



## **RULES AND CONSTITUTION**

### **1. TITLE**

The CLUB shall be known as **“THE NAPHILL 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, horsemastership and welfare of horses.
- 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 opening those that have been closed and maintaining and more clearly defining those that are in existence.
- e. To concern itself with any object which would benefit the horse and horse user in the district?

### **3. MEMBERSHIP**

- a) This shall consist of persons who have attained the age of eighteen years and, having been elected by the Committee, have paid their due subscription for the current period.
- b) Honorary Membership may be conferred by the Committee upon any person deemed by them to have rendered notable service to the Club.
- c) Anyone desirous of becoming a Member shall be proposed by a Member and seconded by another and his/her name forwarded to the Membership Secretary of the Club, on the appropriate nomination form, and shall be duly approved by the Committee at one of their meetings.
- d) Membership of the club is open to all without discrimination on grounds of ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or beliefs and on the basis of a simple majority vote of the committee.
- e) 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 his/her name removed from the membership list, after written notice to the effect has been sent to him/her.
- f) The Committee may expel from the Membership of the Club, any Member or Committee 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 interest of the Club, provided that before expelling him/her, the Committee shall call upon him/her for an explanation of his/her conduct and hear what he/she may wish to say in his/her defence.



- g) Two negative votes shall exclude any Membership application in committee. Approval may be by ballot at the request of any one Committee Member. The decision of the Committee is final. The Committee is not obliged to give any reason for rejection of an application.

#### **4. ADMINISTRATION**

- a) The powers of management shall be vested in the adult committee, consisting of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary. Eight other Committee Members shall make up the Committee, five of which shall form a quorum to include two officers.
- b) At the Annual General Meeting each year, the Committee shall retire. Retiring Members shall be eligible for re-election. Ballot shall be by means of the single transferable vote system
- c) The Vice Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall be elected annually by the Committee from amongst their number. The Chairman shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting by the Members.
- d) The decision of the Committee shall be final unless over-ruled at the Annual General Meeting.
- e) The Committee shall be 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 bye-laws for any of the activities of the Club, which the Committee may authorise,
- g) The Committee shall have the power to fill any casual vacancy arising amongst Members of the Committee. Any person so co-opted shall retain office only until the next following Annual General Meeting and shall then be eligible for re-election.
- h) The Honorary Secretary is the Executive Officer, who will conduct correspondence and be responsible for implementing the decisions of the Committee passed by resolution of a properly constituted meeting.
- i) The Honorary Treasurer will account for all monies received by and paid on behalf of the Club. Receipts will be deposited in a Current account at a bank selected by the Committee. Cheques will be drawn by The Honorary Treasurer or The Honorary Secretary and such cheques will be countersigned by one other officer. The Committee will notify the Club's bankers by mandate with a copy of the appropriate Committee minutes
- j) The Financial Year of the Club shall commence on the first day of October in each year.
- k) The annual subscription shall be such sum as shall from time to time, be determined by the Committee.
- l) Any surplus income or gains will be reinvested in the club and no club assets, in cash or in kind will be distributed to members or third parties.
- m) The Committee may appoint annually a President or Vice President. These shall not, by virtue only of such appointments, become members of the Committee
- n) The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of October in each year, to transact the following business:-
- i. To receive and, if approved, a statement of the Club's accounts to the end of the preceding year.



- ii. To fill vacancies on the Committee.
  - iii. To deal with any special matters which the Committee may desire to bring before the Members and to receive suggestions from the Members for consideration by the Committee.
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- o) Notice convening the Annual General Meeting shall be sent to members not less than FOURTEEN DAYS before the meeting and shall specify the matters to be dealt with.
  - p) A special General Meeting may be called by the Committee, or by a request signed by not less than ten 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 such matters to be dealt with at such a meeting.
  - q) An appropriately qualified person appointed by the Committee shall verify the Accounts of the Club.
  - r) Notice may be given to any member by sending it by post to his/her address in the United Kingdom registered in the records of the Club. If any member has no address in the UK, such member shall not be entitled to receive 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 that meeting.
  - s) These rules may be added to, repealed or amended by resolution at any Annual or General Meeting provided that no such resolution shall be deemed to have 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 out to all Members, stating the proposed amendment.
  - t) 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.

## 5. **BYE-LAWS**

### **Clause One**

When taking part in RIDING Club activities, Members must wear hard hats and suitable riding attire, as specified in the current edition of British Horse Society "Rules for Official Competitions".

### **Clause Two**

Members are asked to observe the Highway Code and Country, where they relate to horse riding.

### **Clause Three**

It was agreed by a two-thirds majority at the 1979 Annual General Meeting that children under 18 would not be mounted at Members Only Events.

### **Clause Four**

No person should hold the office of Chairman for a period exceeding three years.

### **Dissolution Clause**

Date March 2003 for re adoption November 2015



In the event of dissolution of the Club, all assets remaining after payment of debts and liabilities must be applied for **approved sporting and charitable purposes.**

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