



# Constitution of the Dublin Mountains Initiative

## **1. Name**

**1.1** The name of the organisation shall be the Dublin Mountains Initiative, hereafter referred to as the DMI.

## **2. Objectives of DMI.**

**2.1** The DMI shall actively seek to develop, create and foster an outdoor recreational park in the Dublin Mountains.

**2.2** The DMI believes that such a park should be developed and managed in a sustainable manner with particular attention being paid to maintaining and improving the integrity and aesthetic value of the mountain environment.

**2.3** The DMI believes that the creation of such an outdoor recreational park should be made in co-operation and consultation with the existing public and private landowners.

**2.4** As well as representing the views of its member bodies the DMI will also seek to represent non-affiliated participants in these activities.

## **3. Membership of DMI.**

**3.1** The founding membership of the DMI consists of the following organisations:-

- i) The Mountaineering Council of Ireland
- ii) Scouting Ireland
- iii) The Irish Mountain Running Association
- iv) Mountain Biking Ireland
- v) The Irish Orienteering Association

**3.2** It is open to the following to apply to the DMI for full membership (henceforth referred to as Full Members):-

- i) National representative bodies of outdoor recreational activities.
- ii) Local outdoor recreational groups that use the Dublin Mountains (but are not represented by a national representative body).

**3.3** It is also open to all bodies or individuals with an interest in the provision of recreational facilities in the Dublin Mountains to apply for associate membership.

**3.4** Acceptance of an application for membership shall be by a two-thirds majority of Full Members present at a General Meeting (see 4.2 below). For an application to be successful the applicants' aims must align with the objectives in Section 2 above.

**3.5** A member organisation or individual can only be expelled by a two thirds majority of those Full Members present at a GM.

**3.6** Membership Fees for each of the member organisations will be set by the committee.

#### **4. Meetings**

**4.1** Routine committee meetings may be called by the chairperson or by one of the Full Members. The working practice notice period for such meetings shall be seven days; the minimum notice period shall be three days.

**4.2** General Meetings (GM) can be called by the chairperson or by one of the Full Members. The notice period for a GM shall be twenty one days.

**4.3** An Annual General Meeting shall be held before the thirty-first of October each year. This meeting will be open to all members of the DMI and to all members of its constituent organisations.

#### **5. Management of the DMI**

**5.1** Each constituent Full Member shall have the right to nominate two representatives from its own members (henceforth referred to as 'representatives'). In the event that a representative has to resign, the relevant organisation has the right to nominate a replacement representative.

**5.2** The committee of the DMI is defined as being the representatives plus any other individual co-opted onto it by a majority vote of Full Members (see 5.7 below).

**5.3** Management of the DMI is entrusted to the committee who must act in accordance with the constitution and rules of the DMI.

**5.4** All decisions by the committee shall be by consensus – or if consensus does not exist, by a vote. Voting on the committee shall be limited to one vote per Full Member.

**5.5** A properly constituted committee meeting requires a quorum of the chairperson (or their nominee) plus three Full Members. Decisions may then be passed by a simple majority vote of those Full Members present at the meeting plus proxy votes (which must be cast by e mail to the chairperson (or their nominee) by noon on the day of a meeting).

**5.6** In the event of any tied vote the chairperson (or their nominee) has the casting vote (whether they are a representative or a co-opted individual).

**5.7** The committee may co-opt any other individual outside the member organisations, to any post deemed necessary to further the goals and aims of the DMI. This process to be by a simple majority of Full Members and valid until the next AGM.

**5.8** A Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected from amongst the committee members at an AGM to serve until the subsequent AGM.

**5.9** The Chairperson of the DMI (or their nominee – who must be a committee member) will preside over and chair all meetings of the committee and general meetings of the organisation and will take overall responsibility for reporting to the AGM.

**5.10** The Secretary of the DMI shall take full responsibility for all correspondence relating to the DMI. They will have the responsibility of giving adequate notice of general and committee meetings to attendees as well as furnishing an agenda and any other items of inclusion. The secretary shall also record the minutes of meetings and ensure their distribution to the relevant parties.

**5.11** The Treasurer will be responsible for budgeting and will account for all income and outgoings for the DMI. They will also take responsibility for the setting up and maintaining of a banking account.

## **6. Amendments to the Constitution of the DMI**

**6.1** A motion to amend to the constitution may be submitted by any member of the committee. All such motions shall be voted on at a GM - the minimum notice period for the GM (and all suggested amendments) shall be twenty-one days.

**6.2** The constitution can only be amended by a two thirds majority of Full Members present at a GM.

## **7. Dissolution of DMI**

**7.1** The DMI can be dissolved by a two thirds majority of those Full Members present at a GM.

**7.2** After the discharge of liabilities all remaining assets will be distributed as follows:-

- i) If possible they will be returned to their source.
- ii) If this is not possible or practical they will be transferred to an organisation with similar objectives to the DMI.