

CONSTITUTION OF THE HIGH FEN RIDING CLUB

1 TITLE

The Club shall be known as the High Fen Riding Club.

2 OBJECTS

The objects of the Club shall be:

- (a) To encourage riding as a sport and recreation, to promote good fellowship amongst riders and to improve and maintain the standard of riding and horsemanship.
- (b) To organise instructional meetings, training clinics, lectures and competitive events and other activities 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 opposing those that have been closed and maintaining and more clearly defining those that are in existence.
- (e) To concern itself with any object that will benefit the horse and horse user in the district.

3 MEMBERSHIPS

This shall consist of persons who have attained the age of eighteen years and paid the due subscription for 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.

4 Anyone desirous of becoming a member shall apply to the Membership Secretary on the appropriate Application form accompanied by the appropriate subscription in full.

5 The annual subscription for both High Fen Riding Club Full Members (BRC), and High Fen Riding Club Member (Non BRC) members shall be as determined from time to time by the committee. Annual subscriptions shall be payable by the last day of January in any year. Any member whose subscription is more than one month in arrears shall have their name removed from the Membership List after written notice to the effect has been sent to them. Any member joining the club on or after 1st November shall be deemed to have paid the subscription for the ensuing year.

6 The Committee may expel from membership of the Club any member who has wilfully breached any of the rules of the Club, or who has in the opinion of the Committee have been guilty of any conduct derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interest of the Club, provided that before expelling the member the Committee shall call upon them for an explanation of their conduct and provide a proper opportunity of answering the allegations against them.

ADMINISTRATION

7 The Committee

- (a) All powers of management shall be vested in the adult Committee consisting of the Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, and up to nine other Committee members. Five shall form a quorum.
- (b) At the Annual General Meeting each year, one third of the members of the Committee shall retire, the members to retire being those who have been longest in office. Those who

have been in office for the same length of time shall determine retiring members by lot. Retiring members shall be eligible for re-election.

- (c) The Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall be elected annually by the Committee from amongst 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 and for anything relating to the club not provided therein and their decision shall be final and binding on the members.
- (f) The Committee may formulate byelaws for the detailed running of the Club and elect sub-committees for any special activities of the Club that the Committee may authorise.
- (g) The Committee shall have the power to fill any casual vacancy arising amongst members of the Committee, but any person so co-opted shall retain office only until the next following Annual General Meeting and then shall be eligible for re-election.

8 The financial year of the Club shall commence on the 1st September in each year.

9 The accounts shall be audited prior to the AGM each year.

10 The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the first quarter of the Financial 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 who shall not be a member of the committee, nor related to the Honorary Treasurer, and shall be deemed to be competent in financial matters.
- (d) To deal with any special matter which the Committee may desire to bring to the members and to receive suggestions from the members for consideration by the Committee. Notice convening the General Meeting shall be sent to the members not less than 14 days before the meeting and shall specify the matters to be dealt with.

11 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 a meeting and shall specify in such notice matters to be dealt with at the meeting.

12 Notice may be given to any member by sending it by emailing to them as registered in the records of the Club. If any member has no email address such member shall not be entitled to receive any notice. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to or the non-receipt of a notice of a meeting by any member shall not invalidate the proceedings of the meeting.

13 These rules may be added to, repealed or amended by resolution at any Annual 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.

14 The Club, its Committee or persons acting on their behalf shall not be held responsible for any accident or injury to any person or property howsoever caused.

15 In the event of the Club disbanding any funds will be donated to the Area 14 Liaison Committee