding service to the club, or in the case of absence from New Zealand for a period of more than six months. Members whose subscriptions are remitted for any of these reasons shall be deemed financial members.

FINANCIAL AND UNFINANCIAL MEMBERS.

7. (a) New members whose subscriptions are paid and other members whose subscriptions are not more than six months overdue, shall be deemed to be financial members; except as provided in Section 5 and Section 6 (d) all other members shall be deemed to be unfinancial members.

(b) Unfinancial members may not vote at general meetings except by the consent of a majority of the financial members present.

(c) The committee may at its discretion exercise any of the following powers in respect to unfinancial members - It may impose a penalty of sixpence per month up to double the subscription for the period during which a member remains unfinancial; it may exclude such members from acting on the committee or any sub-committee; it may withhold notices or publications; it may require financial members to be given preference on trips; it may terminate the membership of unfinancial members.

RESIGNATION.

8. Any member may resign his membership by giving notice to the Secretary in writing to that effect.

EXPULSION.

9. The committee may expel any member disobeying the rules of the club, or seriously disregarding the constitution, or guilty in its opinion of gross misconduct; provided that before expelling him the committee shall give him an opportunity to appear before it and make such explanation as he may reasonably wish in his own defence.

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP IF UNFINANCIAL.

10. As provided in Section 7 (c) the committee may terminate the membership of any unfinancial member. It may do so without notice to the member.

MANAGEMENT.

11. Subject to anything elsewhere laid down in this constitution or to any instructions from a general meeting, the entire management of the club and of its property, including the control and investment of funds, shall rest in the hands of the General Committee. The committee shall, from time to time appoint two trustees, one of whom shall be the Treasurer to operate bank accounts on behalf of the club.

RIGHTS OF RESTRICTION.

12. The General Committee may limit the privileges of certain members or classes of members in reasonable ways as in the exclusion from certain trips of those considered unfit, exclusion from clubroom for a period after commencement of a function, hiring out of equipment only to those who need it or will look after it, or to financial members and so on.

GENERAL COMMITTEE.

13. (a) The General Committee shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer and such other special officers and/or further committee members as may be elected at a general meeting or later appointed by the committee itself. One member may hold two or more offices.

(c) The committee may appoint any member to fill any vacancy until the next general meeting.

MEETINGS OF GENERAL COMMITTEE.

14. A meeting of the general committee may be called at any time by the President or Secretary and shall be called within fourteen days of the receipt of a requisition signed by two members of the committee.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

15. (a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held once in each financial year. The business shall be the election of officers and such other business as may properly be put before the meeting.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (Continued).

(b) Nomination for office shall be subject to such notice as the committee may require and shall be with the consent of the nominee. Outgoing officers, unless they decline, shall be deemed to be re-nominated. An outgoing president unless he declines shall be ex-officio Vice President for the year.

(c) No person shall be nominated unless he has been duly elected a member of the club.

(d) Other business shall be subject to such notice of motion as the committee may require.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

16. The committee may at any time convene an extraordinary general meeting, and shall do so within one calendar month of a request to the secretary in writing, specifying the proposed business and signed by six financial members.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

17. (a) Notice of any meeting of the committee shall be given to each member of the committee at least forty-eight hours beforehand. Notice of general meetings shall be given to all members of the club at least seven days beforehand.

(b) "Given" for this purpose shall mean put in the post so that in the ordinary course of events delivery of the notice should be received at the appointed time.

QUORUM.

18. (a) The quorum at a meeting of the General Committee shall be 50% of the committee.

(b) The quorum at a general meeting shall be 25% of the financial members.

METHOD OF VOTING.

19. (a) The method of voting at general meetings and committee meetings shall in all cases be at the discretion of the chairman, except as otherwise decided by a majority of those present.

(b) Except where otherwise laid down in this constitution any motion shall be deemed carried by a bare majority vote.

CHAIRMAN AND RULING AGAINST THE CHAIR.

20. (a) The President shall be chairman at all meetings if he is present. In his absence a Vice-President shall take his place. Any member may demand a vote which shall thereupon be taken against any ruling of the chairman. The decision of the meeting shall stand.

(b) The chairman shall at all times have an ordinary and a casting vote.

ALTERATION OF THE CONSTITUTION.

21. The constitution may be repealed, altered, or added to by resolution at a general meeting. In this connection the committee may require and publish such notice or notices of motion as it may deem expedient.

DUTIES OF SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

22. The Secretary and Treasurer shall keep such records and books of accounts as may from time to time be required by the committee.

FINANCIAL YEAR.

23. The financial year shall begin on the first day of April in each year.

STATEMENT.

24. A statement of Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheet together with an Annual Report shall be prepared. These documents shall be available to members at the Annual General Meeting.

DUTIES OF MEMBERS.

25. Except where it is not reasonably possible or where considerable service is already being rendered to the club, all members shall be expected to do their bit in the way of clubroom duties, and duties at other club functions, and it shall be competent for the Social Secretary or other nominee of the social committee with the approval of the General Committee, to notify members accordingly.

ADDRESSES OF MEMBERS.

26. Every member shall, on joining, supply the Secretary with his address, and shall give notice of later changes of address. All notices posted to the latest addresses obtained from members shall be considered as duly sent.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY.

27. The club shall not be responsible for acts of its members which may lead to death, disablement, or injury and/or damage to or loss of property either of members or others.

DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY ON WINDING UP.

28. Upon the winding up of the club, its property and funds shall be disposed of as decided by a general meeting of members, which shall be convened (if not otherwise held) for the purpose, or failing any such resolution, the committee may act in the matter.

COMMON SEAL.

29. The common seal of the club shall be affixed to any document only by special resolution of the General Committee and shall be attested by the President and one Vice-President.  
The Secretary shall have custody of the common seal.

POWER TO BORROW.

30. The club shall have power to borrow money if consent of 75% of a General Meeting is obtained.



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