

# **CAMBRIDGE AND DISTRICT RIDING CLUB**

## **RULES**

(amended at AGM 4 October 2002)

1. The club shall be known as 'THE CAMBRIDGE & DISTRICT RIDING CLUB'

### **2. OBJECTS**

The object of the Club shall be:

- (a) To encourage riding as a sport and recreation, to promote good fellowship amongst riders and to approve and maintain the standard of riding and horsemanship.
- (b) To organise instructional meetings, lectures and competitive events and other activities deemed to further the Objects.
- (c) To be affiliated to the British Horse Society and to support and co-operate with recognised organisations interested in the breeding and use of all breeds and types of horses and ponies.
- (d) To investigate the subject of bridle tracks and rights of way with a view to defining those that have been closed and maintaining and more clearly defining those that are in existence.
- (e) To concern itself with any object which will benefit the horse and horse user in the district.

### **3. MEMBERSHIP**

- (a) This shall consist of persons who have attained the age of twelve years and having paid the due subscription of the current period. Honorary membership may be conferred by the Committee upon any person deemed by them to have rendered notable service to the Club.
- (b) The annual subscription shall be payable on the first day of the Club's financial year. Any member whose subscription is more than three months in arrears shall have their name removed from the Membership List after written notice to that effect has been sent to the member in question. Any member joining the Club on or after the 1st August shall be deemed to have paid their subscription for the ensuing year.
- (c) The Committee may expel from membership of the Club any member who has wilfully disobeyed any of the rules of the Club, or who has in the opinion of the Committee been guilty of any conduct derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interests of the Club, provided that before expelling the member the Committee shall call for explanation of his/her conduct and shall hear what they may wish to say in defence.

### **4. ADMINISTRATION**

#### The Committee

- (a) All powers of management shall be vested in a Committee consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Competition Secretary and eleven other members. Six members shall form a quorum. Any Committee member who does not attend meetings for one year shall automatically be retired and replaced.
- (b) At the Annual General Meeting each year, one half of the Committee Members shall retire, being those who have been longest in office and as between those who have been in office for the same length of time the members to retire shall be determined by lot. Retiring members shall be eligible for re-election.
- (c) The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Competition Secretary shall be elected annually by the Committee from among their number.
- (d) The decision of the Committee shall be final unless over-ruled at a General Meeting.
- (e) The Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of the rules or for anything relating to the Club provided therein and their decision shall be final and binding on the members.
- (f) The Committee may formulate bye-laws for the detailed running of the Club and elect sub-committees for any special activities of the Club which the Committee may authorise.
- (g) The Committee shall have power to fill any casual vacancy arising among members of the Committee, but any person so co-opted shall retain office only until the next following Annual General Meeting and shall be eligible for re-election.

- (h) In the case of an equal vote the Chairman shall have the casting vote.
5. The financial year of the Club shall commence on the 1st October in each year.
  6. The annual subscription shall be sixteen pounds or such other sum shall from time to time be determined by the Committee.
  7. The Committee may appoint annually a President and Vice-President. These shall not be by virtue only of such appointment become members of the Committee.
  8. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of September or October of each year to transact the following business:-
    - (a) To receive and if approved to adopt a Statement of the Club's Accounts to the end of the preceding year.
    - (b) To fill vacancies on the Committee.
    - (c) To appoint an Auditor.
    - (d) To deal with any special matter which the Committee may desire to bring before the members and to receive suggestions from the members for consideration by the Committee. Notice convening the general meeting shall be sent to members not less than 14 days before the meeting and shall specify the matters to be dealt with.
  9. A Special General Meeting may be called by the Committee, or by a request signed by not less than five members specifying the business to be discussed. The Secretary shall give all members ten days notice of the date of such meeting and shall specify in such notice matters to be dealt with at such meeting.
  10. The Accounts of the Club shall be audited each year by a member appointed at the Annual General Meeting.
  11. Notice may be given to any member by sending it by post to him at his address in the United Kingdom registered in the records of the Club. If any member has no address in the United Kingdom such a member shall not be entitled to receive any notice. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting or the non-receipt of a notice of a meeting shall not invalidate the proceedings of the meeting.
  12. These rules may be added to, repealed or amended by resolution at any Annual General or Special General Meeting, provided that no such resolution shall be deemed to have been passed unless carried by a majority of at least two thirds of the members present and voting thereon, and provided that prior notice has been sent to all members stating the proposed amendment.
  13. The Club, its Committee or persons acting on their behalf shall not be held responsible for any accident or injury to any persons or property howsoever caused.
  14. Members shall be correctly turned out at all Club events. Hard hats must be worn when mounted.