

Proposal Letter for a new CERN Climbing Club

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Dear Sir/Madam,

This letter is a proposal for the creation of a new club at CERN: the CERN Climbing Club (CEC).

Climbing has recently seen a significant increase in popularity in Europe and the Geneva greater region is no exception to that trend. At CERN, a rough estimation of the size of the climbing community can be made by looking at the number of inscriptions in various CERN informal climbing groups (e-groups, facebook). This indicates a number close to 150 climbers.

The present proposal reflects the growing interest of CERN's climbing community in creating a CERN Climbing Club.

The main objective of the new Club is to be a focal point for climbers at CERN to meet and organise their activities, to share information about climbing locations and facilities in the region, and to organise social and cultural events that promote climbing as a way of integrating in the wider CERN community.

Furthermore, the club aims to encourage safe practices by organising, in collaboration with local guides and local climbing gyms, climbing and safety courses for beginners and by informing and informing its members on insurance solutions.

To achieve those objectives, a Constitutive General Assembly convened on the 20/05/2021 and elected a Provisional Committee which will have the mission of creating the climbing club. Once the club is created, general elections will be held to elect the Club Management Committee.

The Constitutive General Assembly deliberated the following:

1. Elected Provisional Committee:
 - a. President: *Peter Bell*
 - b. Secretary: *Hannes Gamper*
 - c. Treasurer: *Miguel Bastos*

2. In addition to these roles, the future Club Management Committee will include at least three more persons to fulfill the following roles:
 - a. Equipment Manager: Responsible for managing physical assets, books and equipment;
 - b. Activities Manager: Responsible for managing outings and other social events, as discussed below;
 - c. Communications Manager: Responsible for managing official communications of the club with its members and the broader CERN community;

3. Members:

- a. Only CERN members of personnel and associated members of personnel can be members of the club. The potential number of members is estimated to be around 75,
- b. An annual membership fee of 20 CHF will be requested to the members, in order to support club activities.

4. Club activities:

The members of the club are amateur climbers, without any formal climbing training. In view of this, The CERN Climbing Club will not directly organise any climbing activities but rather serve as an intermediary, organising climbing courses and other activities via local climbing guides and gyms.

In particular, the CERN Climbing Club will:

- a. Promote regular outings to local bouldering and sport climbing gyms, where CERN climbers can meet and climb in a safe and controlled environment under the supervision of trained personnel,
- b. Organise climbing courses, given by qualified professionals. Courses could be specifically targeted for the CERN community (possibility of courses in English, preferential prices for club members, etc),
- c. Put in place and make available to its members, a library with guidebooks, training plans, and climbing topos (schematic drawings/photos of climbing routes) for local climbing locations,
- d. Put in place at CERN a small space with equipment for finger, arm and body core strength training (e.g. hangboards, pull up bars, rings), provided the necessary space can be found,
- e. Organise film viewings and talks around the theme of climbing/mountain sports as well as other community building events,
- f. Negotiate with local gyms preferential prices for its members,

In view of the present situation regarding COVID-19, many of these activities are not presently possible. It is suggested that the newly formed club may take advantage of this period to prepare, negotiate access to a space and preferential terms with local gyms in order to launch the activities as soon as it is allowed and responsible to do so.

5. Space requirements:

- a. The very minimum space required for the club would be bookshelf space in a reserved location to store the club's library.
- b. **However**, to be able to fully implement the present proposal, the CERN Climbing Club will seek an indoor space of approximately 15 - 20 m² to install basic strength training equipment (e.g. fingerboards, pull-up bars, rings). Such a space could even be shared with another club.

6. Subsidy: In order to start the club, a one-time subsidy equivalent to the estimated number of members quotations ($20 \text{ CHF} \times 75 = 1.5 \text{ kCHF}$) is requested for the following:
 - a. Acquisition of guide books, training plans and shelves for book storage,
 - b. Acquisition and installation of strength training equipment,
 - c. Organisation of first film viewing,
 - d. Subsequent activities will be financed by the annual fee paid by the club members.

7. Statutes, Registration Form and Disclaimer documents are attached.

Kind regards,
CERN Climbing Club, Provisional Committee