

31.12.2023

Beccles and Bungay Riding Club Constitution

Title

The club shall be known as the Beccles and Bungay Riding Club

Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of the club will be:

- *To encourage participation in horse riding, as a sport and recreation.
- *To promote good fellowship amongst riders
- * To provide opportunities for coaching, to improve the standard of riding and horsemanship
- *To organise competitive events, promoting equestrianism in all forms

Membership

Membership of the club is open to anyone interested in promoting, coaching, volunteering or participating in horse riding, regardless of age, gender, ability, ethnicity, nationality, or religion

The Club reserves the right to refuse or limit membership, or show entries to available venues on a non-discriminatory basis.

Membership consists of the following categories

- * Senior members, over the age of on the 1st January in current year
- * Junior members, under the age of 18 on the 1st January in the current year
- * Non riding members
- * Honorary members, at the discretion of the club

Membership for the first two categories is by application to the British Riding Club and subscription. Membership for the second two categories is by application, subscription and invitation of the club.

All members must comply with the rules of the BRC and the constitution of the club.

Equity

The club is committed to ensure that equity is incorporated across all aspects of club activities.

The club respects the rights, dignity and worth of every person, and is committed to the right of members to an environment free from the threat of intimidation, harassment and abuse.

Committee

The committee will consist of three officers, Chairperson, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer. There may be a Vice Chairman and any number of other committee members.

All activities are organised by a team approach.

The committee may meet any number of times during the year to plan club activities.

Attendance at 50% of meetings is required. A quorum of one third is required.

The committee has the power to appoint any advisors necessary to fulfil tasks.

All committee members may serve any number of years

Finances

The club treasurer will be responsible for the finances of the club.

The financial year will run from 1st January and end on 31st December in each year.

All club monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the club.

The Treasurer will advise the committee of the club's financial position at committee meetings.

Annual General Meetings

The club committee will report to the members annually. The members will be notified of the date at least 14 days in advance. The following business will be transacted.

- *There will be a report from the Chairperson, the Secretary and the Treasurer, which may also

be edited to appear on club social media sites.

- *Committee members may be re-elected.

- *Membership fees for the following year will be agreed.

- * Future plans outlined

- * Suggestions from members will be considered

Health and Safety

Members shall be correctly turned out, in accordance with rules and specification contained in the BRC Handbook. Personal insurance is advisory. Non members, competing at events, must have insurance. eg BHS Gold

Unacceptable Behaviour

All concerns, allegations or reports of poor practice or abuse relating to the welfare of children, and vulnerable adults will be recorded and responded to appropriately, in accordance with the safeguarding policy and procedures.

All complaints should be submitted in writing to the Secretary. A committee meeting will discuss the issue.

The committee has the power to take appropriate disciplinary action, including the termination of membership. The outcome of the committee meeting will be recorded and a written reply, to the person who lodged the complaint and the person against whom the complaint was made, will be sent.

The committee reserves the right to issue warnings for unacceptable behaviour, including dangerous riding and misconduct towards horses, and may ask competitors to leave the venue.

Dissolution

In the event of dissolution of the club any debts should be cleared.

Surplus funds or assets may be given or transferred to a registered equine organisation selected by the committee and agreed at the AGM.

Ann McVicar

Chairperson

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