

BSRC CONSTITUTION

Constitution of the BRITISH SPORTING RIFLE CLUB adopted on the Seventeenth day of April 2016.

1 Name

The name of the Club is the 'British Sporting Rifle Club'

2 Administration

Subject to the matters set out below, the Club and its property shall be administered and managed in accordance with this constitution by the members of the Executive Management Committee, constituted by clause 7 of this constitution.

3 Objects

The Club's objects ('the objects') are:

- (a) To encourage and promote competitive shooting with the sporting rifle, in particular the International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) and Nordic Shooting Region (NSR) Moving Target and similar matches.
- (b) To seek to improve the facilities available for such competitions in Great Britain, and to do everything in its power to ensure that this country is worthily represented in the moving target and sporting rifle events at International Championships and Olympic Games.
- (c) To maintain the highest standards of safety and accuracy in the use of the sporting rifle on the range and in the field.
- (d) To maintain and uphold the highest standards of sportsmanship and fellowship in both competitive and leisure shooting activities.

4 Powers

In furtherance of the objects, but not otherwise, the Executive Management Committee may exercise the following powers:

- 4.1 power to raise funds and to invite and to receive contributions provided that in raising funds the Executive Management Committee shall not undertake any substantial permanent trading activities and shall conform to any relevant requirements of the law;
- 4.2 power to buy, take on lease or in exchange, any property necessary for the achievement of the objects and to maintain and equip it for use;
- 4.3 power subject to any consents required by law to sell, lease or dispose of all or any part of the property of the Club;
- 4.4 power subject to any consents required by law to borrow money and to charge all or any part of the property of the Club with repayment of the money so borrowed;
- 4.5 power to employ such staff (who shall not be members of the Executive Management Committee) as are necessary for the proper pursuit of the objects of the club;
- 4.6 power to co-operate with other clubs, voluntary bodies and statutory authorities engaged in furtherance of the objects and to exchange information and advice with them;
- 4.7 power to support any charitable trusts, associations or institutions formed for all or any of the objects;
- 4.8 power to do all such lawful things as are necessary for the achievement of the objects.

5 Membership

- 5.1 Membership of the Club shall be open to individuals who are interested in furthering the objects of the Club and who have paid the annual subscription as fixed from time to time by the Members present at the annual general meeting or any extra ordinary meeting called specifically for that purpose.
- 5.2 The Executive Management Committee may for good reason terminate the membership of any individual, provided that the individual concerned shall have the right to be heard by the Executive Management Committee, accompanied by a friend or representative, before the final decision is made.
- 5.3 The Executive Management Committee may create any new or additional class of member they deem necessary and may determine what benefits or rights such members may have, and may lay down procedures for the introduction of prospective new members to the Club. The exercise of any such powers by the Executive Management Committee shall be subject to ratification by the next annual general meeting of the Club by means of appropriate amendment(s) to the by-laws of the Club.

6 Honorary Officers

At each annual general meeting of the Club the members shall elect from amongst themselves a chairman, a vice-chairman, a secretary, a treasurer, a club captain and a vice captain who shall hold office from the conclusion of the meeting.

7 Executive Management Committee

- 7.1 The Executive Management Committee shall consist of not less than six members and not more than ten members being:
 - a) the honorary officers specified in the preceding clause;
 - b) not less than *two* and not more than *four* members elected at the annual general meeting who shall hold office from the conclusion of the meeting.
- 7.2 All members of the Executive Management Committee must be current annual, life or honorary life members of the Club in their own right. In exceptional circumstances the Secretary and/or the Treasurer may be appointed from the associate membership or from outside the Club. In such cases these officers will be deemed non-voting members of the Executive Management Committee.
- 7.3 The Executive Management Committee may in addition appoint up to *four* co-opted members but so that no-one may be appointed as a co-opted member if, as a result, more than one third of the members of the Management Committee would be co-opted members. Each appointment of a co-opted member shall be made at a special meeting of the Executive Management Committee called under clause 10.1 and shall take effect from the end of that meeting unless the appointment is to fill a place which has not been vacated in which case the appointment shall run from the date when the post becomes vacant.
- 7.4 All the members of the Executive Management Committee shall retire from office together at the end of the annual general meeting next after the date on which they came into office but they may be re-elected or re-appointed.
- 7.5 The proceedings of the Executive Management Committee shall not be invalidated by any vacancy among their number or by any failure to appoint or any defect in the appointment or qualification of a member.
- 7.6 No person shall be appointed as a member of the Executive Management Committee or be a co-opted member who is aged under 21 or who would if appointed be disqualified under the provisions of clause 8.
- 7.7 No person shall be entitled to act as a member of the Executive Management Committee whether on a first or any subsequent entry into office until after signing a declaration of acceptance and willingness to act in the trusts of the Club and to also sign a conflict of interest declaration.

8 Determination of Membership of the Executive Management Committee

A member of the Executive Management Committee shall cease to hold office if he or she:

- 8.1 ceases to be a full current member of the Club and/or the National Rifle Association; or
- 8.2 becomes incapable by reason of mental disorder, illness or injury of managing and administering his or her own affairs; or
- 8.3 is absent without permission of the Executive Management Committee from all their meetings held within a period of six months and the Executive Management Committee resolve that his or her office be vacated; or
- 8.4 gives to the Executive Management Committee notice that he or she wishes to resign with effect from a date at least one month after the date of the notice (unless there are exceptional reasons for shorter notice), but only if at least six members of the Executive Management Committee remain in office when the notice of resignation is to take effect.

9 Management Committee Members not to be Personally Interested.

- 9.1 Subject to the provision of sub-clause 9.2 no member of the Executive Management Committee shall acquire any interest in property belonging to the Club (otherwise than as a trustee for the Club) or receive remuneration or be interested (otherwise than as a member of the Executive Management Committee) in any contract entered into by the Executive Management Committee.
- 9.2 Any member of the Executive Management Committee for the time being who is a solicitor, accountant or other person engaged in a profession may charge and be paid all the usual professional charges for business done by him or her or his or her firm when instructed by the other members of the Executive Management Committee to act in a professional capacity on behalf of the Club, provided that at no time shall a majority of the members of the Executive Management Committee benefit under this provision and that a member of the Executive Management Committee shall withdraw from any meeting at which his or her own instruction or remuneration, or that of his or her firm, is under discussion.

10 Meetings and Proceedings of the Executive Management Committee

- 10.1 The Executive Management Committee shall hold at least four ordinary meetings each year. A special meeting may be called at any time by the chairman or by any three members of the Management Committee upon not less than seven days' notice being given to the other members of the Management Committee of the matters to be discussed but if the matters include appointment of a co-opted member then not less than 21 days' notice must be given. All notices must be given in writing or by electronic mail .
- 10.2 The chairman or vice chairman shall act as chairman at meetings of the Management Committee. If both the chairman and vice chairman are absent from any meeting, the members of the Management Committee present shall choose one of their number to be chairman of the meeting before any other business is transacted.
- 10.3 There shall be a quorum when at least one-third of the members of the Executive Management Committee for the time being or four members of the Executive Management Committee, whichever is the greater, are present at the meeting, of which at least two shall be Honorary Officers of the club.
- 10.4 The Executive Management Committee shall keep minutes, in books kept for the purpose or by electronic data recording methods, of the proceedings at meetings of the Executive Management Committee and any sub-committee.
- 10.5 The Executive Management Committee may from time to time make or alter the bye-laws of the Club. Any such addition or alteration to the bye-laws must be laid before the next annual general meeting of the Club for ratification by a two-thirds majority vote. No bye-law, rule, standing order or other regulation may be made which is inconsistent with this constitution.
- 10.6 The Executive Management Committee may appoint one or more advisory or sub-committees consisting of three or more members of the Executive Management Committee for the purpose of making any enquiry or supervising or performing any function or duty which in the opinion of the Management Committee would be more conveniently undertaken or carried out by a sub-

committee: provided that all acts and proceedings of any sub-committee shall be fully and promptly reported to and subject to the approval of the Executive Management Committee.

10.7 The Executive Management Committee shall ensure that at all times the club and its members shall comply with all legal requirements in force from time to time and any rules appertaining to the conduct of the activities being undertaken.

11 Receipts and Expenditure

11.1 The funds of the Club, including all donations, contributions and bequests, shall be paid into an account operated by the Executive Management Committee in the name of the Club at such bank or building society as the Executive Management Committee shall from time to time decide. The Club may operate more than one bank account. The Club Treasurer, or any other nominated member of the Executive Management Committee, is authorised to make payments on behalf of the Club by cheque, BACS or other approved electronic payment methods, as appropriate.

11.2 The funds belonging to the Club shall be applied only in furthering the objects.

12 Property

12.1 Subject to the provisions of sub-clause 12.2 of this clause, the Executive Management Committee shall cause title to:

- (a) all land held by or in trust for the Club; and
- (b) all investments held by or on behalf of the Club; and
- (c) all assets of the Club other than land and investments;

to be vested in not less than two individuals appointed by them as holding trustees. Holding trustees may be removed by the Executive Management Committee at their pleasure and shall act in accordance with the lawful directions of the Executive Management Committee. Provided that they act only in accordance with the lawful directions of the Executive Management Committee, the holding trustees shall not be liable for acts and defaults of its members.

12.2 If a corporation entitled to act as a custodian trustee has not been appointed to hold the property of the Club, the Executive Management Committee may permit any investments held by or in trust for the Club to be held in the name of a clearing bank, trust corporation or any stockbroking company which is a member of the International Stock Exchange (or any subsidiary of any such stockbroking company) as nominee for the Executive Management Committee, and may pay such nominee reasonable and proper remuneration for acting as such.

13 Annual General Meeting

13.1 There shall be an annual general meeting of the Club which shall be held each year within four months of the end of the Club's financial year or as soon after as is practicable.

13.2 Every annual general meeting shall be called by the Executive Management Committee. The Secretary shall give at least 28 days' notice of the annual general meeting in writing or by electronic mail to all the members of the Club. All annual, life and honorary life members of the Club shall be entitled to attend and vote at the meeting.

13.3 The chairman of the Club then in office shall be the chairman of each annual and extraordinary general meeting, but if he is not present, before any other business is transacted, the persons present shall appoint a chairman of the meeting.

13.4 The Executive Management Committee shall present to each annual general meeting the report and accounts of the Club for the preceding financial year which will have been examined and approved by the independent examiners appointed at the Annual General Meeting each year.

13.5 Nominations for election to the Executive Management Committee must be made by members of the Club in writing and must be in the hands of the Secretary to the Management Committee at least 7 days before the annual general meeting. The person nominated must confirm in writing his or her willingness to stand. Should nominees exceed vacancies, election shall be by ballot. In the event that there are multiple vacancies and nominees, members will have one vote per vacancy. All votes must be used. If ballot papers are returned without all votes being used, then the voting paper in its entirety will be deemed spoiled and will not be counted in the ballot.

14 Extraordinary General Meetings

The Executive Management Committee may call an extraordinary general meeting of the Club at any time. If at least 10% of the Club membership or 10 members, whichever is less, request such a meeting in writing stating the business to be considered the Secretary shall call such a meeting within 28 days of receipt of the request. At least 7 days notice must be given. The notice calling the meeting must state the business to be discussed.

15 Procedure at General Meetings

- 15.1 The Secretary or other person specially appointed by the Executive Management Committee shall keep a full record of proceedings at every general meeting of the Club.
- 15.2 There shall be a quorum when at least 50% of the number of full members of the Club for the time being or 12 members of the Club, whichever is less, are present at any general meeting.
- 15.3 If after 30 minutes from the time stated for the commencement of the meeting there are still insufficient members present to form a quorum, the meeting shall be adjourned to another time and place. The adjourned meeting shall take place within 21 days of the date of the original meeting, or as soon after as is practicable.
- 15.4 If at the adjourned meeting there are insufficient members present to form a quorum, the meeting will proceed after a delay of 30 minutes unless sufficient members are present before that time to form a quorum.

16 Notices

Any notice required to be served on any member of the Club shall be in writing and shall be served by the Secretary or the Executive Management Committee on such member either personally or by sending it through the post in a prepaid letter addressed to the member at his or her last known address in the United Kingdom, and any letter so sent shall be deemed to have been received within 10 days of posting.

17 Voting

Every annual, life and honorary life member shall have one vote on any resolution on which he is entitled to vote. Every resolution shall be decided by a majority of votes by those present and entitled to vote on the question but in the case of a tied vote the Chairman of the meeting shall have a second and casting vote.

18 Alteration to the Constitution

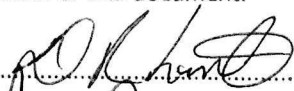
The constitution may be altered by a resolution supported by not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting at a general meeting. The notice of the general meeting must include notice of the resolution, setting out the terms of the alteration proposed.

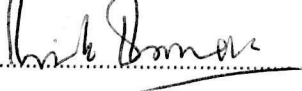
19 Dissolution

In the event of the Club being dissolved the Executive Committee will present a proposal for the disposal of all club assets to an Extraordinary General Meeting for approval by members.

A meeting of all members of the Club shall be called, of which not less than 28 days' notice will be given. If the proposal is supported by two-thirds of those present and voting, the Management Committee shall have power to realise any assets held by or on behalf of the Club and arrange for their disposal accordingly.

This constitution was adopted on the date mentioned above by the persons whose signatures appear at the bottom of this document.

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