



VETERAN HORSE, PONY AND RIDER CLUB

RULES AND CONSTITUTION

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1. TITLE

The Club shall be known as “The Veteran Horse, Pony and Rider Club”.

2. OBJECTS

- a) To further interest in the welfare of veteran horses and ponies.
- b) To organise instructional meetings, lectures, competitive events, pleasure events, and other activities deemed to further the Objects.

3. MEMBERSHIP

a) This shall consist of persons who have attained the age of 35 years, or those of any age who own or loan a horse or pony over the age of 15 years, and having been elected by the Committee, have 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 services to the Club

b) The annual subscription shall be payable at the February club meeting (held on the first Wednesday of that month). Any member whose subscription is more than 3 months in arrears shall have his or her name removed from the Membership list after written notice to the effect has been sent to him or her. Any member joining on or after the 1st September will pay a reduced subscription for the remainder of the year. (Amended at AGM on 4/1/12.) Acting Committee members shall have free membership for their term of Office, but shall resume paying the full membership subscription upon resigning Office.

c) The Committee may expel from membership of the Club, any member who has wilfully disobeyed any of the rules of the Club or has, in the opinion of the Committee, been guilty of the conduct derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interest of the Club, provided that before expelling him or her, the Committee shall call upon the member in question for an explanation of his or her conduct and shall hear what may be urged in defence.

4. ADMINISTRATION

a) All powers of management shall be vested in the Committee, consisting of Founder (changed from President at AGM 2006), Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and a minimum of 5 other Committee members. Five shall form a Quorum.

b) At the Annual General Meeting each year, except for the Founder, all of the Committee shall retire. Retiring members shall be eligible for re-election.

c) The election for the new Committee will be held by secret ballot by the members of the Club.

d) The decision of the Committee shall be final unless overruled at an Extraordinary General Meeting.

e) The Committee shall be in the sole authority for the interpretation of the rules or 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 which the Committee may authorise.

g) The Committee shall have the power to fill any casual vacancy arising on the Committee but any person so co-opted shall retain office only until the next following Annual General Meeting and then be eligible for re-election.

5. FINANCIAL YEAR

The Financial Year of the Club shall commence on the 1st February each year.

6. SUBSCRIPTION

The annual subscription shall be £25 for new members (which includes a £5 joining fee) and thereafter £20 per annum. Members joining after 1st Sept will pay a reduced fee of £12. (Amended at AGM 6/1/16.) Such sum shall be determined by the Committee and ratified by members at the Annual General Meeting.

7. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting shall be held on the first Wednesday of January in each year to transact the following business:

- a) To receive and, if approved, to adopt a Statement of the Clubs accounts to the end of the preceding year.
 - b) To fill vacancies on the Committee.
 - c) To appoint an auditor, if deemed necessary by the Committee.
 - 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 the members not less than 21 days before the meeting and shall specify the matters to be dealt with.

8. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by the Committee or by request, signed by not less than five members, specifying the business to be discussed. The Secretary shall give members ten days notice of the date of such a meeting and shall specify in such notice the matters to be dealt with at such a meeting.

9. ACCOUNTS

The Accounts of the Club shall be audited each year by the person appointed at the previous Annual General Meeting.

10. AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES AND CONSTITUTION

The rules may be added to, repealed or amended by resolution at any Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting, provided that no resolution shall be deemed to have been passed unless carried by majority of the members present and voting thereon and provided that prior notice has been sent to all members stating the proposed amendment.

11. LIABILITY

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.

12. CORRECT DRESS

Members should be correctly turned out at all mounted events. Hard hats to conform to the minimum standard, with a harness properly adjusted and fastened. Hats marked WN1384, PASO15:1998, ASTM F1163, BSEN14572:2005 or SEI American standard SNELL E2001, ASTM95, SNZ3838 1998. Skullcap hats must be worn with a silk and appropriate footwear should be worn.

13. In the event that The Club should be disbanded then the club funds will be donated the BHS. (Agreed by members at the AGM on 20/1/10.)

14. All members of the club must show courtesy at all times to Organisers, Officials, Volunteers, Members of other clubs and all other family, friends and employees at all events and by either email or on any social media site. Any issues arising on this matter must be reported to the Club Chair or Secretary thereafter. (Agreed by members at the AGM on 8/1/14.)