

## CONSTITUTION OF PALMERSTOWN BRIDGE CLUB

### 1. The Club

The Club shall be known as Palmerstown Bridge Club.

### 2. Objectives

The objectives of the Club shall be the playing and promotion of Bridge under the rules, guidance and objectives of the C.B.A.I. and will be fully registered as a Club with the Contract Bridge Association of Ireland.

### 3. Membership

Membership shall be open to all. The Club welcomes guests and visitors, except on Competition Nights.

In the event of any member acting in such a manner as to bring the Club into disrepute or to disrupt the smooth running of the Club or the enjoyment of other members, the Committee shall have the right to reprimand such a member, and to warn them as to their future conduct. This may be done verbally or in Writing. If the said member should continue to so act, the Committee shall suspend and, if necessary, subsequently cancel such person's membership and refund their Annual Subscription for that year.

### 4. Annual Subscription

The Annual Subscription shall be the amount set by the Committee from time to time.

### 5. Management Committee

(i) A Management Committee, elected each year at the Annual General Meeting, which shall be held in May, shall control the Club.

(ii) The Committee shall consist of the President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Tournament Director and four Committee Members.

(iii) The Committee shall put into effect all resolutions passed at the Annual General Meeting and shall make such Regulations as they shall from time to time see fit, provided that such Regulations shall not alter, amend or repeal any regulations embodied in this Constitution.

(iv) All Committee members must be elected by ballot each year. All ballots are by simple majority and the President shall have a casting vote. The Annual General Meeting shall elect Officers and Committee annually. Nominations for officers should be sent to the secretary in writing at least two weeks in advance of AGM.

(vi) The President shall be an Honorary Member during his/her year of office.

The out-going President shall automatically become ex-officio a member of the incoming Committee if he/ she wishes.

(vii) The Committee have the right to co-opt any member should a vacancy occur.

(viii) For any valid meeting of the above Committee, there shall be at least five persons present.

(ix) The Committee shall have the power to appoint Sub-Committees where necessary. The President shall ex-officio be a member of every Committee.

(x) All decisions reached at meetings of the Club shall be by simple majority and the President shall have a casting vote in the event of a deadlock. '

## 6. Officers

The President shall preside over all affairs of the Club and shall at all times be afforded the courtesy that the office demands. The President shall preside over meetings of the Club. The President shall liaise with the Hon. Secretary and other officers to ensure the wishes and decisions of the Committee are carried out, with particular emphasis on Competitions and communications. The Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer shall administer the affairs of the Club as laid down at the Annual General Meeting and shall furnish all reports to the Annual General Meeting

## 7. Extraordinary General Meetings

The Committee may call an Extraordinary General Meeting at any time and must call one at the request, in writing, of one-third of the members of the Club.

## 8. Changes to the Constitution

Alterations, amendments or changes to the Constitution shall be made only if at a General Meeting of the members and shall require a two-third-majority vote of the members present and voting at the meeting.

## 9. Annual General Meeting

Notice of the date fixed for the meeting shall be circulated or displayed on the Club Notice Board for two weeks preceding the Annual General Meeting. A quorum of at least 30% of members must be present at any A.G.M. or E.G.M. Proposals for the AGM should be sent in writing to the secretary at least two weeks in advance of the AGM.

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