



Hungerford Bridge Club

Amended 7 Feb 2014

1. NAME

The Club shall be called the "Hungerford Bridge Club".

2. OBJECTS

To provide facilities for its members to play duplicate and/or rubber bridge.

3. HEADQUARTERS

The headquarters is situated at The Royal British Legion Club, 20 Church Way, Hungerford. Berkshire RG17 0JU, or at such other premises as the Committee shall consider appropriate.

4. AFFILIATIONS

The Club will be affiliated to the English Bridge Union and any other body the Committee deems appropriate.

5. MEMBERSHIP

5.1 Membership shall be open to all, upon payment of the Club's membership fee.

5.2 The Committee may refuse membership at their discretion.

5.3 Membership shall automatically cease as a result of non-payment of a renewal fee, or upon a member's expulsion from the Club as a result of misconduct (see para 13).

6. OFFICERS and COMMITTEE MEMBERS

6.1 The honorary Officers of the Club shall be Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

6.2 These Officers shall be elected annually by majority vote at the Club's Annual General Meeting (AGM).

6.3 Up to three additional members may be elected annually by majority vote at the Club's AGM

6.4 The Officers may appoint members to assist them in their duties as they see fit.

6.5 The period of office of any Committee Member will normally be for a maximum of three years in any one position. So far as possible not more than one Officer should retire in any one year.

6.6 In the event of a vacancy occurring before the next elections, the existing Committee may co-opt a replacement Committee Member and/or appoint a replacement Officer to fill the vacancy until the next AGM.

7. MANAGEMENT

7.1 The affairs of the Club shall be managed in all instances by the Committee, who have sole discretion to act and to take whatever actions they deem to be appropriate in the best interests of the Club and its members.

7.2 The Officers shall report the affairs of the Club to the members annually at each AGM.

8. GENERAL MEETINGS

8.1 An AGM of the Club shall be held in each year, within one calendar month after the end of the financial year.

8.2 An Extra-Ordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the Club shall be convened by the Officers, if a request for such a meeting is signed by at least ten members of the Club and delivered to the Secretary stating the reason for the meeting.

8.3 An EGM may be convened by the Committee at any time.

8.4 Notice of AGMs and EGMs shall be given to Members by placing the Date and Time and the Agenda on the Club's website at least 7 days prior to the Meeting.

8.5 All General Meetings of the Club shall be held at the headquarters of the Club, unless circumstances render this impracticable.

8.6 The Chairman, if present, shall chair all General Meetings of the Club and, in his absence, some other Officer will chair the meeting.

8.7 Any member may propose a motion to be discussed at a General Meeting, provided written notice of the proposed motion is delivered to the Secretary, no later than one week prior to the date fixed for the meeting.

8.8 A quorum at any General Meeting of the Club shall be ten members present in person.

8.9 Voting at General Meetings shall be by show of hands and, in the event of parity, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

9. NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the posts of Officers and Committee shall be in writing, proposed and seconded.

10. SUBSCRIPTIONS and FEES

10.1 Each member of the Club shall pay an annual subscription as decided at the AGM.

10.2 Each member of the Club and any guest shall pay table money on each attendance at the Club; the amount of such shall be decided at the AGM.

10.3 The Committee may determine from time to time the amount of fees / table money to be levied for ad-hoc competitions held at the Club.

11. ACCOUNTS

11.1 The Committee shall arrange for accounts to be prepared in respect of the financial affairs of the Club for each year ending 31st December.

11.2 The accounts shall be presented to the AGM for approval.

12. GUESTS and VISITORS

12.1 Any member may invite a guest to play at the Club at any time but, in the event of restricted playing facilities and being unable to accommodate all those who wish to play, priority shall be given to members.

12.2 The Committee will decide upon the number of occasions a non-member (guest or visitor) may play at the Club without being required to become a member.

12.3 The Committee have the right to refuse access to any visitor or guest.

13. CONDUCT

13.1 In the event of a complaint being made to the Committee about the conduct of a member of the Club, the Committee will investigate the complaint and act accordingly.

13.2 If appropriate, the Committee will issue a verbal and/or written warning to any member whose conduct at the Club is considered unsatisfactory.

13.3 In the unlikely event that 13.2 above is considered inappropriate, the Committee may terminate membership, should they deem a member's expulsion to be in the best interests of the Club and its members. There is no right of appeal.

13.4 The Committee shall notify the member of any resultant decision and the decision will be publicised to the members.

14. ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

14.1 No alterations shall be made to this constitution except at a General Meeting of the Club

14.2 In order for a resolution to alter this constitution to have effect, at least two-thirds of the votes cast must be in favour.

15. WINDING UP

15.1 In order for a resolution that the Club shall be wound up to have effect, at least two-thirds of the votes cast on the resolution must be in favour and,

in addition, the number of votes cast in favour must exceed 50% of the number of members of the Club.

15.2 If a resolution for the Club to be wound up is passed, the Committee shall be responsible for winding up the affairs of the Club.

15.3 If the winding up has been initiated with a view to amalgamating the Club with some other Club, any surplus assets and funds may be transferred to such other Club.

15.4 If the winding up is permanent and there is no amalgamation with another Club, the Committee will dispose of any surplus assets and donate all funds to a Registered or recognised charitable body.

Signed on behalf of the Officers of Hungerford Bridge Club

Chairman

Date: