

# **RULES AND CONSTITUTION OF CHOBHAM & DISTRICT RIDING CLUB**

## **1. TITLE**

The Club shall be called "Chobham & 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 improve and maintain the standard of riding and horsemastership.
- 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.
- d) to investigate the subject of bridle paths 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.

3. Membership shall be granted to persons who have attained the age of seventeen years on 1<sup>st</sup> January of the membership year (1 October - 30 September) and, having been elected by the Committee, have paid the due subscription for the current period. Junior Membership shall be granted to persons aged between eight and sixteen as at 31 December of the membership year on the same conditions. Honorary membership may be conferred by the Committee upon any persons deemed by them to have rendered notable service to the Club.

4. Anyone desirous of becoming a member shall complete the Club's application form, which shall be forwarded to the Hon. Secretary for submission to the Committee.

5. The annual subscription shall be payable on 1st October, being the first day of the Club's financial year. Any member whose subscription has not been paid by 31st December shall have his or her name removed from the membership list. Any person joining the Club after 1st July shall be deemed to have paid his or her subscription for the ensuing year.

6. 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 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 an explanation of that member's conduct and give him or her proper opportunity of answering the allegations against him/her.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

### **7. The Committee**

- a) All powers of management shall be vested in a Committee of adult members. The number shall be such as shall be agreed from year to year at the Annual General Meeting, but not less than six. Four shall form a quorum, but no decision involving finance shall be taken without the consent of a majority of the Committee.
- b) At the Annual General Meeting each year, one third of the members of the elected Committee shall retire. The members to retire being those who have been longest in office and as between those who have been 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) A Chairman, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer 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 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 among members of the Committee, but any person so co-opted shall retain office only until the next following AGM and shall then be eligible for re-election.
- h) The Hon. Secretary will be responsible for keeping minutes of all meetings, for keeping a register of the members of the Club, for notifying all members of the General and other meetings and for notifying Committee Members of Committee meetings.
- i) The Hon. Treasurer will hold the funds of the Club, will keep proper accounts and will submit an annual statement for auditing and approval of the Committee and afterwards for approval of the Club at the Annual General Meeting. Money will only be disbursed on instructions from the Committee.

8 . The annual subscription shall be:

Riding Members	£20	as at 1st October 2004
Non Riding Members	£10	"
Junior Members	£17	"

or such sums as shall from time to time be determined by the committee.

9. The Committee may appoint annually a President and Vice Presidents. These shall not by virtue only of such appointment become members of the Committee.

10. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of October in 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.
- j) 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.

11. A special General Meeting may be called by the Committee or by a request signed by not less than five adult 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 such a meeting.

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

13. Notice may be given to any member by sending it by post to him or her at his/her address in the United Kingdom, registered in the records of the Club. If any member has no address in the United Kingdom 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 that meeting.

14. 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 adult members present and voting thereon, and provided that prior notice has been sent to all members stating the proposed amendment.

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

16. Members shall be correctly turned out at all Club events. Hard hats should be worn.

17. In the event of dissolution of the Club the net assets shall be donated to the local Riding for the Disabled Association.