

BROMYARD & DISTRICT RIDING CLUB

RULES AND CONSTITUTION

1 TITLE

The Club shall be known as “The Bromyard and District”.

2 OBJECTS

The Objects of the Club shall be:

- (a) To encourage riding as a sport and recreation, to promote good fellowship amongst riders and to improve and maintain the standard of riding and horsemanship.
- (b) To organise instructional meetings, lectures and competitive events and other activities deemed to further the Objects.
- (c) To be affiliated to the British Horse Society and to support and co-operate with recognised organisations, interests in the breeding and use of all breeds and types of horses and ponies.
- (d) To investigate the subject of bridle tracks and rights of way with a view to opening those that have been closed and maintaining the more clearly defining those that are in existence.
- (e) To concern itself with any object which will benefit the horse, and the horse user, in the district.

3 MEMBERSHIP

This shall consist of persons who have attained the age of eighteen years on 1st January in the current year (for seniors) and under eighteen years and under in the current year (for Juniors), who having been accepted by the Committee, have paid the due subscription for the current period. Honorary membership may be conferred by the Committee upon any person deemed by them to have rendered notable service to the Club. No junior member may be a voting member of the Club.

- 4** Anyone desirous of becoming a Committee member shall be proposed by a member and seconded by another and his or her name and address forwarded to the Hon. Secretary of the Club on the appropriate Nomination Form 2 days before the dated of the Annual General Meeting – Note: maximum size of the Committee not to exceed 11 members.

- 5** The annual subscription shall be payable on the first day of the Club`s financial year. Any member whose subscription is more than three months in arrears shall have his or her name removed from the Membership List after written notice to the effect has been sent to him or her.

- 6** The Committee may expel from membership of the Club any member who has breached any of the rules of the Club, or who has in the opinion of the Committee have been guilty of any conduct derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interest of the Club, provided that before expelling him or her the Committee shall call upon him/her for an explanation of his conduct and provide a proper opportunity of answering the allegations against him.

7 AMINISTRATION

The Committee

- (a) All powers of management shall be vested in the adult Committee consisting of the Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Five other Committee members, five of whom shall form a quorum.
- (b) At the Annual General Meeting each year, one third of the members of the Committee who have been in office for 3 years shall retire, and between those who have been in office for the same length of time the members to retire shall be determined by lot. Retiring members shall be eligible for re-election
- (c) The Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall be elected annually by the Committee from among their number.
- (d) The decision of the Committee shall be final unless over-ruled at the General Meeting.
- (e) The Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of the rules or for anything relating to the Club not provided therein and their decision shall be final and binding on the members.
- (f) The Committee may formulate bye-laws for the detailed running of the Club and elect sub-Committee for any special activities of the Club which the Committee may authorise.
- (g) The Committee shall have the power to fill any casual vacancy arising amongst members of the Committee, but any person so co-opted shall retain office only until the next following Annual General Meeting and then shall be eligible for re-election.

8 The Financial Year of the Club shall commence on the 1st November in each year.

9 The annual subscription shall be £25 or such other sum as shall from time to time be determined by the Committee.

10 The Committee may appoint annually a President or Vice-Presidents. They shall not by virtue only of such appointment become members of the Committee.

11 The Annual General Meeting shall be held in November each year to transact the following business:

- (a) To receive and if approved to adopt a Statement of the Club`s Accounts to the end of the preceding year.
- (b) To fill vacancies on the Committee.
- (c) To appoint an Auditor.
- (d) To deal with any special matter which the Committee may desire to bring to the members and to receive suggestions from the members for consideration by the Committee. Notice convening the General Meeting shall be sent to the members not less than 21 days before the meeting and shall specify matters to be dealt with.

12 A special General Meeting may be called by the Committee, or by a request signed by not less than five members specifying the business to be discussion. The Secretary shall give all members ten days notice of the date of such a meeting and shall specify in such notice matters to be dealt with at the meeting.

- 13** The Accounts of the Club shall be audited each year by the person appointed at the previous Annual General Meeting. The person should be experienced in accounting matters and not a member of the Club.
- 14** Notice may be given to any member by sending it by post to him to his address in the United Kingdom registered in the records of the Club. If any member had no address in the United Kingdom such member shall not be entitled to receive any notice. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to or the non-receipt of a notice of a meeting by any member shall not invalidate the proceedings of that meeting.
- 15** These rules may be added to, replaced or amended by resolution at any annual or Special General Meeting provided that no such resolution shall be deemed to have been passed unless carried by a majority of at least two-thirds of the members present and voting thereon, and provided that prior notice has been sent to all members stating the proposed amendment.
- 16** The Club, its Committee or persons acting on their behalf shall not be held responsible for any accident or injury to any person or property howsoever caused.
- 17** Members should be correctly turned out at all Club events. Hard hats should be worn and must be to the minimum standard, with a harness properly adjusted and fastened. Hats marked WN1384, PASO15:1998, ASTM F1163, BSEN14572:2005 or SE1. American standard SNELL E2001, ASTM95, SNZ3838 1998. Skullcap hats must be worn with a silk.

The above revised Constitution was passed at the AGM on 11th November 2009

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION – passed at the AGM - 9.11.84

If, at the Annual General Meeting, or a specially convened General Meeting, it is decided by written vote of two thirds of those present and those sending proxy votes, that the Club should be disbanded, then any physical assets such as jumps, should be sold and the monies so realised be paid into the Club`s account. These Club monies shall then be placed on Deposit for a period of three years and the Deposit Manager be asked to act as Trustee. If during the three years, it is decided to re-form the Club, the new Committee shall be entitled to these funds. If, at the end of the three years, there is no desire to re-form the Club, then two of the three people who were Chair man, Secretary and Treasurer at the time of dissolution shall reclaim the monies from the Bank and donate it to the Charity known as the Brook Hospital for Sick Horses in Cairo.