

## Rules and Constitution of Royston Rockets BMX Racing Community Amateur Sports Club – Nov 2012

### 1. The club will be called:

Royston Rockets BMX Racing Community Amateur Sports Club.

### 2. The Purposes of the Club

The purposes of the Club are to promote the amateur sport of BMX Racing in Royston and surrounding areas of North Herts, South Cambs, and East Beds and community participation in the same area.

### 3. Permitted means of advancing the purposes

The Committee has the power to:

- a. Acquire and provide grounds, equipment, coaching, training and playing facilities, club house, transport, medical and related facilities
- b. Provide coaching, training, medical treatment, and related social and other facilities
- c. Take out any insurance for club, employees, contractors, players, guests and third parties
- d. Raise funds by appeals, subscriptions, loans and charges
- e. Borrow money and give security for the same, and open bank accounts
- f. Buy, lease or licence property and sell, let or otherwise dispose of the same
- g. Make grants and loans and give guarantees and provide other benefits
- h. Set aside or apply funds for special purposes or as reserves
- i. Deposit or invest funds in any lawful manner
- j. Employ and engage staff and others and provide services
- k. Co-operate with or affiliate to firstly any bodies regulating or organising the Sport and secondly any club or body involved with it and thirdly with government and related agencies
- l. Do all other things reasonably necessary to advance the purposes.

NONE of the above powers may be used other than to advance the purposes consistently with the Rules below and the general law.

### 4. Membership

- a. Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis.
- b. The Club may have different classes of membership and subscription on a non-discriminatory and fair basis. The Club will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.
- c. The Club Committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to an appointed panel consisting of club members.

## 5. All General Meetings

- a. All members may attend all general meetings of the Club in person.
- b. Such meetings need 21 clear days' written notice to members.
- c. The quorum for all general meetings is six members present or ten percent of the total membership whichever is greater.
- d. The Chair or (in his or her absence) another member chosen at the meeting shall preside.
- e. Except as otherwise provided in these Rules, every resolution shall be decided by a simple majority of the votes cast on a show of hands.
- f. Formalities in connection with General Meetings (such as how to put down resolutions) shall be decided by the Committee and publicised to Club members.

## 6. Annual General Meetings (AGM)

The Club will hold an AGM once in every calendar year and not more than 15 months after the last AGM. At every AGM:

- a. The Members will elect a Committee including a Chair, Treasurer and Secretary to serve until the next AGM.
- b. The Treasurer will produce accounts of the Club for the latest financial year audited as the Committee shall decide.
- c. The Committee will present a report on the Club's activities since the previous AGM
- d. The Members will appoint a suitable person to audit the accounts; and
- e. The Members will discuss and vote on any resolution (whether about policy or to change the Rules) and deal with any other business put to the meeting.

## 7. Extraordinary General Meetings (EGM)

An EGM shall be called by the Secretary within 14 days of a request to that effect from the Committee or on the written request of not less than six members signed by them. Such an EGM shall be held on not less than 14 or more than 21 days' notice at a place decided upon by the Committee or in default by the Chair.

## 8. The Committee

- a. Role

Subject to these Rules the Committee shall have responsibility for the management of the Club, its funds, property and affairs.

- b. Property etc.

- I. The property and funds of the Club cannot be used for the direct or indirect private benefit of members other than as reasonably allowed by the Rules.
- II. The Club may provide sporting and related social facilities, sporting equipment, coaching, courses, insurance cover, medical treatment, event expenses, post event refreshments and other ordinary benefits of Community Amateur Sports Clubs as provided for in the Finance Act 2002.
- III. The Club may also in connection with the sports purposes of the Club:
  - a. Sell and supply food, drink and related sports clothing and equipment;
  - b. Employ members (though not for riding) and remunerate them for providing goods and services, on fair terms set by the Committee without the person concerned being present;

- c. Pay for reasonable hospitality for visiting teams and guests;
    - d. Indemnify the Committee and members acting properly in the course of the running of the Club against any liability incurred in the proper running of the Club (but only to the extent of its assets).
  - IV. The Committee will have due regard to the law on disability discrimination and child protection
- c. Composition etc
  - I. The Committee shall consist of at least three and not more than twelve members (including Officers).
  - II. The Committee members may co-opt club members (up to the maximum permitted number) to serve until the end of the next AGM.
  - III. Any Committee member may be re-elected or re-co-opted without limit.
  - IV. A Committee member ceases to be such if he or she ceases to be a member of the Club, resigns by written notice, or is removed by the Committee for good cause after the Member concerned has been given the chance of putting his/her case to the Committee with an appeal to the Club members, or is removed by club members at a general meeting. The Committee shall fairly decide time limits and formalities for these steps.
- d. Committee meetings
  - I. Whenever a Committee member has a personal interest in a matter to be discussed, he/she must declare it, withdraw from that part of the meeting (unless asked to stay), not be counted in the quorum for that agenda item and withdraw during the vote and have no vote on the matter concerned.
  - II. The Committee may decide its own way of operating. Unless it otherwise resolves the following rules apply:
    - a. At least 2 members must be present for the meeting to be valid;
    - b. Committee meetings shall be held face to face;
    - c. The Chair, or whoever else those present choose shall chair meetings;
    - d. Decisions shall be by simple majority of those voting;
    - e. A resolution in writing signed by every Committee member shall be valid without a meeting;
    - f. The chair of the meeting shall not have a casting vote.
- e. Delegation etc.

The Committee may delegate any of their functions to sub-committees but must specify the scope of its activity and powers; the extent to which it can commit the funds of the Club; its membership; its duty to report back to the Committee. The Committee may wind up any sub-committee at any time or to change its mandate and operating terms.

f. Disclosure

Annual club reports and statements of account must be made available for inspection by any member and all club records may be inspected by any Committee member.

## 9. Amendments

a. These Rules may be amended at a general meeting by two-thirds of the votes cast but not (if relevant) so as to jeopardise the Club's status as a Community Amateur Sports Club as first provided for by the Finance Act 2002 and not in any event to alter its purposes (unless the procedure set out in 9 (b) has been followed) or winding up provisions.

b. The Club Purposes may be changed to include another eligible sport if the Committee unanimously agree and the members also agreed the change by a 75% majority of votes cast.

## 10. Winding up the Club

a. The members may vote to wind up the Club if not less than three quarters of those present and voting support that proposal at a properly convened general meeting.

b. The Committee will then be responsible for the orderly winding up of the Club's affairs.

c. After settling all liabilities of the Club, the Committee shall dispose of the net assets remaining to one or more of the following:

- I. To another Club with similar sports purposes which is a charity and/or
- II. To another Club with similar sports purposes which is a registered CASC and/or
- III. To the Club's national governing body for use by them for related community sports.

## 11. Trustees of the Club

a. There shall be three Trustees of the Club, who shall be appointed from time to time as necessary by the Club in Meeting from among members who are willing to be so appointed. A Trustee shall hold office during his life, or until he shall resign by notice in writing given to the Committee, or until a resolution removing him from office shall be passed at a Meeting of the Club by a majority comprising two-thirds of the members present and entitled to vote.

b. All property of the Club, including land and investments, shall be held by the Trustees for the time being, in their own names so far as necessary and practicable, for the use and benefit of the Club. On the death, resignation or removal from office of a Trustee, the Committee shall take steps to procure the appointment by the Club in Meeting of a new Trustee in his place; and shall as soon as possible thereafter take all lawful and practicable steps to procure the vesting of all Club property into names of the Trustees as constituted after the said appointment.

c. The Trustees shall in all respects act, in regard to any property the Club held by them, in accordance with the directions of the Committee; and shall have power to sell, lease, mortgage or pledge any Club property for the purpose of raising or borrowing money for the benefit of the Club in compliance with the Committee's directions. But no purchaser, lessee or mortgagee shall be concerned to enquire whether any such direction has been given



# Club Constitution

## Constitution adopted

At the Club AGM 2012 held at:- Coombes Community Centre Burns Road Royston.

On: 13<sup>th</sup> November 2012

Name: .....

Signed: .....

Witnessed by: .....

Signed: .....

Occupation: .....

Witness Address: .....

Postcode: .....