

FLEET OF FOOT WALKING FOOTBALL CLUB.

CLUB CONSTITUTION 2019

1. THE CLUB SHALL BE CALLED **FLEET OF FOOT WALKING FOOTBALL CLUB** OR **FLEET OF FOOT**.

2. THE **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES** OF THE CLUB ARE

-THE PLAYING, COACHING, REFEREEING AND GENERAL PROMOTION OF THE SPORT OF WALKING FOOTBALL LOCAL TO THE AREA OF FLEET IN NORTH HAMPSHIRE.

-PROMOTING AND AIDING THE FITNESS AND WELL BEING OF THE GENERAL COMMUNITY THROUGH WALKING FOOTBALL.

-TAKING AN ACTIVE PART IN AND FURTHERING SOCIAL INTERACTION AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF WALKING FOOTBALL.

-EXPANDING WALKING FOOTBALL EXPERTISE AND ENJOYMENT AMONGST THE CLUB MEMBERSHIP.

THE CLUB SHALL BE NON PROFIT MAKING AND ALL INCOMING FUNDS SHALL BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE PURSUANCE OF THE CLUB AIMS AND OBJECTIVES.

3. GENERAL PLAYING MATTERS.

THE CLUB WILL ONLY ENTER COMPETITIVE TOURNAMENTS/FESTIVALS/MATCHES (EVENTS) THAT ARE APPROVED BY THE STEERING GROUP. OTHER THAN IN EXCEPTIONAL CASES, APPROVED EVENTS WILL REQUIRE THERE TO BE A PUBLISHED SET OF COMPETITION RULES WHICH, AS A MINIMUM, WILL ALLOW FOR A BALL HEIGHT RESTRICTION, A DEFINED GOALKEEPER ONLY AREA AND AN AGE CATEGORY APPROPRIATE FOR THE AVAILABLE CLUB SQUAD. AS AN OVERRIDING PRINCIPLE, THE CLUB WILL NOT SEEK TO PARTICIPATE WHERE MEMBER SAFETY MAY BE COMPROMISED.

THE CLUB WILL AIM TO ITSELF HOLD OR ENTER EVENTS GIVING THE MAXIMUM OPPORTUNITY FOR PARTICIPATION BY ALL PLAYERS.

UNLESS AND UNTIL OTHERWISE AGREED BY THE STEERING GROUP AND A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERSHIP, THE CLUB WILL HAVE AS ITS HOME PLAYING BASE THE HART LEISURE CENTRE.

4. MEMBERSHIP.

DUE TO THE NATURE OF THE SPORT IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE MEMBERS SHALL PREDOMINANTLY FALL WITHIN THE 60+ AGE BRACKET FOR MEN, AND 30+ FOR LADIES, HOWEVER MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO ALL PERSONS WISHING TO PARTICIPATE, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, IN THE CLUB AIMS AND OBJECTIVES. JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP IS NOT ENVISAGED.

MEMBERS ARE INDIVIDUALLY RESPONSIBLE AT THE TIME OF THEIR JOINING AND THROUGHOUT MEMBERSHIP TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE SUFFICIENTLY FIT AND WELL TO PARTICIPATE IN PLAYING ACTIVITIES. ON JOINING, ALL MEMBERS WILL SIGN A WRITTEN DECLARATION TO THAT EFFECT.

MEMBERS WILL PAY AN ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE AS DETERMINED BY THE STEERING GROUP. THE FEE WILL FALL DUE IN JANUARY OF EACH YEAR AND WILL VALIDATE MEMBERSHIP FOR THAT CALENDAR YEAR.

MEMBERSHIP GIVES ENTITLEMENT TO

-PLAY IN ALL HOME SESSIONS AND BE ELIGIBLE TO PLAY IN HOME OR AWAY TOURNAMENTS/ FESTIVALS AND OTHER COMPETITIVE EVENTS. (For purposes of clarity, a prospective member shall be permitted to participate in up to 3 playing sessions before committing to membership).

-ATTEND CLUB SOCIAL EVENTS

-VOTE ON ANY CLUB MATTER WHERE VOTING IS CALLED FOR.

ALL MEMBERS SHALL HAVE EQUAL STANDING WITHIN THE CLUB AND ONE VOTE EACH ON ANY MATTER ON WHICH THEY ARE ENTITLED TO VOTE.

MEMBERSHIP MAY BE DISCONTINUED

-BY ANY MEMBER ADVISING THE STEERING GROUP THAT HE/SHE WISHES TO DISCONTINUE THEIR MEMBERSHIP

-BY THE STEERING GROUP ADVISING ANY MEMBER OF MEMBERSHIP REVOCATION DUE TO BEHAVIOUR SERIOUSLY DETRIMENTAL TO THE CLUB OR TO ANY OTHER MEMBER.

5. GOVERNANCE.

FOR POLICY DIRECTION AND DAY TO DAY OPERATIONAL PURPOSES THE CLUB WILL MAINTAIN A STEERING GROUP COMPRISING NOT MORE THAN 7 MEMBERS. MEMBERS OF THE STEERING GROUP WILL BE EXPECTED TO TAKE A LEAD ROLE IN ATTENDING TO AT LEAST ONE DEFINED AREA OF CLUB ACTIVITIES SUCH AS OVERALL CLUB STRATEGY, FINANCIAL CONTROL, MEMBERSHIP, EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS, PLAYING MATTERS, LADIES SECTION, SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND RISK IDENTIFICATION AND PROTECTION. MEMBERS OF THE STEERING GROUP WILL HAVE EQUAL STANDING ON ANY MATTER PUT TO VOTE.

THE STEERING GROUP MAY REQUEST AND ENCOURAGE OTHER CLUB MEMBERS TO UNDERTAKE ROLES INTENDED TO ASSIST THE SMOOTH FUNCTIONING OF THE CLUB.

THE STEERING GROUP IS RESPONSIBLE TO REGULARLY PROVIDE THE MEMBERSHIP WITH ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CLUB AND FOR THIS PURPOSE SHALL USE ALL AVAILABLE COMMUNICATION METHODS INCLUDING ELECTRONIC TO BOTH DISSEMINATE INFORMATION AND CANVAS OPINION BEFORE TAKING ANY POLICY DECISION.

IN ADDITION TO INFORMAL DISCUSSION THE STEERING GROUP SHALL MEET FORMALLY DURING EVERY MAY AND NOVEMBER TO REVIEW CLUB ACTIVITIES, PROGRESS AND FUTURE DIRECTION.

IN THE DECEMBER OF EACH YEAR THE STEERING GROUP WILL ISSUE TO EVERY MEMBER A REPORT ON (1) THE KEY ACTIVITIES OF THE CLUB IN THE PAST YEAR AND (2) ADVISING OF PROPOSED FUTURE CHANGES (IF ANY) TO CLUB MATTERS. IF CONSIDERED NECESSARY BY THE STEERING GROUP OR BY A

MINIMUM OF 10 OTHER CLUB MEMBERS A GENERAL MEETING SHALL BE HELD TO DISCUSS ANY MATTER.

6. CLUB FINANCES.

THE CLUB SHALL ESTABLISH A BANK ACCOUNT FOR THE RECEIPT OF INCOME INCLUDING MEMBERSHIP FEES, SPONSORSHIP, GRANTS AND THE LIKE.

ONE MEMBER OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE TO OVERSEE THE INTEGRITY AND PROPER USE OF CLUB FINANCES.

THE CLUB WILL CONSIDER ACCEPTING SPONSORSHIP FROM ANY PERSON OR BODY WHOSE PURPOSE COINCIDES WITH THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE CLUB. THESE WOULD NOT NORMALLY APPLY WHERE THE PROSPECTIVE SPONSOR'S MAIN OBJECTIVE IS THE SELLING OF ALCOHOL, GAMBLING OR THE EXCLUSIVE PURSUIT OF ANY ONE POLITICAL PERSUASION OR RELIGION.

CLUB FINANCIAL INFORMATION SHALL AT ALL TIMES BE AVAILABLE TO ANY MEMBER REASONABLY WISHING TO REVIEW IT.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

THE CLUB WILL SEEK TO MANAGE RISK AND LIABILITIES TO THE CLUB AND TO MEMBERS BY GOOD PRACTICE ESPECIALLY BY ADHERENCE TO THE LAWS OF THE GAME AS SPECIFIED BY RELEVANT ASSOCIATIONS,

WHERE RELEVANT, THE CLUB WILL MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE INSURANCES AS NORMAL WITHIN THE SPORT OF WALKING FOOTBALL.

8. WINDING UP.

IN THE EVENT THAT CLUB FOR ANY REASON IS UNABLE OR CEASES TO ACTIVELY PURSUE ITS AIMS AND OBJECTIVES, THE STEERING GROUP SHALL DISPOSE OF EXISTING FUNDS BY (1) REIMBURSING MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR THE THEN CURRENT YEAR AND (2) DONATING ANY REMAINING BALANCE TO A LOCAL CHARITY.

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