Black Combe Runners Constitution

1. The club, established in 1981, shall be called Black Combe Runners and shall be affiliated to associations as deemed appropriate (e.g. England Athletics).
2. That the objectives of the club will be to:
   * Promote the enjoyment of running on fells and other terrain to all regardless of ability.
   * Provide a safe environment for the members in the pursuit of their chosen activity.
   * Encourage members, whatever their level of ability, to partake in competition when appropriate, whether that be in club or open races.
   * Hold an Annual General Meeting to elect Officers and Committee members to assist the smooth operation of the club.
   * To hold regular Committee Meetings to determine the activities of the club.
3. Membership of the club shall be open to any persons according to the rules of the National Governing Bodies and on completing a membership application form and paying relevant membership fee. The fee will be determined by the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

The Committee will endeavour to eliminate all forms of discriminatory practice and practice and promote equal opportunities and good community relations.

There shall be two classes of membership

* Full member
* Junior member

1. The Officers of the club shall consist of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer & Membership Secretary, Club Captain, and 6 to 8 Committee members. The honorary position of Club President will be appointed by the AGM.

The following roles will be appointed from within the Committee or people may be co-opted by the Committee to fulfil them:

* Welfare Officer
* Health and Safety Officer
* Communications Officer
* Newsie Editor
* Press and Publicity

All Officers are elected for a period of one year, but may be re-elected to the same office or alternative the following year.

The General Committee will run and monitor the affairs of the club and meet at least four times per year. Decisions will be made by the majority vote. In the case of an equal vote, the Chairperson shall be entitled to a casting vote. A quorum of 5 people is required to hold a General Committee Meeting.

The club will keep accurate accounts through the Treasurer. These will be available for reasonable inspection by Members, an annual summary prepared before every Annual General Meeting.

The club shall maintain a bank current account and the Members as agreed by the Committee shall be authorised to sign Club cheques (cheques will require 2 signatures/approvals), this would normally be the current Treasurer and ex-Treasurers.

The AGM will be held in January each year with the purpose of electing Officers for the forthcoming year. Nominations for the Officers and Committee member posts are to be received by the Committee two weeks prior to the AGM. Nominees must be Full members and nominations can only be made by a Full member and seconded by another Full member. All nominations must have the consent of the nominee.

21 days clear notice shall be given to members of the AGM by circulating a copy notice on the club’s social media and circulating notice to every member. Any business must reach the Secretary at least 14 days, in writing, prior to the meeting, to the Secretary. A quorum of 20 people (or half the club membership if that is a smaller number) is required to hold an AGM or Special General Meeting.

The Secretary will circulate notice of agenda for the AGM approximately 14 days before the meeting. The business of the agenda shall be

* Confirm minutes of the previous meeting
* Receive annual report from Chairperson and Captain
* Receive report of accounts from Treasurer
* Elect the Officers of the club as detailed in section 4.
* Fix the subscription rates

**Special General Meetings** may be convened by the Committee or on receipt by the Secretary of a request in writing of not less than 10 Full members of the club.

At all meetings the chair will be taken by the Chairperson, or in absence, the Deputy Chairperson, or a deputy appointed by the Club Members attending the meeting.

Decisions made at the Committee or AGM shall be by a simple majority of votes from Full members attending. In the event of a tie the Chairperson shall have the casting vote.

1. Annual subscriptions are payable each January.
2. The club colours shall be green vests with a wide black band across the chest and back. Club colours are encouraged to be worn in all open races a member competes in, whether it be road or fell.
3. Processes and procedures will be maintained in order to ensure members can participate in a safe, non-discriminatory and inclusive way. The Committee will oversee reasonable adjustments that may be made to promote this.
4. The club shall normally meet for a weekly social run on (normally) a Tuesday evening, the venues to be determined by the Committee on a regular basis.
5. The leaders of club runs shall take a duty of care over their group to ensure a level of safety and responsibility is employed over the run’s duration.
6. The Club shall encourage in club competition by organising races within the club throughout the year, for example with a Winter Training League and Fell and Road Championships.
7. The club shall endeavour to promote itself in a positive manner by hosting a series of open races (fell or road) where appropriate throughout the year. These are currently (in 2022)

* Black Combe Fell Race
* Caw Fell Race
* Dunnerdale Fell Race
* Kirkby Moor Fell Race
* Black Combe Country Fair Fell Race
* Eskdale Show Fell Race
* And the club is closely involved with organising Duddon Fell Races.

1. The club will provide periodic newsletters and update the club’s website and social media to keep the membership informed of the Club’s activities.
2. This constitution may be updated and adjusted by majority agreement in an AGM or Special General Meeting.

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