

# BRITISH MOUNTAINEERING COUNCIL

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## **MEMBERSHIP DEFINITIONS**

### **Individual Member**

Any persons of any nationality with an interest in climbing, mountaineering or hill walking shall be eligible for Individual Membership on the payment of the appropriate membership fee and shall be classed as a Voting Member.

***Honorary Members and Patrons*** shall not be liable to pay a membership fee but shall be entitled to all the privileges and services provided to other Individual Members and classed as a Voting Member.

### **Affiliated Club Member**

All those members of an affiliated club listed in the returns made by that affiliated club to the BMC shall become club members and each affiliated club member shall be classed as a Voting Member.

### **Voting Members**

Individual members, Honorary members, Patrons and Members of an Affiliated Club are all classed as voting members and have one vote.

### **Associate Member**

Any company, organisation, club, association or business wishing to be affiliated to the BMC but shall not be entitled to the privileges and services available to voting members.

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## AGM VOTING PROCEDURE

### Article 55

**55.1** Any **ordinary business** put to the vote at the Annual General Meeting shall be decided on a **show of hands** unless before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands a **poll is demanded** either by **the Chairman** of the meeting or by **not less than twenty voting members** present in person.

**55.2** Any special business to be put to a vote at any Annual General Meeting shall be decided by way of a poll.

### Article 56

A poll on any motion shall be taken forthwith and the procedure for conducting a poll shall be determined in accordance with Regulations from time to time made by the National Council in this particular. Any other business on the Agenda may be proceeded with whilst awaiting the result of a poll provided that the business does not bear any relation to the subject of the poll.

### Article 57

In the case of a vote, whether by a show of hands or a poll every voting member aged not less than eighteen years present in person or by proxy, shall have one vote.

### Article 59

Any member shall be entitled to speak at a General Meeting but if any voting member has not made payment of all subscriptions monies due by him to the BMC he shall not be entitled to vote.

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## **APPOINTMENT OF PROXY**

### **Article 58**

- 58.1 A voting member aged not less than eighteen years shall be entitled to appoint another voting member aged not less than eighteen years as his proxy to speak and vote for him at a General Meeting.
- 58.2 The form of proxy shall be in the terms approved by the National Council and shall be the form provided to members with the notice of the meeting.
- 58.3 A voting member appointing a proxy may include specific instructions as to how the proxy shall vote on named motions appearing on the agenda or confer discretion on the proxy.
- 58.4 A proxy must be lodged with the CEO not less than forty eight hours before the Annual General Meeting.