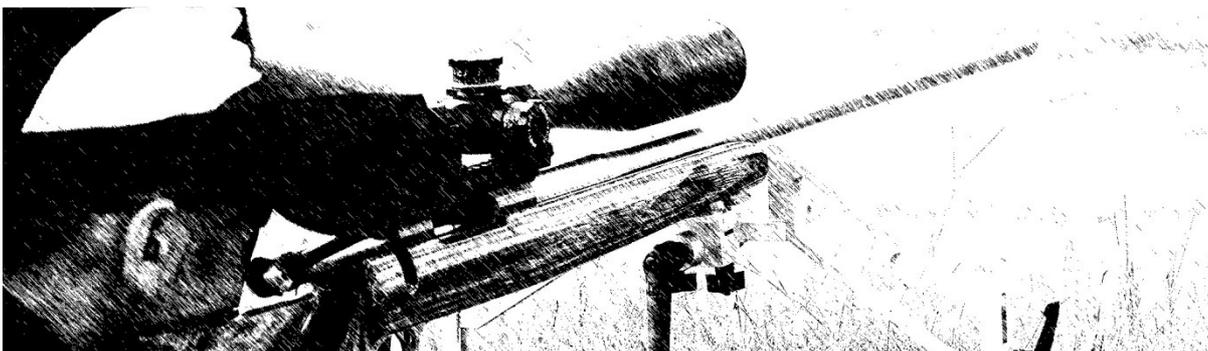




49th Rifle And Pistol Club Members Handbook 2019



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SHORT HISTORY OF THE 49TH

The 49th Rifle and Pistol Club was formed on May 1st 1945 as a section of the 49th Warwickshire Home Guard Old Comrades Association with an annual subscription of 5/- (25p). Shooting was originally for rifle only with the full-bore shooting taking place at Kingsbury, (as it does now) and the small-bore shooting at Thorpe Street Range.

In 1949 shooting moved from Thorpe Street to the range at King Edward High School where it stayed until its move to the present location in 1985.

The new range was converted from an old public washing baths and is leased from Birmingham Council. Initially as there was only one range available, time was set aside each week for specific disciplines. The second range, completed in 1990 allows more people to shoot at any one time and also permits coaching, competitions and competition practice to go ahead without interference to normal shooting.

During the 90's membership increased to over 170 members with 7 competing internationally and 3 having places for the Sydney Olympics. Unfortunately no pistol shooters from Great Britain took part due to a ban on all pistols and removal of funding due to political correctness.

After the pistol ban the club invested in black powder pistols and gallery rifles and membership is slowly increasing with people becoming aware of the new disciplines available.

Time is still set aside for specific disciplines on 'A' range although 'B' range is also used for general shooting at the same time.

(Thanks to C Lungmuss for the info on the early days.)

The Club

Membership of the Club is open to all irrespective of ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or beliefs, age, sex or disability except as a necessary consequence of the requirements of the current Firearms Act and rifle and pistol shooting as a particular sport. Any person between the ages of 12 and 17 inclusive must be accompanied by his/her parent or guardian at all times whilst on the club premises or club shoot at any other ranges used by the club.

The aim of the club is to teach safe handling and technique in the use of firearms for members to participate in both internal and external competitions per the courses of fire approved by the NRA UK and NSRA. The club does not provide training and practice facilities for any other type of shooting. Any person using the club for this action will be asked to leave and name passed to the committee for investigation.

The club is run by a committee of 4 officers and between 9-15 committee members, elected at the A.G.M., all of whom give their time and effort on a voluntary basis.

The committee members open the range between set times during the week for members and to allow access to the ranges and equipment for probationary members. Visitors members guests and those wishing to find out more about the club are welcome by appointment only. Coaching is also available at these times for all members at no cost. There are also some days set aside for coaching sessions for specific disciplines where members can attend and increase their shooting knowledge and skills. The only cost of these days is for the ammunition and targets used.

The aim is to provide the facilities and training for members to get the most out of their sport. If members have any suggestions on improvements then the committee is there to listen and see what can be done. None of the committee is paid and members provide their time for work parties freely, so all work is prioritized, hence some things happen quickly and others may take longer; everything gets done eventually.

Please remember the clubroom and ranges do not tidy themselves. If we all do a bit towards keeping the ranges tidy, put empty cases in the bins, old targets for recycling and wash up used cups, then it is a better place for all.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The applicant must complete a current form and submit for consideration with ID and proof of address. They will then be invited to an interview to meet some of the committee and officers.

If they are satisfied with the attitude and objectives of the person to the sport the membership will be progressed.

Once the club has approval from Firearms Licencing, the return of all referee forms and they raise no questions about the applicant's suitability, they will be invited to a stage 1 training day. Following satisfactory completion of that be able to attend on club nights to shoot under supervision.

If stage 1 & 2 training days/modules are not passed in the 3 month period then the person may apply to extend the probationary period for another 3 months only. The person must complete/pass the modules and have sufficient visits to satisfy Firearms Licencing in that six month period.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

The annual membership fee is set at the previous year's A.G.M. it is a one-off payment per year. All memberships run from 1st January to 31st December. A probationary member joining part way through the year will be charged from the month they join. (see membership form or web site for current fees)

There are no further fees or charges for use of the club firearms and facilities, the only additional costs are for ammunition and targets used and some refreshments.

Non F.A.C. holders and holder of .22 only and .22 only club

All applicants in this category must serve a minimum three-month probationary period which starts from the point the club members/committee accept the applicant and process the forms with West Midlands Police. After this has been done, the applicant is invited to the range for the stage 1 training day. No one is considered for membership until the forms are correctly filled in, photographs are supplied and we have copies of photo ID and proof of address.

After the minimum three month probationary period, and the satisfactory completion of the training modules and minimum of 12 instructional visits, they will be put forward and considered for full membership.

If the person has, in the committee's view been a regular shooter and has proven him/herself safe and competent on the range and shown a responsible attitude to owning firearms, then full membership will be offered and on payment of remaining fees their application for an F.A.C. will be supported by the committee. (If completion of the modules and twelve visits can't be completed in the three months probationary period, the probationary period can be extended for a further 3 months on application to the membership Secretary and committee. If approved a further fee to cover the 3 months will be required. Unless there is an exceptional reason this process would not be granted a second time)

All probationary applicants must supply the club with the names and addresses of two people who have known the applicant for over two years and are not family members. If either of these does not reply, or submits a negative response, the membership will not be progressed until the issue is resolved.

F.A.C. Holders

Applicants already holding an F.A.C. for centre fire firearms may join as full members on payment of the appropriate fee and a briefing/completion of safety and range procedures/induction. If the committee is happy with the person's behaviour and awareness of safety, and they are felt unlikely to bring the club into disrepute, then full membership will be offered. Two referees are required and details of previous/current club.

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR MEMBERS (Firearms amendments 1997)

- All members, probationary and full, and any guests must always sign the attendance log on each visit with times at the club.
- Guests must sign the attendance log with details of guns being shot, primary club, FAC number. They must also sign visitor book and fill in the required details.
- Probationary members must keep their record card up to date and check if any specific conditions have been suggested.
- Members must inform the membership secretary if this is their prime club or give the name of their prime club, F.A.C number and name of issuing Police Force, They must also notify the club immediately there is any change in these circumstances or if a refusal to renew their FAC / Shotgun Certificate is actioned by their inspecting officer.
- Members must keep their shooting records up to date, as the club must under Home Office regulations inform the police of any member who has not shot within a twelve month period with their firearms.
- Always wear your membership card or have it with you, otherwise you will not be allowed purchase ammunition, use club firearms, or shoot.
- Ammunition purchased at the club must not be removed from the club premises unless it is entered on the persons F.A.C.
- Club .38 ammunition is for use on club premises and at approved club shoots, it is not available for purchase and entering on a FAC.
- Only club ammunition is to be use in club firearms
- Probationary members may be instructed using other members' firearms, but must be fully supervised by the owner at all times whilst the firearm is in their possession.
- Long barrelled revolvers and long barrelled pistols may only be handled and used by the person on whose certificate it is entered.

OPENING HOURS:

The club is manned by responsible volunteers at the following times and club equipment is available for use; prospective members and visitors may attend by arrangement:

MONDAY	-	Closed for special training sessions
TUESDAY	-	19.00 -22.00 hrs
WEDNESDAY	-	17.00 - 20.00 hrs
THURSDAY	-	19.00 - 22.00 hrs
FRIDAY	-	Closed for special training sessions
SATURDAY	- 1 st of month: black powder	13.00 - 16.00 hrs
SUNDAY	-	10.00 - 13.00 hrs

SHOOTING MUST NOT COMMENCE BEFORE: MON-FRI: 09.00 hrs. SAT – SUN: 10.00 hrs

SHOOTING MUST STOP EACH EVENING AT 22.00 hrs. MON-FRI, 1700hrs SAT-SUN

The committee and officers will make every effort to adhere to these commitments and opening times, but please remember that individuals are subject to sickness and other personal problems, which may arise at short notice. Apologies if something beyond our control happens.

RANGE KEYS

Keys are available to full members as a privilege and not a right, and are subject to the following conditions.

1. A person must satisfy the committee that they are responsible and can be trusted to operate the range and observe the club rules. Normally a minimum of 18 months full membership will require to have been completed to prove this.

2. Job change, preventing attendance on club nights.
3. To provide range time for a person with their own equipment and extra training time for those competing in competitions.
4. Other justifiable circumstances.

Applications must be made in writing to the committee stating full circumstances for application:

1. Any member who unlocks the club premises must ensure that the premises are locked and the alarm set on leaving, or if another key holding member is available at the premises, that they are made aware that they are to secure the premises on leaving.
2. The committee must be fully satisfied of the person's competence in dealing with all of the problems relating to firearms, and the operation of the Club Alarm System, which must be set on leaving the premises.
3. At their discretion the key holder may allow access to the range to another **full member**, but is totally responsible for their behaviour during their time in the clubhouse.
4. Keys are available for 12 month periods, renewable in January, and their use will be monitored. If keys are not used then their issue may be withdrawn, as there is a limited number of keys available and there may be a waiting list.
5. Misuse of the keys or range facilities will result in the withdrawal of the use of keys and further action may be taken by the committee.
6. A deposit of £100 is required on issue of a set of keys; this will be refunded upon the return of the keys and receipt.
7. The member holding the keys will indemnify the club against any costs occasioned by any false alarm charges whilst they are in the range / clubroom, plus any cost incurred by the club should the locks require to be changed due to the loss by the key holder of the keys registered to them
8. The key holder must inform the Club immediately should they lose the keys.

The keys must not bear any club identification traceable back to the premises. It is suggested that you use at your own cost a lost key return service to your own address, and consider insurance in case you are required to pay for lock and key replacement.

ACCIDENTS, LOSS AND DAMAGE

Any accidents, injuries sustained by any members, visitors or guests, or damage to club or personal property must be notified and recorded in the diary.

The club will not be held responsible for any injuries resulting from failure to follow range safety procedures.

BEHAVIOUR

All members are expected to act in a reasonable manner and use reasonable language while on the premises, remember there may be a mixture of persons present

No alcohol is permitted in the club without the express permission of the committee. Anyone who has consumed alcohol (on or off the premises) will not be allowed to handle a firearm, and may be asked to leave.

TARGETS

- The only targets permitted are those recognised by the respective shooting bodies to which the club is affiliated, and such other targets as may be approved by the committee on special occasions.

- All targets must be placed on target holders or frames in such a manner that bullets will hit the backstop after passing through the target and not cause any damage to frames or fitments etc..
- Unorthodox target frames/holders must have prior approval for safety reasons.
- Any PP1 and SERVICE PISTOL targets marked with members' names may only be used by those individuals. Ask before you use another member's target frames.
- Please remember target frames and holders have to be built by someone and time and expense is incurred, so please treat them with care and they will last a considerable time.

FIREARMS and AMMUNITION

The only types of firearm which can be used at the club are:

- Any .22 rimfire rifle
- Long barrelled pistols and long barrelled revolvers
- Gallery rifles in a pistol calibre
- In "B" range only, in addition to the above, any air rifle or pistol and black powder pistol.
- Centre fire target rifle used with special downloads available from the club.

Ammunition used in the club **must not**:

- Be jacketed or semi jacketed.
- Have muzzle energy in excess of 460 ft. lbs or have a projectile speed above 1400 fps.
- Be loaded with shot.

The club reserves the right to test members' ammunition used on the range if it believes it may be outside these limits, it is the member's responsibility to ensure their ammunition is within the limits.

To calculate muzzle energy the following formula will give it;

$$\frac{\text{Muzzle velocity} \times \text{muzzle velocity} \times \text{bullet weight}}{450240}$$

No firearm or live ammunition may be stored or left in the club armoury without permission from a member of the committee and must be entered into the armoury log book, and clearly labelled. Removal from the armoury must also be recorded.

SAFETY

Safety is the responsibility of all shooters, a person who chooses not to follow the safety rules and range procedures operated at this club will cease to be a member and the police notified. An application to join the club is taken as acceptance of the rules and procedures.

A set of the current rules and procedures is available in the clubroom or by request to the General Secretary. **Ignorance is no defence.**

FIREARMS IN THE CLUB ROOM

- No firearm, empty or loaded, is pointed at any person, a loaded firearm must only be pointed in the direction of the backstop.
- All firearms in the clubroom must be in a safe condition, action open, no magazine, breech empty.
- No firearm or magazines are loaded other than at the firing point, and only then after instruction from Range Officer/Safety Supervisor.

- Loading firearms with 'dummy' rounds must only be carried out in the presence and under the control of a coach/instructor.
- All firearms are "proved clear" when handed to, or taken from another person, or when taken from their cases or rifle slips.

FIREARMS ON THE RANGE

- All firearms are unloaded of live /discharged rounds or snap caps.
- The action, bolt or cylinder is open; black powder at half cock with no caps fitted.
- Any firearm which does not lock open must have the action held open by a suitable wedge.
- Magazines, where able, are removed.
- All firearms are benched or set down and no firearms are to be handled in any way while anyone is forward of the firing point.

PROCEDURES ON THE RANGE

- a) Put cleared firearm down on bench facing down range and stand back.
- b) Range door locked to people wandering in, out while shooting is taking place.
- c) Once the Range Officer/safety supervisor has checked all guns safe, they will issue the instruction to go forward and place targets on holder. Centre of target not to be higher than the safe guide lines on each side of the range
- d) Return to firing point and stand back from firearms.
- e) When instructed by Range Officer/safety supervisor, put ear defenders on, and safety glasses if worn.
- f) When instructed by the Range Officer/safety supervisor, you may load, but do not commence shooting until the Range Officer/safety supervisor gives the instruction. The length of the detail may vary, dependent upon the course of fire. If there are people waiting to shoot, the maximum time allowed is 15 minutes. You may join the next detail if there is a space.
- g) *IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE FIREARM, PUT IT DOWN WITH THE BARREL FACING THE TARGET AND STAND BACK. WHEN THE DETAIL IS OVER, DRAW IT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE RANGE OFFICER/SAFETY SUPERVISOR WHO WILL HELP YOU DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM, OR GET ASSISTANCE.*
Nb. If you are unsure of the way in which any firearm operates or the fault, DO NOT mess with it. Follow the instructions above.
- h) When you have finished shooting, clear the firearm and magazines and put them down on the bench, weapons to be facing down the range at the discrete line of the target, and stand well back so that the Range Officer/safety supervisor can see that you have finished shooting.
- i) When all shooters have finished, all firearms will be checked and proved clear by the Range Officer/safety supervisor and left pointing down range. When all firearms have been checked and pronounced clear, the shooters are allowed forward to collect targets. The door will be unlocked only when all shooters are back behind the firing points.

RANGE OFFICERS/SAFETY SUPERVISOR:

- a. It is the responsibility of all shooters on each detail to nominate a suitable person to act as safety supervisor to control the shooting during that detail. The nominated person must be a full member and shall not shoot on the detail.
- b. A person approved by the committee shall keep overall control of the ranges via cctv
- c. It is the duty of the Range Officer/Safety Supervisor to ensure that shooting is conducted in a safe and orderly manner, in accordance with the club rules and procedures.
- d. All shooters must comply with the commands of the Safety Supervisor.

- e. A Range Officer/Safety Supervisor when the only person shooting on the range have the firearm checked safe before removing from the range by another full member.

Club Competitions for Annual Trophies

Over the year, the club holds a number of competitions for trophies which are held for one year by the winner. See the diary for when these competitions are held and the notice board for a full set of rules for each competition

Precision and Timed

25m 12 round in 120 seconds including the reload

15m 12 rounds, 1 shot per 2 second face of the target. Shot in 2 strings of 6 faces.

10m 6 rounds, 2 shots per face of the target.

Target times are Face 3 seconds, Away 5 seconds. Targets DP2 gallery rifle LBR & LBP, DP2a 22. LSR

Multi Target

25m 6 shots on the left hand target in 15 seconds

20m 6 shots 3 on each target in 10 seconds

15m 6 shots on the right hand target, 2 shots per 3 second face of the target

10m 6 shots, 3 on each target in 8 seconds

Targets either 2 Figure 11 or DP1 or 2 DP1b

Standard Rifle

.22 sporting rifle 20 yd. on PL15 standing unsupported. 5 shots in 120 sec twice, 5 in 20 sec shot twice, 5 in 10 sec shot twice

Falling Plate, .22 rifle

10 plates any .22 rifle unlimited rounds, total time taken to knock down all plates, best of three runs.

Handicap Trophy, 22 rifle

Any .22 rifle open or optical sights. Shot on 20/10 target

10 shots prone against your handicap

.22 Sporting Rifle

25yd Cadet Target 20 rounds, 5 shots per diagram to count.

Top left diagram to be used as sighting target.

Black Powder Pistol

24 shots, 12 shots on a PL12 target at 20yds.

The highest 10 shots to count. Shot twice.

Aggregate Trophy

20 shots prone rifle, 20 shots standing, 20 shots kneeling,

Combined score air4/ 89 target.

20 yd. Air

30 shots, 10shots per target with any air or CO2 pistol standing

One or two hands may be used

Harry Lee's Memorial Shields.

Aggregate score of the best 2 of 3 Targets to Count

Precision & Timed, same as P&T above.

Precision 10 shots with FB gallery rifle per target in ten minutes; Standing unsupported, Target PL 12.

10 shots with SB gallery rifle per target in ten minutes;

Standing unsupported, Target PL15

SB Precision 10 shots per target in ten minutes with any air or CO2 pistol, standing unsupported off hand, Target PL 12

.22 Prone Rifle 10 shots per target, one per diagram, Target 20/10 rifle, shot with any .22 target rifle no bi-pods rests allowed.

President's Cup

The total score from the four Bisley shoots using any target rifle

Service Rifle Trophy

The same as the presidents cup but with a service rifle.

The Novice Trophy

See notice board for details

The Improvers Cup

See notice board for details

Constitution/Article of Association of the club

A full copy of the constitution/article of association is available in the clubroom or by request from the General Secretary as a .pdf file. The main points are set out as follows. **(unless specified the term member refers to Full Members of the club only)**

1. Except as provided in Article 5 hereof the Club shall be open to all persons irrespective of ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or beliefs, of age, sex or disability except as a necessary consequence of the requirements of the Firearms Act and rifle and pistol shooting as a particular sport. Any person between the ages of 12 and 17 must be accompanied by his/her parent or guardian at all times whilst on the club premises or club shoot ant any other range. Every candidate for membership of the Club shall be a) proposed by one and seconded by another current full member who have known them for over 2 years or b) Each candidate for membership of the Club shall provide the names and addresses of two people, who must not be members of the candidates immediate family who have known them for over 2 years, to act as referees to their character, or a combination of one of each. The application for membership of every candidate shall be in writing signed by the candidate and referees and shall be in such form as the Council may from time to time prescribe. Applicants not holding a current centre fire firearms certificate must serve a probationary period of not less than 3 months during which they will receive a 'probationary member card'. At the end of that period and on completion of the training and required number of visits the Council will consider the applicant for full membership and will notify the applicant of their decision. Applicants holding a current centre fire firearms certificate will be accepted as full members subject to providing a suitable reference letter from their current club secretary. The Council may refuse membership only for good and sufficient cause, such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against such a decision may be made to the Club's members and decided by a majority vote.
2. All applicants and members must not be prohibited by section 21 or other sections of the Firearms Act 1997 and have no reason to have a Firearms Certificate refused if applied for.
3. The decision of the Council as to any application for probationary or full membership shall be by a simple majority.

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

1. Any member wishing to resign his or her membership of the Club shall give notice in writing of his or her intention so to do addressed to the Secretary and deposited at the Registered Office of the Club before the Thirty First day of December in any year.

2. In case the conduct of any member shall in the opinion of the Council be injurious to the character of the Club or objectionable in any respect in particular his or her conduct upon the range and upon the premises occupied by the Club is calculated to bring the Club into disrepute or fails to fulfil the objects and aims of the Club, such member may be required by the Council to resign and if the member so requested shall not resign within one week, such member may be expelled by resolution of the Council and cease to be a member of the club and all sums which have been paid by such member shall thereupon be forfeited. A member expelled under this article shall have a right of appeal by giving written notice of appeal to the Secretary within ten days from the posting of the notice for expulsion. Thereupon an extraordinary meeting shall be convened within fourteen days and if such meeting shall pass an extraordinary resolution rescinding the expulsion then the member shall be reinstated as from the date of such resolution.
3. If any member fails to pay his annual subscription to the Club within one month of that subscription falling due or if any member has not attended the Club for a period of 2 years or more then his or her membership of the Club will lapse and his or her name be removed from the Roll at the discretion of the Council.
4. Any member expelled in accordance with these Articles or otherwise ceasing to be a member of the Association shall forfeit all rights to or claim upon the Association or its property or funds.
5. The rights of a member as such shall be personal and shall not be transferable and shall cease upon his death.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

1. Annual subscriptions are due on the 1st January and if the subscription is not paid by the 1st February membership of the Club ceases and re-admission can only be granted at the absolute discretion of the Council
2. New members will be charged an administration fee to be fixed from time to time by the Council in addition to the annual subscription to cover the required checks to meet Home Office requirements.
3. Subscriptions will be reduced pro-rata after each month in the case of a new member. Membership will start from and include the month the applicant is accepted by the membership committee and application form processing begun
4. Life Membership is available to Members with at least two years continuous Full membership at ten times the current full annual membership

GENERAL MEETINGS

1. The Association shall hold a General Meeting in every calendar year as its Annual General Meeting at such time and place as may be determined by the Council, and shall specify the meeting as such in the notices calling it, provided that every Annual General Meeting except the first shall be held not more than fifteen months after the holding of the last preceding Annual.
2. All General Meetings, other than Annual General Meetings, shall be called Extraordinary General Meetings.
3. The Council may whenever they think fit convene an Extraordinary General Meeting, and Extraordinary General Meetings shall also be convened on such requisition, or in default may be convened by such requisitionists, as provided by section 132 of the Act.
4. Twenty-one days' notice in writing at the least of every Annual General Meeting and of every meeting convened to pass a Special Resolution, and fourteen days' notice in writing at the least of every other General Meeting (exclusive in every case both of the day on which it is served or deemed to be served and of the day for which it is given), specifying the place, the day and the hour of meeting, and in the case of special business the general nature of that business, shall be given in manner hereinafter mentioned to such persons (including the Auditors) as are under these presents or under the Statutes entitled to receive such notices from the Association; but with the consent of all Full members having the right to attend and vote there at, or of such proportion of them as is prescribed by the Statutes in the case of meetings other than Annual General Meetings, a meeting may be convened by such notice as those members may think fit.

5. For business relating to resolutions affecting the Constitution of the Club to be transacted at a General Meeting notice must be given to the General Secretary no later than four weeks prior to the date of the meeting.
6. For any other business not included in clause 13.1 notice should be given to The General Secretary no later than four weeks prior to the meeting or introduced at the meeting and accepted by the Chairman at his discretion.
7. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of such notice by, any person entitled to receive notice thereof shall not invalidate any resolution passed, or proceeding had, at any meeting.

PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

1. At General Meeting the quorum shall be 20 members. If within half an hour from the time appointed for the holding of a General Meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened on the requisition of members, shall be dissolved. In any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week, at the same time and place, or at such other place as the Council may determine.
2. Subject to the provisions of Article 23, if a poll be demanded in manner aforesaid, it shall be taken at such time and place, and in such manner, as the Chairman of the meeting shall direct, and the result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded.
3. No poll shall be demanded on the election of a Chairman of a meeting, or on any question of adjournment.
4. In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the Chairman of the meeting shall be entitled to a second or casting vote
5. The Chairman (if any) of the Council shall preside as Chairman at every General Meeting, but if there be no such Chairman, or if at any meeting he shall not be present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding the same, or shall be unwilling to preside, the members present shall choose some member of the Council, or if no such member be present, or if all the members of the Council present decline to take the chair, they shall choose some member of the Association who shall be present to preside.
6. The Chairman may, with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present (and shall if so directed by the meeting) adjourn the meeting from time to time, and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than business which might have been transacted at the meeting from which the adjournment took place. Whenever a meeting is adjourned for thirty days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given in the same manner as of an original meeting. Save as aforesaid, the members shall not be entitled to any notice of an adjournment, or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.
7. At any General Meeting a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands, unless a poll is, before or upon the declaration of the result of the show of hands, demanded by the Chairman or by at least two members present in person or by proxy, or by a member or members present in person or by proxy and representing one-tenth of the total voting rights of all the members having the right to vote at the meeting, and unless a poll be so demanded a declaration by the Chairman of the meeting that a resolution has been carried, or carried unanimously or by a particular majority, or lost, or not carried by a particular majority, and an entry to that effect in the minute book of the Association shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against that resolution. The demand for a poll may be withdrawn.
8. The demand of a poll shall not prevent the continuance of a meeting for the transaction of any business other than the question on which a poll has been demanded.
9. Subject to the provisions of the Statutes a resolution in writing signed by all the members for the time being entitled to receive notice of and to attend and vote at General Meetings (or being corporations by their duly authorised representatives) shall be as valid and effective as if the same had been passed at a General Meeting of the Association duly convened and held.

VOTES OF MEMBERS

1. Subject as hereinafter provided, every member shall have one vote.

2. Save as herein expressly provided, no member other than a member duly registered, who shall have paid every subscription and other sum (if any) which shall be due and payable to the Association in respect of his membership, shall be entitled to vote on any question either personally or by proxy, or as a proxy for another member, at any General Meeting.
3. Votes may be given on a poll either personally or by proxy. On a show of hands a member present only by proxy shall have no vote, but a proxy for a corporation may vote on a show of hands. A corporation may vote by its duly authorised representative appointed as provided by section 139 of the Act. A proxy need not be a member.
4. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointor or his attorney duly authorised in writing, or if such appointor is a corporation under its common seal, if any, and, if none, then under the hand of some officer duly authorised in that behalf.
5. The instrument appointing a proxy and the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed or a notarial certified or office copy thereof shall be deposited at the office not less than forty-eight hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote, or in the case of a poll not less than twenty-four hours before the time appointed for the taking of the poll, and in default the instrument of proxy shall not be treated as valid. No instrument appointing a proxy shall be valid after the expiration of twelve months from the date of its execution.
6. A vote given in accordance with the terms of an instrument of proxy shall be valid notwithstanding the previous death or insanity of the principal or revocation of the proxy or of the authority under which the proxy was executed, provided that no intimation in writing of the death, insanity or revocation as aforesaid shall have been received at the office before the commencement of the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the proxy is used.
7. Any instrument appointing a proxy shall be in the following form or as near thereto as circumstances will admit:-
8. Votes may be given on a poll either personally or by proxy. On a show of hands a member present only by proxy shall have no vote, but a proxy for a corporation may vote on a show of hands. A corporation may vote by its duly authorised representative appointed as provided by section 139 of the Act. A proxy need not be a member.
9. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointor or his attorney duly authorised in writing, or if such appointor is a corporation under its common seal, if any, and, if none, then under the hand of some officer duly authorised in that behalf.
10. The instrument appointing a proxy and the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed or a notarial certified or office copy thereof shall be deposited at the office not less than forty-eight hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote, or in the case of a poll not less than twenty-four hours before the time appointed for the taking of the poll, and in default the instrument of proxy shall not be treated as valid. No instrument appointing a proxy shall be valid after the expiration of twelve months from the date of its execution.
11. Any instrument appointing a proxy shall be in the following form or as near thereto as circumstances will admit:-

“I _____ of _____

a member of _____

hereby appoint _____

of _____

and failing him _____

of _____

to vote for me and on my behalf at the (Annual or Extraordinary, or adjourned, as the case may be) General Meeting of the Association to be held on the _____ day of _____

And at every adjournment thereof.

As witness my hand this _____ day of _____ 200 ”

The instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to confer authority to demand or join in demanding a poll.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL

1. The Council may meet together for the dispatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings as they think fit, and determine the quorum necessary for the transaction of business. Unless otherwise determined, three shall be a quorum. Questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes. In case of an equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.
2. A member of the Council may, and on the request of a member of the Council the Secretary shall, at any time, summon a meeting of the Council by notice served upon the several members of the Council. A member of the Council who is absent from the United Kingdom shall not be entitled to notice of a meeting.
3. The Chairman (if any) of the Council shall be entitled to preside at all meetings of the Council at which he shall be present, or if at any meeting the Chairman be not present within five minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the members of the Council present shall choose one of their number who is willing to preside to be Chairman of the meeting.
4. A meeting of the Council at which a quorum is present shall be competent to exercise all the authorities, powers and discretions by or under the regulations of the Association for the time being vested in the Council generally.
5. The Council may delegate any of their powers to committees consisting of such member or members of the Council as they think fit, and any committee so formed shall, in the exercise of the powers so delegated, conform to any regulations imposed on it by the Council. The meetings and proceedings of any such committee shall be governed by the provisions of these presents for regulating the meetings and proceedings of the Council so far as applicable and so far as the same shall not be superseded by any regulations made by the Council.
6. All acts bona fide done by any meeting of the Council or of any committee of the Council, or by any person acting as a member of the Council, shall notwithstanding it be afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment or continuance in office of any such member or person acting as aforesaid, or that they or any of them were disqualified, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed or had duly continued in office and was qualified to be a member of the Council.
7. The Council shall cause proper minutes to be made of all appointments of officers made by the Council and of the proceedings of all meetings of the Association and of the Council and of committees of the Council, and all business transacted at such meetings, and any such minutes of any meeting, if purporting to be signed by the Chairman of such meeting, or by the Chairman of the next succeeding meeting, shall be sufficient evidence without any further proof of the facts therein stated.
8. A resolution in writing signed by all the members for the time being of the Council or of any committee of the Council who are entitled to receive notice of a meeting of the Council or of such committee shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Council or of such committee duly convened and constituted.

COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT

1. The business of the Association/Club shall be transacted by the Council of Management consisting of the officers of the Club as defined in clauses 33.1 who are elected at the Annual General Meeting plus additional members of the Council of not less than nine nor more than twenty who will also be elected by the Club at an Annual General Meeting a proportion of whom are subject to retire by rotation as hereinafter defined.
2. The Officers of the Club shall consist of: The Chairman; General Secretary; Membership Secretary and Treasurer.
3. The first members of the Council shall be the subscribers to the Memorandum of Association.
4. The Council may from time to time and at any time appoint a member of the Association as a member of the Council, either to fill a casual vacancy or by way of addition to the Council, provided that the prescribed maximum be not thereby exceeded. Any member appointed shall retain his office only until the next Annual General Meeting, but he shall then be eligible for re-election.

5. No person who is not a member of the Association shall in any circumstances be eligible to hold office as a member of the Council. (*note, 2 years full membership is normally required*)

POWERS OF THE COUNCIL

1. The business of the Association shall be managed by the Council who may pay all such expenses of, and preliminary and incidental to the promotion, formation, establishment and registration of the Association as they think fit, and may exercise all such powers of the Association, and do on behalf of the Association all such acts as may be exercised and done by the Association, and as are not by statutes or by these presents required to be exercised or done by the Association in General Meeting, subject nevertheless to any regulations of these presents to the provisions of the statutes and to such regulations being not inconsistent with the aforesaid regulations or provisions, as may be prescribed by the Association in General Meeting, but no regulation made by the Association in General Meeting shall invalidate any prior act of the Council which would have been valid if such regulation had not been made.
2. The members for the time being of the Council may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their body; provided always that in case the members of the Council shall at any time be or be reduced in number to less than the minimum number prescribed by or in accordance with these presents, it shall be lawful for the members to act as the Council for the purpose of admitting persons to membership of the Association, filling up vacancies in their body or of summoning a General Meeting, but not for any other purpose.

SECRETARY

1. Subject to section 21(5) of the Companies Act 1976, the Secretary shall be appointed by the Council for such time, at such remuneration and upon such conditions as they may think fit and any Secretary so appointed may be removed by them. The provisions of sections 177 and 179 of the Act shall apply and be observed. The Council may from time to time by resolution appoint an assistant or deputy Secretary, and any person so appointed may act in place of the Secretary if there be no Secretary or no Secretary capable of acting.

DISQUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

The office of a member of the Council shall be vacated:-

1. If a receiving order is made against him or he makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors.
2. If he becomes of unsound mind.
3. If he ceases to be a member of the Association.
4. If by notice in writing to the Association he resigns his office.
5. If he ceases to hold office by reason of any order made under section 188 of the Act.
6. If he is removed from office by a resolution duly passed pursuant to section 184 of the Act.
7. If he ceases to be a member by virtue of section 185 of the Act.

ROTATION OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

1. At the first Annual General Meeting and at the Annual General Meeting to be held in every subsequent year, one-third of the members of the Council for the time being, or if their number is not a multiple of three then the number nearest to one-third, shall retire from office.
2. The members of the Council to retire shall be those who have been longest in office since their last election or appointment. As between members of equal seniority, the members to retire shall in the absence of agreement be selected from among them by lot. The length of time a member has been in office shall be computed from his last election or appointment. A retiring member of the Council shall be eligible for re-election.
3. The Association may, at the meeting at which a member of the Council retires in manner aforesaid, fill up the vacated office by electing a person thereto, and in default the retiring member shall, if offering himself for re-election be deemed to have been re-elected, unless at such meeting it is expressly

resolved not to fill such vacated office, or unless a resolution for the re-election of such member shall have been put to the meeting and lost.

4. No person not being a member of the Council retiring at the meeting shall, unless recommended by the Council for election, be eligible for election to membership of the Council at any General Meeting, unless within the prescribed time before the day appointed for the meeting there shall have been given to the Secretary notice in writing, by some member duly qualified to be present and vote at the meeting for which such notice is given, of his intention to propose such person for election, and also notice in writing, signed by the person to be proposed, of his willingness to be elected. The prescribed time above mentioned shall be such that, between the date when the notice is served, or deemed to be served, and the day appointed for the meeting there shall be not less than four nor more than twenty-eight intervening days.
5. The Association may from time to time in General Meeting increase or reduce the number of members of the Council, and determine in what rotation such increased or reduced number shall go out of office, and may make the appointments necessary for effecting any such increase.
6. In addition and without prejudice to the provisions of section 184 of the Act, the Association may by Extraordinary Resolution remove any member of the Council before the expiration of his period of office, and may by an Ordinary Resolution appoint another qualified member in his stead; but any person so appointed shall retain his office so long only as the member in whose place he is appointed would have held the same if he had not been removed.

ACCOUNTS

1. The Council shall cause accounting records to be kept in accordance with the requirements of the Statutes.
2. The accounting records shall be kept at the office or, subject to the provisions of the Statutes, at such other place or places as the Council shall think fit, and shall always be open to the inspection of the officers of the Association.
3. The Council shall from time to time determine whether and to what extent and at what times and places and under what conditions or regulations the accounts and books of the Association or any of them shall be open to the inspection of members not being officers of the Association, and no member (not being an officer) shall have any right of inspecting any account or book or document of the Association except as conferred by statute or authorised by the Council or by the Association in General Meeting.
4. At the Annual General Meeting in every year the Council shall in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes lay before the Association a proper income and expenditure account for the period since the last preceding account (or in the case of the first account since the incorporation of the Association) made up to a date not more than four months before such meeting, together with a proper balance sheet made up as at the same date. Every such balance sheet shall be accompanied by proper reports of the Council and the Auditors and copies of such account, balance sheet and reports (all of which shall be framed in accordance with any statutory requirements for the time being in force) and of any other documents required by law to be annexed or attached thereto or to accompany the same shall not less than twenty-one clear days before the date of the meeting, subject nevertheless to the provisions of section 158(1)(c) of the Act, be sent to the Auditors and to all other persons entitled to receive notices of General Meetings in the manner in which notices are hereinafter directed to be served. The Auditors' report shall be open to inspection and be read before the meeting as required by section 14 of the Companies Act 1967.

NOTICES

1. A notice may be served by the Association upon any member, either personally or by sending it through the post in a prepaid letter, addressed to such member at his registered address as appearing in the register of members.
2. Any member described in the register of members by an address not within the United Kingdom, who shall from time to time give the Association an address within the United Kingdom at which notices may be served upon him, shall be entitled to have notices served upon him at such address, but, save as aforesaid and as provided by the Act, only those members who are described in the register of members by an address within the United Kingdom shall be entitled to receive notices from the Association.

3. Any notice, if served by post, shall be deemed to have been served on the day following that on which the letter containing the same is put into the post, and in proving such service it shall be sufficient to prove that the letter containing the notice was properly addressed and put into the post office as a prepaid letter.