



## CONSTITUTION

### **Name**

The Club shall be called Church Hill Bridge Club

### **Objective**

To provide facilities for its members to play Duplicate Bridge based on the rules and principles laid down by the English Bridge Union. To employ the funds of the Club in such a manner as the Committee may deem to be in the best interest of the Club, regard being given to the fact that the Club is a non profit-making organisation.

### **Playing**

To keep play moving, members will be asked to take an average on the last board if play has not commenced when the Director has called a move.

### **Affiliations**

The Club is not directly or formally affiliated to the EBU or Surrey County Bridge Association.

### **Committee**

The Club will be managed by a Committee consisting of a Chairman, Treasurer and General Secretary, to be elected by the members at an AGM, plus a minimum of three other Committee members, to be elected at an AGM or co-opted as required.

The duties of the other Committee members will be decided by the elected committee.

The duties of the Committee are:-

- To administer the affairs of the Club in accordance with the constitution
- To determine the manner in which Bridge meetings of the Club are conducted
- To formulate any necessary rules for the running of the Club and competitions

Any member of the Committee may stand for re-election. A quorum for a Committee Meeting will consist of four members of the Committee.

**Membership**

The total membership shall be restricted to such members as the Committee shall decide, regard being given to the playing facilities available.

**Visitors**

Visitors will be welcome at any time without prior arrangement.

**Subscriptions**

The amount of all subscriptions and table money will be decided at the AGM, or at an EGM especially convened for that purpose. Each Club member shall be required to pay an annual subscription and table money whenever they attend Bridge meetings of the Club.

**Annual General Meeting**

The AGM of the Club shall be held annually within six months of the end of the financial year. Accounts will be produced for the AGM and certified correct by a non committee member. Notice of the AGM shall be given to Club members at least fourteen days prior to the date fixed. The Agenda for the meeting and the minutes of the last meeting will be available to all Club members fourteen days prior to the date fixed. Any Club member may bring forward a motion to be discussed at the AGM provided that notice in writing is given to the Club's General Secretary 7 days before the AGM. A quorum for the AGM will consist of twelve Club members in addition to at least three members of the Committee. Anyone unable to attend the AGM may send a proxy vote for positions on the Committee either on the form provided or by authorising another member to vote on their behalf at the meeting, provided this has been notified to the Chairman of the meeting before the start of the meeting.

**Extraordinary General Meeting**

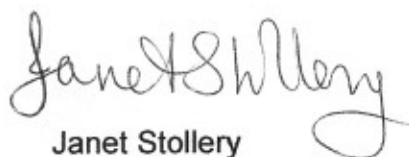
Members may initiate an Extraordinary General Meeting by submitting a signed request by at least 12 Club members to the General Secretary. Upon receipt of this request, the General Secretary must convene a meeting within 28 days. Notification and the agenda for this EGM must be distributed to the Club members at least 14 days before the EGM date, and only items on this Agenda can be discussed at this time.

Adopted and approved at

Church Hill AGM, Merstham  
March 6<sup>th</sup> 2009



Tim Finch  
Chairman



Janet Stollery  
General Secretary