

CONSTITUTION OF THE GOODLUCK MINE PRESERVATION CLUB

1. The Club shall be called the 'Goodluck Mine Preservation Club', hereinafter referred to as "the Club".
2. The aims of the Club shall be to:
 - a) Preserve both the historical underground and surface features of Goodluck Mine (located in Middleton Wood, Via Gellia, Middleton by Wirksworth, Derbyshire) for posterity
 - b) Advance the education of the public in, and encourage the study of all historical and technical aspects of lead mining within the Peak District
 - c) Allow access to Goodluck Mine to interested parties, as far as may be practical, and without detriment to its general condition
 - d) Safeguard as far as possible the immediate vicinity of the mine on the surface including the spoil heap and surrounding woodland, these forming part of a Site of Special Scientific Interest.
 - e) Raise funds for the advancement of the above aims.
3. Memberships/Affiliations with Other Organisations. The club shall be a member of the National Association of Mining History Organisations and retain close links with Peak District Mines Historical Society.
4. Underground access will be subject to the following rules:
 - a) All access by non members shall be solely in organised and accompanied groups led by a club member
 - b) The size of any individual group of non members underground shall not exceed ten.
 - c) No person under 18 will be allowed underground unless accompanied at all times by a parent or guardian who has taken responsibility for them or forming part of a group whose leader who has received relevant training and been vetted in accordance with the provisions of the Protection of Children Act 1999 and any subsequent amending legislation. On being made aware of any allegations of an offence being committed under this Act the club will notify the police reserving the right to carry out its own investigation at a later stage.
 - d) All members will hold BCA Caving insurance (or such insurance designated by the Committee at any later date).
 - e) The income and property of the Club shall be applied solely to the pursuance of the aims of the Club as set forth in this constitution.
5. The Club will obtain and retain in force insurance to cover its legal responsibilities relating to controlling access as set out in its aims
6. Membership of the Club is open to all those interested in furthering its expressed aims with the following provisions:

- a) That applications are subject to approval by the club's officers
- b) That any application can be refused without giving a reason
- c) That approved insurance is taken out by every member; relevant to their activities – full insurance if going underground or more limited if active on surface only. This approved insurance is via the BCA. Any other insurances are subject to formal approval by the club's officers.

7. Honorary Members. On the recommendation of the Committee, Honorary Members may be elected by a majority vote at a General Meeting, adequate notice having been given to all voting members. Honorary Members need not already be a Club Member, and shall have all the rights and privileges of Full Membership. If elected these members are entitled to have any required insurance paid for by the club.

8. Members Duties.

- a) To ensure that any work carried out in the club's name is executed in a responsible manner
- b) Ensure the security of any keys provided for mine access.
- c) To comply with the reasonable requests of the Mine Manager (who is responsible at all times for operations both underground and on the surface).

Any member not behaving in a responsible manner in line with the duties outlined above shall be liable to expulsion from the club. Membership shall cease if, at a committee meeting of the Club, of which the member shall have twenty one days' clear notice, and at which the member shall have been given the opportunity of being heard, a resolution on which a ballot shall be taken, agrees that it is against the Club's interests that such membership be continued.

9. Voting And Other Rights.

- a) Full Members are entitled to vote at General Meetings, any committee meetings, use Club equipment, and to receive one copy of each Secretarial notice.
- b) The Chairman of the club shall, in the event of a tie in voting at any General or Committee meeting, have a second and casting vote.

10. Subscriptions are renewable on 31st December annually. Any changes must be proposed by the committee and ratified by an Annual General Meeting. A period of two months may be allowed at the secretary's discretion for payment. Those who fail to pay within two months shall have their names removed from the membership list. Those joining the club part way through any year will be charged a pro rata portion of the annual subscription making allowance for the cost of relevant insurance – calculated by the secretary.

11. Club Officers. These shall consist of the following:

- a) Chairman,
- b) Secretary
- c) Mine Manager (who also has responsibilities for general health and safety)
- d) Treasurer

They shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting, and shall form the Committee. All Officers, at their discretion, may appoint deputies for fulfilment of their offices to cover for necessary absences. The committee may also appoint officers to fill any vacancies that arise during the year; although any appointments will be subject to ratification at the next Annual General Meeting.

12. Committee.

- a) The management of the Club shall be conducted by the Committee, three shall make a quorum.
- b) Meetings are to be held at least twice annually, or as necessary to deal with business arising.
- c) Full minutes of all such meetings shall be taken and circulated amongst the members.
- d) Ordinary members are entitled to attend any committee meeting.
- e) The Committee shall have the power to co-opt any person with special knowledge, but again that person shall not be granted voting rights.
- f) The Committee shall have power to deal with any matter that is not covered by this Constitution.
- g) The Committee shall not jeopardise the solvency of the Club by incurring potential and foreseeable debts on behalf of the Club.

13. Finances.

- a) The Club shall maintain all financial accounts in its name. All cheques drawn on those accounts shall be signed by two of the designated officers.
- b) The Treasurer shall keep proper accounts and submit them, after auditing by an independent auditor, to the Annual General Meeting.
- c) The Club may seek funding from other bodies and may make grants to other bodies or any individuals, whether they be members or trustees of the Club or not, to undertake activities in furtherance of its aims. Such grants shall be approved by the Committee and shall be reported to the next General Meeting.

14. Annual General Meetings.

- a) An Annual General Meeting will be held in the last quarter of the year.
- b) At least three officers and three other members must be present.

- c) Officers shall submit written reports of their activities during the year.
- d) Nominations for the election of Officers for the forthcoming year, must be sent in writing, with a proposer and seconder, to the Secretary, at least seven days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

15. Constitutional Changes and Extra-Ordinary General Meetings.

- a) Alterations to this Constitution shall normally be made at an Annual General Meeting. Proposed amendments must be submitted, in writing, to the Secretary, not less than twenty eight clear days before the date of the Annual General Meeting. The Secretary shall give fourteen clear days notice of such proposed amendments.
- b) An Extra-Ordinary General Meeting of the Club may be called, if a total of at least half the paid up members petition the Secretary in writing to this effect, with details of the proposer, seconder and the requisite number of petitioners. The Secretary shall fix the date of the meeting, which must be held within three months of the date of receipt of the said proposal, and give at least fourteen clear days' notice to members. An Extra-Ordinary General Meeting shall have the same powers as an Annual General Meeting.
- c) The Club shall not be dissolved or terminated, except at an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting called for that purpose. Any property remaining after the satisfaction of all proper debts and liabilities shall not be distributed among the members, but shall be given to such similar charity or charitable purpose as the meeting shall decide.

16th July 2009