

# Leixlip Bridge Club Constitution

(Adopted at the AGM 4th June 2015)

## **Object:**

To encourage and promote the playing of Bridge and to provide social amenities in connection therewith.

## **Membership & Subscriptions:**

An annual membership fee shall be paid by any person wishing to become a member of Leixlip Bridge Club.

An annual subscription fee shall be paid by members who wish to play in different sessions i.e. morning session and evening session or both. The annual membership fee and the annual subscription fee. (amounts to be determined by the committee) are due on or before October 1st each year.

**A:** Ordinary Membership: Open. to any person whose. membership fee for the current year has been paid and who undertakes to abide by the constitution of the Club.

**B:** Honorary Membership: Reserved for members who have contributed outstanding service to the Club. Proposals for Honorary Membership may be made by any ordinary member of the Club. The proposal shall then be submitted to the Committee for approval.

**C:** Only members who have paid their subscription fee for the current year are entitled to take part and vote at general meetings.

**D:** Election of New Members: Each candidate for membership shall be, proposed and seconded by two members of the Club. Approval of the nomination shall require the majority vote of the committee

**E:** Limiting of Membership: The committee shall from time to time have power to limit the number of members of the Club.

## **Management:**

The management and assets of the Club shall be vested in the committee. The committee may make such regulations regarding the payment of table money, hours of play, conduct of the Club, Competitions and general management and conduct of the Club as it shall from time to time see fit. All such regulations or orders made by the committee shall be binding to every member. The Treasurer is to be responsible to all members of the Club for the control of the Clubs monies and all monies to be invested in the best interest of the Club.

## **The Committee:**

The business and affairs of the Club shall be managed by a committee consisting of a President and at least six (6) other members. The President shall be the outgoing Vice President having been ratified at the previous AGM. The President shall hold office for one year after which he/she shall retire at the AGM. He/she shall again be eligible for election after one further year has elapsed. If the position of President becomes vacant other than at the AGM the Vice President shall assume the position as acting President until the next AGM. In the event of both positions (President & Vice-President) becoming vacant the committee shall be empowered to elect one of their members as acting President until the next AGM. This will not preclude this member from being eligible for election to the office of President the following year. The remainder of the committee shall consist of at least six (6) members elected at the A.G.M, and the outgoing President shall be an ex-officio member. The committee shall elect at their first meeting following the A.G.M. an Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer, and any other officers deemed necessary to conduct the affairs of the Club. The officers and any other members of the committee (save the outgoing President) shall retire annually but shall be eligible for re-election. The election, which shall be by nomination, shall take place at the A.G.M. The Committee shall also appoint an Hon. Auditor annually, who shall audit the accounts following the close of the financial year ending on the 30<sup>th</sup> April. Any paid up member shall have the right to nominate the Vice- President. The committee shall have the power to co-opt additional members to fill vacancies which may arise on the committee in any one year. The committee shall meet on a regular basis. Authority to convene a meeting shall be by direction of the President or by requisition of at least 30% of the members of the Committee. A quorum shall be five (5) members of the committee personally present.

The President shall chair all meetings of the Club or committee, or in his/her absence a member selected at the meeting. Motions proposed at committee meetings shall be carried by a simple majority of the members present, in the event of a tie the Chairperson shall have the casting vote in addition to his/her ordinary vote.

### **Meetings:**

The A.G.M. shall be held at such time in each year as the committee may decide. The business of the A.G.M. shall be:

- 1) To receive the reports of the Hon. Secretary and the Hon Treasurer.
- 2) To elect a Vice-President and at least six (6) other committee for the coming year.
- 3) To transact any other business.
- 4) All nominations for Vice-President and committee members shall be sent in writing to the Hon Secretary at least 14 days prior to the AGM.
- 5) All notices of motions shall be sent in writing to the Hon Secretary at least 14 days prior to the AGM, and will be notified to the Members at least 7 days prior to the date of the AGM.
- 6) Tied votes shall be decided on the casting vote of the President.
- 7) A quorum for general meetings shall be 40% of the members eligible to vote.

### **Extraordinary General Meetings:**

These meetings shall be called at the request of the President or 30% of the members.

### **Notice Required for Meetings:**

Three (3) weeks notice of an A.G.M. or two (2) weeks notice of an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be given by publication on the Clubs notice board, signed by the Hon Secretary, indicating the date and time of the meeting. With Regard to an Extraordinary General Meeting, no business other than that set out in the notification, may be discussed at such a meeting.

### **Disciplinary Powers:**

The committee reserves the right to terminate by a majority vote any membership of the Club in the event of:

**A:** Failing to observe the CBAI rules and regulations of the Club.

**B:** Conducting himself/herself inside or outside the Club in a manner likely to bring the Club into disrepute, provided that the committee shall give the member whose expulsion is contemplated a reasonable opportunity of offering an explanation in writing of his/her conduct. In the event of the said member failing to offer an explanation in writing or in the event of the committee finding the explanation inadequate or unsatisfactory, the member shall be notified to this effect by the Hon. Secretary and his/her subscription for the current year (if paid) shall be refunded and the said member shall thereupon cease to enjoy all the rights and privileges of membership of the Club.

### **Competitions:**

There shall be a minimum of (3) Major competitions held during the year in the Evening, and Morning Sessions. To be eligible to win a prize in any of the above Major competitions, members must have paid the relevant subscription fee.

### **Laws of Bridge:**

The Laws of Duplicate Bridge as adapted by the C.B.A.I. shall apply in all cases.

### **Alteration of Rules:**

These rules shall not be repealed or amended, nor shall any new rules be made except by a vote of two-third majority of the attendance at a general meeting provided a quorum is present. The committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of those rules or any amendment or addition thereto. On dissolution or winding up of the Club the assets of the Club shall be liquidated and the proceeds distributed as decided at an Extraordinary General Meeting.

### **1983**

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