



Tyne Valley MTB: Constitution

1 NAME

The name of the Club is **Tyne Valley MTB (Mountain biking club)**

2 THE AIMS OF THE CLUB ARE:-

- a) To ride together, share route information and introduce new people to mountain biking
- b) To identify, build, support, manage and maintain MTB routes and facilities
- c) Act as a caucus group to encourage and support the development of mountain biking in the area

3 MANAGING THE CLUB

- a) The club shall be managed informally and decisions made by agreement
- b) Officer bearers of the Club will be appointed at each Annual General meeting

4 CARRYING OUT THE PURPOSES

In order to carry out the aims of the club, the club shall:

- a) be empowered to raise funds, receive grants and donations as deemed appropriate to carry out the aims of the Club
- b) co-operate with and support other bodies and organisations with similar purposes

- c) belong to IMBA-UK (International Mountain Biking Association)

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6 MEMBERSHIP

- a) The club shall comprise members who support the aims of the club and are aged 18 or over
- b) The annual membership fee up to December 2012 is £10
- c) Guest riders may participate in two club rides before deciding whether to join the club
- d) All riders attend rides at their own risk in the knowledge that mountain biking is an adventure sport with inherent risk to participants.
- e) Individuals can apply to the club for membership or be invited by current members
- f) Riders can be asked to leave the club if it is felt by at least 4 members it is in the best interests of the club - the member in question has the right to be heard by a sub committee of non involved club members in the company of a friend before the decision is ratified

6 SUPPORTERS

The club shall have a section comprising supporters – defined as people who support the aims of the club but who are not fee paying members of the club. They may be fee paying members of affiliated clubs.

7 AFFILIATES

Other like-minded clubs may affiliate to the club without charge and their members may attend rides.

8 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - AGM

- a) The AGM should be held no later than must be held every year April with a minimum of 14 days notice given to all members who will be invited to add items to the agenda.
- b) Minutes must be kept of the AGM.
- c) There must be at least 6 members present at the AGM
- d) Every member has one vote

- e) The treasurer shall present the annual report and accounts
- f) Any member may stand for election as a committee member

8 MONEY AND PROPERTY

- a) Money and property must be formally listed and the information made available to all Members
- b) Money and property must only be used for the club's purposes
- c) The appointed treasurer must keep accounts. The most recent annual accounts can be viewed by club members on request
- d) Money must be held in the club's bank account. All cheques must be signed by two authorised club members
- e) Two trustees who are not signatories will be appointed to provide accountability for club funds
- f) The club accounts will be verified annually by an independent auditor

9 GENERAL MEETINGS

- a) If any member considers it necessary to change the constitution, or that the club should be wound up, they must call a General Meeting so that the membership can make the decision.
- b) A General Meeting must be called if the voluntary Organiser receives a written request signed by at least 3 members.
- c) All members must be given 14 days notice and told the reason for the meeting.
- d) All decisions require a two thirds majority. Minutes must be kept.
- d) **Winding up** - any money or property remaining after payment of debts must be passed on to a club or organisation with similar aims

10 CLUB STANDARDS

All rides will be well organised with the emphasis on safety, respect for and care of the environment, enjoyment, good company and great riding. All riders will be asked to follow a very simple 'ride protocol' as follows:

- a) *All led club rides will be risk-managed*
- b) All riders will self-sufficient and properly prepared in terms of clothing and spares
- c) All riders will do their utmost to keep their bikes in good running order
- d) All riders are expected to look after their co-riders
- e) Each rider will be expected to make sure the rider behind knows where the route goes
- f) Whenever possible, we all start together, we stick together and we finish together
- g) All new riders will have a ride *buddy* for their first (few) rides if appropriate
- h) Car sharing will be encouraged for all rides
- i) Riders will be welcome to attend all rides but won't be expected at a ride unless they have pre-registered with the ride leader by phone or email
- j) All riders will respect and care for the environment at all times
- k) The club will be run on sustainable principles as demonstrated by IMBA

SPEAK / BUILD / RESPECT / RIDE / PAYBACK

11 SETTING UP THE CLUB

This constitution was proposed by the voluntary committee members of the club in March 2009 and adopted by universal agreement of the membership on 14th November 2009. Updates were made in February 2011 following the AGM.

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