#### THE BOB GRAHAM 24 HOUR CLUB

### Constitution adopted on 17 July 2011

### Name

 The name of the Club is the Bob Graham 24 Hour Club. The Club was formed on 10 September 1971.

# **Objects**

- 2. The objects of the Club are:
  - 2.1. to specify and define the 42 summits traversed by Bob Graham within 24 hours during his round of the Lake District fells in 1932;
  - 2.2. to provide those seeking to become members of the Club with all details and relevant information about the Bob Graham Round and to publish Notes for the guidance of those who wish to attempt the Round with a view to applying for membership of the Club;
  - 2.3. to encourage and advise those seeking to become members before and, where appropriate, during their attempts;
  - 2.4. to record in detail all registered attempts;
  - 2.5. to hold a bi-annual Reunion Dinner for new and existing members and to present certificates of membership at that Dinner;
  - 2.6. to set down the criteria for the 24 Hour Lake District Fell Record and to make these available to intending challengers for the Record;
  - 2.7. to preserve the spirit, tradition and ethics of the Bob Graham Round and to encourage all aspiring and existing members to do the same.

### Income and property

- 3. The income and property of the Club shall be applied solely towards the objects of the Club and to the purpose indicated in rule 5 below.
- 4. A member of the committee of the Club may be paid out of, or be reimbursed from, the property of the Club all reasonable expenses properly incurred by him or her when acting on behalf of the Club. Subject to that, no member of the committee of the Club may be paid or receive any other benefit for being a member of the committee.
- 5. None of the income or property of the Club may be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise by way of profit to any member of the Club. Any surplus income generated by the Club which is not required for the operations of the Club

will be distributed to such charitable bodies whose objects are or include the provision of outdoor activities for disabled and disadvantged people (the "Charitable Beneficiaries") in such amounts and at such times as determined by the committee.

### Dissolution

- 6. If the members resolve to dissolve the Club, the committee then in office shall remain in office and be responsible for winding up the affairs of the Club in accordance with the following rules.
- 7. The committee must collect in all the assets of the Club and must pay or make provision for all the liabilities of the Club.
- 8. The committee must apply any remaining property or assets for the benefit of Charitable Beneficiaries.
- 9. The Club may only be dissolved with the approval of 75% or more in number of those members who attend and vote in favour of a resolution to dissolve the Club at a meeting of the members convened on not less than 28 days written notice for that purpose.

### Constitution

10. This constitution may be amended with the approval of 75% or more in number of those members who attend and vote in favour of any such amendment at a meeting of the members of the Club convened for that purpose.

## Membership

- 11. Membership of the Club and a certificate of membership will be granted to any person who completes the Bob Graham round of 42 summits within 24 hours, starting and finishing at the Moot Hall, Keswick, in a clockwise or anti-clockwise direction. Membership will also be granted to anyone who, in the opinion of the committee, completes a more extensive round, based on the Bob Graham Round of 42 summits, of significant merit.
- 12. The committee may refuse an application for membership if, acting reasonably and properly, they consider an applicant to have breached any provision of the Club's Guidance Notes where the Notes clearly indicate that a breach will result in an application for membership being refused.
- 13. The committee may grant associate membership to any person who they feel has given assistance in whatever way to aspiring members or members of the Club in their attempts or other 24 hour challenges on the fells of the Lake District. Associate members shall have no right to attend and vote at meetings of members of the Club.

## Meetings

- 14. The Club will hold a meeting of members during each year. This annual meeting will be convened on not less than 21 days' notice and will deal with the approval of accounts for the most recent financial period and the election of officers. The committee may, after the conclusion of formal business, convene a separate meeting of members of the Club at which members may raise any issue of relevance to the Club for debate amongst those present.
- 15. In the event that 3 consecutive annual meetings of the members are convened but are inquorate, the committee shall have the right and power to suspend rule 14, and there shall be no obligation after such suspension to hold annual meetings of the members and to conduct the business provided for in rule 14. If at any time 20 or more of the members wish the Club to hold annual meetings, they shall write to the Chairman of the Club to that effect, and thereafter, rule 14 shall be observed in full.
- 16. A meeting of the members of the Club shall only be quorate if 8 members are present in person at the relevant meeting.
- 17. Notice of meetings of members may be validly given by email or by placing such notice on the Club's website at <a href="www.bobgrahamclub.org.uk">www.bobgrahamclub.org.uk</a>. Invitations to the Club's bi-annual Reunion Dinner will be made by email or through the Club's website.

#### Committee

- 18. The Club will be managed by a committee comprising a Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and Membership Secretary and 4 other members elected in accordance with this constitution.
- 19. A committee member may not appoint anyone to act on his or her behalf at meetings of the committee.
- 20. The officers and committee members shall, subject to rule 15 above, be elected for terms of 3 years. Elections shall take place at the annual meeting of members referred to in rule 14. Any member who wishes to stand for election as an officer or committee member must be nominated and seconded in writing by members of the Club and must attend in person the meeting of members at which they hope to be elected.
- 21. The committee of the Club as at the date of adoption of these rules comprises Selwyn Wright (Chairman), Martin Hudson (Treasurer), Morgan Williams (Secretary), Brian Covell (Membership Secretary), Jonathan Broxap, John Brockbank and Wendy Dodds. Selwyn Wright and Morgan Williams will retire at the annual meeting of the members of the Club in 2011, Martin Hudson, Brian Covell and Jonathan Broxap will retire at the annual meeting of

- members of the Club in 2012 and John Brockbank and Wendy Dodds will retire at the annual meeting of the Club in 2013. All will be able to stand for re-election if they so wish.
- 22. The committee may fill any vacancy in the committee at any time. Any person appointed to the committee in this way shall, subject to rule 15, stand for re-election at the next annual meeting of members.
- 23. The committee shall have all usual and necessary powers to allow them to manage the affairs of the Club and to further the objects of the Club expressed in rule 2.
- 24. The committee shall meet at least once in each calendar year. Meetings will be convened by the Secretary who will circulate all necessary papers.

#### Accounts

25. Accounts will be prepared for the Club. These accounts will be presented to members for approval at the annual meeting of members provided for in rule 14. In the event that rule 14 is suspended as a result of the operation of rule 15, any member may apply to the committee to receive a copy of the accounts by post. Any application must be accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope or an email address to which the accounts can be sent or emailed.

### President

26. The President of the Club will be the holder for the time being of the men's 24 Hour Lake District Fell Record. The Vice-President of the Club will be the holder for the time being of the ladies 24 Hour Fell record. At the date of the adoption of these rules, the President and Vice-President of the Club are Mark Hartell and Nicky Spinks respectively.