CONSTITUITION OF CLWB RHEDWYR HEBOG RUNNING CLUB

1. Title

a. The Club shall be known as Clwb Rhedwyr Hebog Running Club (here in after to be referred to as 'Rhedwyr Hebog'.

2. Objectives

The objectives of the Club shall be:

To encourage the practice, promotion, development and participation of amateur athletics in Porthmadog and the wider community.

To provide training and coaching for members.

To organise open club running races.

To organise teams to represent the Club in championships and leagues and in such other competitions as the Committee shall decide.

The Club shall cater for the following athletics disciplines: Road Running, Cross-Country Running, Fell Running and Trail running.

The Club shall seek to be affiliated to national and regional amateur athletic bodies as the Committee consider appropriate in order to carry out the objectives of the Club.

3. Membership

Membership of the Club shall be open to persons who are amateurs as defined by UK athletics governing bodies at that time, regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis. The club will honour its legal obligations not to discriminate and will regard discrimination by any employee, participant or volunteer as grounds for appropriate disciplinary action.

Each membership application must be made by on-line electronic submission using the appropriate website and application form. The appropriate subscription must accompany the application for membership.

Any member wishing to resign from the Club must do so in writing and will thus forfeit any remaining subscription thus paid. Resignation will not be accepted if the member is financially indebted to the Club, i.e. has not paid their subscription for the current year and resignation will be withheld until the debt has been paid.

The Committee shall have the power to suspend or exclude any member for contravention of this constitution, documented rules or published codes of conduct that may exist at that time. In exercising these powers the Committee shall adhere to the Club's disciplinary procedures. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the members.

4. Welfare Statement

The club recognises its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all who are in the membership of the club. The club will aim to provide good quality activities/training opportunities in a safe environment by adopting the procedures and working practices of the Welsh Athletics Association.

5. Subscriptions

Annual subscriptions shall become payment on date of initial membership via appropriate club affiliation website and therefore annual from that given date. The amount being determined by the Club AGM.

The Club will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.

6. Management

The management of the Club shall be vested in a Committee that shall consist of the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary who shall be Officers of the Club together with a maximum of ten other members.

Five elected Committee members are required for a quorum for a Committee meeting to take place providing the Chairman or Secretary is also present.

The Committee shall have the power to fill vacancies if they arise and to co-opt members for particular projects, but co-opted members shall not have a Committee vote.

The Committee shall also have the power to establish any sub Committee deemed appropriate to assist in meeting the objectives of the Club, and to delegate to these sub Committees such duties as may be deemed appropriate.

The Committee shall have the power to appoint individuals to perform specific duties on behalf of the Committee, and to delegate to those individuals such duties as they consider appropriate.

7. Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held annually as dictated by the practical circumstances applicable at that time.

At the AGM the meeting will:

Receive the annual report of the Secretary.

Receive the financial statements and the Treasurers report.

Consider any amendments to the constitution of which due notice has been given to all members. Any proposed change to the constitution must be received by the Secretary at least 14 days preceding the meeting in order that all members shall have sufficient notice of the proposal.

Transact any other notified business.

At least 21 days' notice shall be given to members of the date, venue and agenda items for the AGM.

8. Extra-Ordinary General Meeting

An EGM may be called by the Committee to discuss changes to the Constitution and Rules or any other Club business too urgent to wait for the AGM.

An AGM must be called if 25% of voting members so petition the Secretary in writing.

Three weeks' notice of an EGM must be given to all the members by email or in writing together with motion/s to be discussed. No other business shall be conducted.

9. Finance

The financial year of the Club shall end on 31st December.

All funds belonging to the Club shall be deposited with a bank or building society in accounts that shall carry the Club title. All accounts shall operate on two signatories, one of whom will be the Treasurer and the other either the Chairman or Secretary.

Expenditure above agreed budget levels may only be authorised at a Committee meeting.

10. Property and Funds

The property and funds of the Club cannot be used for the direct or indirect private benefit of the members other than as reasonably allowed by the Rules and all surplus income or profits are reinvested in the Club.

The Club may provide sporting and related social facilities, sporting equipment, coaching, courses, insurance cover, medical treatment, travel expenses and other ordinary benefits of Community Amateur Sports Clubs as provided by the Finance Act 2002.

The Club may also in connection with the sports purposes of the Club:

Sell and supply food, drink and related sports clothing and equipment.

Employ members and remunerate them for providing goods and services, on fair terms set by the Committee without the person concerned being present.

Pay for reasonable hospitality for visiting guests.

Indemnify the Committee and members acting properly in the course of the running of the Club against any liability incurred in the proper running of the Club (but only to the extent of its assets).

The Committee will have due regard to the law on disability discrimination and child protection.

11. Winding Up

The members may vote to wind up the Club if not less than three quarters of those present and voting support the proposal at a properly convened general meeting.

The Committee will then be responsible for the orderly winding up of the Club's affairs.

After settling all liabilities of the Club, the Committee shall dispose of the net assets remaining to one or more of the following:

To another Club with similar sports purposes which is a registered charity and/or

To another Club with similar sports purposes which is a registered CASC and/or

To the Club's national governing body for use by them for related community sports.

12. Alterations to the Constitution

The Constitution may be altered but only by a resolution passed by two-thirds of those present and voting at an AGM or an EGM called for that purpose.