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RULES.

1. The Club shall be called the Ladies' Alpine Club.

2. The aim of the Club shall be the promotion of good fellowship among mountaineers, of mountain climbing throughout the world, of wider knowledge of the mountains through literature, science and art, and the supply of information and advice on mountaineering.

MEMBERSHIP.

3. Ladies are eligible for membership of the Club who in the opinion of the Committee have shewn a practical knowledge of mountaineering, or have contributed to the science, art, or literature of mountain regions.

4. The Club shall consist of Ordinary and Graduating Members (Rules 15-18) and Honorary Members (Rule 30). The Ordinary and Graduating Members shall consist of:

- (a) Home Members, resident in the United Kingdom.
- (b) Foreign Members, resident elsewhere.

5. All Members shall be entitled to attend the General Meetings and Dinners of the Club, to use the Club rooms and Library, subject to the regulations, and to receive the Club notices.

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6. Every Ordinary and Graduating Member shall on election pay an Entrance Fee of One Guinea. Honorary Members are exempt from the payment of Entrance Fee. Graduating Members shall not be required to pay a new Entrance Fee on becoming Ordinary Members.

7. Home Members shall pay an Annual Subscription of Two Guineas: Foreign Members shall pay Ten Shillings. Honorary Members are exempt from the payment of Subscription.

Members' Subscriptions are due on the 1st of January or 1st of July, according to the date of their election, and are payable to the Hon. Treasurer. Members elected within three months before these dates pay their Subscriptions as from the 1st of January or 1st of July following.

8. Foreign Members on coming to reside for more than twelve months in the United Kingdom shall be transferred to the Home List. Any Home Member who may be absent from the United Kingdom during the whole period for which the Annual Subscription is payable, may on giving notice be placed on the list of Foreign Members.

9. Until Entrance Fee and Subscription are paid, no Member shall be entitled to any of the privileges of the Club. The election of any Member shall lapse if she shall not have paid her Entrance Fee and Annual Subscription within three months from the date of election.

10. Every Member shall be held liable for her Subscription for the current year, unless she shall

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have forwarded a formal resignation in writing to the Hon. Secretary one month before the Subscription falls due.

11. The names of all Members whose Subscriptions are six months or more in arrears may be posted on a list in the Club, and notice thereof shall be sent to them by the Hon. Secretary. Until her Subscription is paid, no such Member shall be entitled to attend any General Meeting or Club Dinner, or make any use of the Club rooms, nor shall she receive any of the Club notices.

12. Every Member whose Subscription is twelve months in arrears shall *ipso facto* cease to be a Member of the Club. The Committee may at their discretion reinstate such Member on payment of all arrears. A Member so reinstated shall not be required to pay a second Entrance Fee.

13. A Member who shall have retired from the Club, and shall be desirous of re-entering it, shall, if re-elected, be again liable for the Entrance Fee.

14. If the Committee consider that any Member of the Club has been guilty of conduct, whether on the Club premises or elsewhere, which is prejudicial to the welfare or good order of the Club, they shall have power, after giving her a reasonable opportunity of explaining her conduct to the Committee, either personally or in writing as she may desire, to expel her from the Club. Any Member who is so expelled shall cease to be a Member of the Club, unless within fourteen days after the decision of the Committee has been

notified to her or sent to her address she gives notice in writing to the Hon. Secretary of her desire to appeal to a General Meeting, in which case a General Meeting shall be summoned by the Committee within twenty-eight days after the receipt of such notice. No expulsion by the Committee shall be operative in the case of an appeal beyond the date of such General Meeting, unless it is confirmed by the votes of two-thirds of the Members present and voting at such Meeting, in which case the offending Member shall thereupon cease to be a Member of the Club. The voting shall be by ballot if so required by any three Members present. The Member whose expulsion is in question may be present at the Meeting, but shall retire if and when requested by the Chairman so to do, and shall not be present at the voting. The decision of the Committee, or in case of an appeal, that of the General Meeting, shall be final, and no Member who is expelled in accordance with this Rule shall have any claim against the Committee or the Club or any right in respect of the funds or property of the Club. An expelled Member shall not be eligible for re-election or admissible to the Club premises as a guest or otherwise.

15. Every candidate for election as an Ordinary or Graduating Member shall be proposed and seconded by Members having personal knowledge of her, or shall be nominated by the Committee.

16. No candidate shall be proposed for Graduating Membership under the age of nineteen, or be passed for Ordinary Membership before the age of twenty-one.

17. On application for membership every candidate shall submit a list of mountain expeditions (with dates) or a statement of her contributions to alpine literature, science, or art, which shall be sent to the Hon. Secretary. The Committee decides upon the sufficiency of the qualification.

18. Ladies who have had one season's climbing but are not able to submit a qualifying list of climbs may be proposed as Graduating Members. They may not hold office, nor have the right to vote, nor wear the Club Badge, but otherwise may enjoy all privileges.

Graduating Members not qualifying as Ordinary Members within five years from their election *ipso facto* cease to be Members.

19. Every candidate whose qualifications have been approved by the Committee, shall be balloted for by postal vote. One vote in five shall exclude. A candidate so excluded shall not be proposed again within twelve months.

20. The full name and address of each candidate, together with the names of her proposer and seconder, shall be posted to each Member at least seven clear days before the ballot, and shall be returned to the Hon. Secretary before the date mentioned on the voting paper.

21. The name of every new Member, together with a statement of her qualifications, shall be entered in a book, which shall be open to the inspection of Members on application to the Hon. Librarian.

MANAGEMENT OF THE CLUB.

22. The Officers of the Club shall be a President, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Librarian, Hon. Secretary and Editor.

23. The management of the Club shall be vested in a Committee consisting of the Officers and five elective Members. The Committee shall have power to co-opt two additional Members. Five shall form a quorum.

24. The Committee may from time to time appoint Sub-Committees to report upon such subjects and carry out such duties as may be assigned to them. All Members of such Sub-Committees to retire at the first meeting of the Committee in the new year.

Sub-Committees shall report to the Committee and be subject to their instructions.

Only Members of the Club are eligible for membership of Sub-Committees.

At least one Member of each Sub-Committee shall be a Member of the Committee.

The Committee and Sub-Committees (if authorised by the Committee) may consult such persons, whether or not Members of the Club, as they shall think fit.

25. The Officers and Members of Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting in December for the next calendar year. The Committee or any two Members may propose a candidate for any of the offices or other vacancies, provided that the consent of the

Member so proposed has been previously obtained and that notice is given to the Hon. Secretary at least three weeks before the date of the Meeting.

If thought fit two Hon. Secretaries may be elected.

26. A list of all candidates so proposed, with the names of their proposers and seconders, shall be posted to each Member at least a week before the date of meeting. When the number of candidates for any post exceeds the number of vacancies, a voting paper shall be sent with this list, and a Member may send her vote by post to the Hon. Secretary provided that it is received by her before the Meeting.

27. The President shall hold office for three years, and shall not be eligible for re-election as President until the expiration of her successor's term of office, but is eligible for election as a Member of Committee.

The Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Librarian and Editor shall be elected annually and shall be eligible for re-election.

The elected Members of Committee shall not serve for more than three years consecutively, after which term they shall not be eligible for re-election as such until the expiration of one year.

The Committee has power to fill any vacancies which may occur among its Members or among the Officers, and such appointments shall hold good until the next Annual General Meeting.

28. A General Meeting on the nomination of the Committee may elect an Honorary President.

29. A General Meeting on the nomination of the Committee may elect Vice-Presidents from among distinguished climbers who are already Members.

30. A General Meeting on the nomination of the Committee may elect suitable persons to be Honorary Members.

31. The Committee may make and alter such regulations not being inconsistent with these rules, as they may deem for the well-being of the Club.

32. The Committee may make and alter regulations for the management of the Club rooms and Library.

33. Members shall be permitted to introduce either ladies or gentlemen as visitors to the Club, but the Committee reserve to themselves the right of suspending this privilege on certain days, of which due notice shall be given.

34. A Holiday and Christmas Fund shall be opened for the benefit of the servants to which Members are asked to subscribe by sending their contributions to the Hon. Treasurer. Notices reminding Members will be issued each year.

35. The address of the Club shall not be used by a Member for business or political purposes, neither shall any notices be exhibited in the Club without the consent of the Committee.

ANNUAL DINNER.

36. An Annual Club Dinner shall be held in the month of December, save in exceptional circumstances, of which the Committee shall judge.

37. Members shall be entitled at their own expense to introduce guests to dine at the Club Dinner, subject to the regulations.

AUDIT.

38. The Annual General Meeting shall appoint an Hon. Auditor or Auditors to audit the Club accounts for the current year. Such accounts shall, when duly audited, be presented by the Hon. Treasurer to a General Meeting in the following March or April.

GENERAL MEETINGS.

39. An Annual General Meeting for the election of the Officers, Auditors and Committee for the next calendar year shall be held in December, due notice of which Meeting shall be posted to each Member at least four weeks before the date of meeting.

40. The Committee shall have power to call General Meetings at such other times as they shall see fit; provided that one such meeting shall always be called in March or April, to receive and consider the Hon. Treasurer's Annual Statement of Accounts.

41. A special General Meeting shall be called by the Hon. Secretary on receiving a requisition to that effect, signed by not less than six Members, and specifying the object for which the Meeting is to be called. Notices calling the Meeting shall be sent out within fourteen days of the receipt of the requisition by the Hon. Secretary.

42. At least seven clear days' notice of the time and place of every General Meeting, and of the business to be transacted, shall be posted to every Member except as provided in Rule 39. Notice of all resolutions to be proposed, (other than formal), shall be sent to the Hon. Secretary three weeks before any General Business Meeting.

43. These Rules may be altered or added to at any General Meeting, provided that notice of the proposed resolution has been included in the notice for such Meeting, and that such resolution is passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the Members present and voting. The Meeting may amend such a resolution provided that the amendment is relevant.

44. The chair, at a General Meeting or at a meeting of the Committee, shall be taken by the President or in her absence by a Member appointed by the Committee. Seven shall form a quorum at a General Meeting.

45. The Chairman, whether at a General Meeting, or at a meeting of the Committee, shall, in case of an equality of votes, have a second or casting vote.

46. In these Rules if the context so admits the singular shall include the plural, and the plural the singular.

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