

THE CONSTITUTION

1. The Club shall be known as Congleton Bridge Club.
2. The object of the Club is to provide facilities to play Duplicate Bridge in congenial company.
3. The Club year shall run from 1st April to 31st March and subscriptions are due on 1st April each year. Membership may be deemed to have lapsed if subscriptions are not paid by 1st May.
4. Membership shall be subject to the approval of the Committee, which shall have the right to refuse, restrict or, subject to ratification at the next A.G.M. withdraw membership if this should be considered necessary.
5. Management of the Club shall rest with an annually elected Committee, comprising Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Chief Tournament Director and five other members. A quorum shall consist of five.
6. The Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, to be held on a regular playing night in May or June of each year. Nominations shall be submitted to the Secretary at least two weeks before the A.G.M. If insufficient nominations are received, extra nominations (to the number required) may be taken at the A.G.M. The Committee shall have the right thereafter to co-opt members to fill vacancies or for any specific purpose.
7. The Treasurer shall be responsible for producing the Accounts and arranging the Audit. An auditor (who is not a member of the Committee) shall be elected at each A.G.M. The audited Accounts shall be published prior to the A.G.M.
8. An Extra-Ordinary General Meeting shall be called by the Secretary on a regular playing night at the request of the Committee, or on receipt of a written request (from not less than six members) specifying the purpose of the meeting.
9. A copy of the agenda shall be made available two weeks before any A.G.M. or Extra-Ordinary General Meeting. Binding votes, or resolutions cannot be taken in 'Any Other Business'.
10. At any General Meeting, each paid-up member shall have one vote only. A simple majority of members present shall be accepted. Where necessary, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.
11. The Minutes of the last A.G.M. and Committee Meeting shall be displayed in the Club premises and be available, on request, from the Secretary.
12. The Committee shall approve a list of suitable Tournament Directors.

13. Rates of subscription, table money and visitor's fees shall be approved at each A.G.M. or at an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting.

14. Visitors shall be admitted, on payment of the appropriate fee, at the discretion of the Committee.

15. This Constitution may be amended only at the A.G.M. or at an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting called for that purpose, subject to written notice of any such motion reaching the Secretary at least three weeks before the date of the meeting. Any proposed amendment shall need a two-thirds majority of the members present for approval.

16. If the Committee decides that it is necessary to wind up the Club they shall propose a resolution to that effect to be voted on at the AGM or EGM called for that purpose. If the resolution is passed by two thirds of the members present the Committee shall be responsible for winding up the affairs of the Club. Any surplus assets and funds shall be transferred to any registered or recognised charitable body as the Committee may think fit.

The original constitution of July 1995 was amended by the Club AGM June 2015

Notes

The current fees are:
Annual membership £5.
Member table money £2;
Non-Member Table Money £3

The Present Committee is

Chairman	Roger Slack
Secretary	Amanda Kirk
Treasurer	Sheena Adam
Chief Tournament Director	John Whitelock
Other Committee Members	Derek Creasy John Piggott Glenys Lowery

At the present there is no rules sub-committee

The Club Directors are

John Whitelock
Roger Slack
Derek Creasy
David Messham
Don Cole
Lindsey Cuff
John Hennam