

NANTWICH PARK ROAD BOWLING CLUB

CLUB RULES

NAME AND OBJECTIVES

1. The Club shall be called the Nantwich Park Road Bowling Club and its objectives shall be recreational and social.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS

2. The number of members, including non – resident and life members and the election thereof shall be such as shall, from time to time, be decided by the Committee. Such number shall in no case be less than 25.

Every person wishing to become a member must be proposed by one member and seconded by another. The name and address of each candidate, and the names of their proposer and seconder, shall be posted on the Club Notice Board for least 10 days before the day of election.

Any member who should be of the opinion that any candidate so proposed would not be a desirable member shall report the fact to the Secretary who shall lay it before the Committee.

Provided no reasonable objection is raised, the candidate's name shall be submitted to the meeting of the Committee and if two thirds of the votes recorded are, on a vote being taken by ballot, favourable to their admittance they shall be declared duly elected.

No candidate elected by the Committee shall be deemed to be a member of the Club, or participate in its privileges and benefits, until they have paid the first year's subscription. Occasionally the Committee may agree to reduce or waive the annual fee due to the date of the new member joining the club.

No candidate rejected by the Committee shall again be proposed as a member until the expiration of six months from the date of such rejection.

No Member shall be admitted to the Club premises until they have been duly elected.

In the event of applications being submitted which would result in the Club membership exceeding the limit stipulated by the Committee such additional applicants will be recorded on a waiting list held by the Secretary.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

3. The annual subscription shall be such sum as decided by the Committee or may be decided at the Annual General Meeting. The subscription to be paid before the last day of MARCH each year. The receipt number of each member's subscription shall be shown on the list of members exhibited in the clubhouse. Any member who fails to pay by the end of MARCH shall cease to be a member. If, however, the delay in payment can be accounted for to the satisfaction of the Committee the name of the member may be restored to the list, at the direction of the Committee.

Juniors (to the age of 18) shall pay 20% of the membership fee.

CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

4. Any person ceasing to be a member of the Club shall forfeit all rights and claims thereon its property and funds.

Any member wishing to resign must send a written notice to the Secretary, together with any subscription which may be due and any keys or other property of the Club still in their possession.

MISCONDUCT OF MEMBERS

5. No gambling, drunkenness, bad language or disorderly conduct shall be permitted on Club premises. Any infringement of this Rule will render the member offending liable to expulsion from the Club. It shall be the duty of any member or Officer of the Club to take every available means to prevent the offences in question and to report, in writing, to the Committee.

The Committee shall have the power to expel any member who may offend against any of the foregoing Rules or who may misconduct themselves outside the Club in such a manner as may be considered by the body to be detrimental to the dignity or interest of the Club, provided that any member so offending or misconducting themselves shall have the right of appearing before the Committee to explain their conduct.

VISITORS

6. Any member shall be permitted to introduce a friend and the member by whom they are introduced shall be responsible for his/her good conduct. The name of the visitor, and the name of the member whom they are introduced, shall be written in the Visitors Book kept for that purpose.

The fees for visitors shall be such sum as may, from time to time, be determined by the Committee and the introducing member shall be responsible for these fees to the Secretary.

Visitors shall be restricted to a total of five visits.

SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR

7. There may be admitted to the Club registered premises persons, other than members or their guests belonging to any of the classes specified in the Rule, and intoxicating liquor may be sold to such person by or on behalf of the Club for consumption on the premises and not elsewhere.

The classes of non-members who may be so admitted are any members of a visiting Club, the members of visiting teams and Officials at sporting fixtures.

OFFICERS OF MANAGEMENT

8. The Officers of the Club shall consist of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Club Captain and Vice Captain, who together with the Greenskeeper and seven other members of the Club shall form the General Committee and shall be elected for one year at the Annual General Meeting

If a ballot is required to elect the other seven members to the Committee club members present at the Annual General Meeting can vote for any number of candidates up to the maximum of seven.

The government and management of the Club shall be vested in the General Committee who shall be responsible for the purchase for the Club and the supply by the Club of intoxicating liquor.

The President shall act as Chairman of the Committee, or in his/her absence some other person duly nominated and the Committee shall have the power to appoint Sub-Committees for specific purposes, also to fill up any casual vacancies which may arise during their term of office.

The Committee, or Sub-Committee duly appointed, or any other officer duly authorised by them, shall have the power to give orders for such goods to be supplied or work done as may be necessary for carrying out the purposes of the Club, but nothing in this rule shall empower the Committee to incur expenditure except such as is consistent with the purposes for which the Club is established.

No officer of the Club shall, by virtue of his/her appointment, have the power to order goods or dispose of funds of the Club except with the approval of the Committee.

AUDITORS

9. An Auditor or Auditors shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting to audit the accounts of the Club.

BYE-LAWS

10. The Committee may, from time to time, make such Bye-Laws for the control and protection of the Club premises and property as they may, at their discretion, consider necessary or desirable, provided that no such Bye-Laws shall conflict with these Rules. A copy of all such Bye-Laws shall be posted in the Clubhouse.

APPLICATION OF FUNDS

11. The funds of the Club shall be applied to carry out the objectives for which the Club was formed. All monies of the Club shall be regularly banked at the Bank appointed by the Committee. The President, Treasurer and Secretary for the time being of the Club shall have authority to sign cheques. Any cheques shall be signed by any two signatories.

All property of the Club shall be vested in the Committee, or such persons as may, from time to time, be authorised by the Committee. The Committee shall appoint four members of the Club as Trustees, to hold all deeds and securities whatsoever in their joint names on behalf of the Club. The said Trustees shall be empowered to deposit or charge the Deeds or other securities belonging to the Club, to the Club's Bankers, as a continuing security for any advance to be taken by way of overdraft on the current account of the Club. Such charge on any of the securities shall be exercised on the written authority of the Committee only. No personal liability shall attach to any such person or persons, except to the extent of such funds of the Club as may be actually received by them.

PERMITTED HOURS

12. The Club shall be opened and closed at such hours as may, from time to time, be determined by the Committee and as posted in the Clubhouse.

The permitted hours shall be such as may, from time to time, be determined by the Committee, in accordance with the provisions of the Licensing Act 1964, and as notified to the Magistrates Clerk.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

13. A Special General Meeting may be called at any time at the discretion of the Committee or on a requisition stating the reason, signed by no less than fifteen or one fifth of the members.

ANNUAL MEETING

14. The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than the end of February in each year, when the report of the Committee and Statement of Accounts shall be submitted. Fourteen days notice of such meeting shall be given to all members.

ALTERATION OF RULES

15. Members wishing to propose any alteration of addition to these Rules shall give notice thereof, in writing, to the Secretary, before the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting and such motion shall be placed on the Agenda, for the General Meeting. Any such alteration or addition must be approved by a majority of the members present and voting at the meeting.

DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB

16. The Club shall not be dissolved except by the consent of two-thirds of the members assembled at a General Meeting convened for that purpose.

DISPUTES

17. Should any question or dispute arise which is not covered by the foregoing Rules, the matter shall be dealt with by the Committee, whose decision will be final.

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