



## STANDARD RULES AND CONSTITUTION OF BRADLEY DALE RIDING CLUB

### 1 TITLE

The Club shall be known as the Bradley Dale Riding Club.

### 2 OBJECTIVES

The objectives 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, lectures and competitive events and other activities to further the objectives.
- (c) To be affiliated to the British Horse Society.
- (d) To concern itself with any objective which will benefit the horse and horse user in the district.

### 3 MEMBERSHIP

This shall consist of persons who have attained the age of fourteen years and, having been accepted 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 service to the Club.

4 Anyone desirous of becoming a member shall fill out the appropriate membership form and send it together with the annual subscription fee to the Membership Secretary.

5 The annual subscription shall be payable on the first day of the Club's financial year. (Membership will run 1<sup>st</sup> November – 31<sup>st</sup> October each year).

6 The Committee may expel from membership of the Club any member who has breached 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 or her the Committee shall call upon the member 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, Membership Secretary and any other Committee Members. 4 Committee Members shall form a quorum.
- (b) The Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Membership Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall be elected annually at the AGM held in October.
- (c) The decision of the Committee shall be final unless overruled at a General Meeting.
- (d) 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.

- (e) The Committee may formulate bye-laws for the detailed running of the Club and elect sub-committees for any special activities of the Club which the Committee may authorise.
  - (f) **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 1<sup>st</sup> November in each year.
- 9 The annual subscription shall be £20.00 or such other sum as shall from time to time be determined by the Committee.
- 10 The Committee may appoint annually a President and Vice-Presidents. They shall not by virtue only of such appointment become members of the Committee.
- 11 The Annual General Meeting shall be held in October of 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 elect the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Membership Secretary and Honorary Treasurer and fill vacancies on the Committee.
  - (c) To appoint an Auditor.
  - (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 30 days before the meeting.
- 12 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.
- 13 The Accounts of the Club shall be audited each year by the person appointed at the previous Annual General Meeting. The person should be experienced in accounting matters and not a member of the club.
- 14 In the event of the Club disbanding, all funds will be divided equally between the Riding for the Disabled and Air Ambulance Charities.
- 15 Notice may be given to any member by sending it by post to their address in the United Kingdom registered in the records of the Club. If any member does not have an 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 the meeting.
- 16 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.
- 17 Members shall be correctly turned out at all mounted club events. Hard hats, conforming to the current standard and properly secured, must be worn.