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SHEPTON MALLET BOWLS AND TENNIS CLUB

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Constitution Issue 6 – effective 13th Sept 2018

1. The name of the Club is the Shepton Mallet Bowls and Tennis Club.
2. The Club shall be affiliated to Bowls England , Somerset Bowls Association and the Lawn Tennis Association
3. The object the Club is to provide facilities for the game of bowls and tennis.
4. Membership
 - 4-1. Shall be open to anyone on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs..
 - 4-2. Upon receipt of the annual subscription a person shall be deemed a member.
 - 4-3. Membership subscriptions shall be agreed upon at the AGM or EGM.
 - 4-3a. New bowlers may be offered special subscription rates to encourage membership.
 - 4-3b. The Club shall offer community membership at a reduced rate as appropriate.
 - 4-3c. The Club shall offer social membership up to 40% of total membership.
 - 4-4. The Committee shall have the absolute power to suspend membership as it may consider appropriate[#]. However all disciplinary matters will follow Bowls England Regulation 9.
 - 4-5. The Club can refuse membership on non-discriminatory grounds where the membership of the person concerned would be likely to be contrary to the best interests of the sport or the good conduct and interests of the Club.
 - 4-6. The Club shall have power to elect Life Members who have rendered special services to the benefit of the Club and Honorary Members where appropriate. The names of those recommended shall be submitted to the AGM by the Committee.
5. Administration.
 - 5-1. The affairs of the Club shall be conducted by a committee of five, appointed at the AGM or EGM. The committee shall elect among themselves a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.
 - 5-2. The committee shall appoint three external trustees, citizens of good standing in the community. In the interim the present trustees continue in post.
 - 5-3. The Club shall also appoint a President who with the Trustees may attend meetings but not vote.
 - 5-4. The Club shall establish sub-committees to administer the sporting activities of the Club.
 - 5-5. The committee shall be elected at the AGM or EGM.
6. The AGM of the Club shall be held no later than the 30th September each year.
 - 6.1 The date and agenda shall be posted on the Club noticeboard and website giving at least 21 days' notice.
 - 6.2 All members shall be entitled to attend. Participating members aged 18 or over including the licensed allotment holders shall be entitled to vote.

7. An EGM shall be called at the request of the majority of the committee or on the acceptance of a written petition of at least 30 participating members. Notice of such EGM shall be posted on the Club notice board and website giving at least 14 days' notice.
8. Any additions or amendments to the Constitution shall be affected only by resolutions passed by at least two-thirds of the votes cast by eligible members at an AGM or EGM. Notice of proposed changes to the Constitution must be posted at least 14 days before the meeting.
9. The Secretary shall record the business of the committee and AGM or EGM.
10. The Treasurer shall make a financial statement at each meeting of the committee.
11. The Treasurer shall submit a statement of accounts made up to 30th March to the AGM. Copies shall be available to every member attending. Accounts must be checked and approved prior the AGM.
12. All profits and surpluses shall be used for the improvement and development of Club facilities.
13. The committee shall sanction and promote Club participation in other sports and activities as it judges for the benefit of the Club as a whole and not to the detriment of core activities.
14. The bar shall be licensed for the sale of intoxicating liquors to members of the Club and guests of members and for the sale of intoxicating liquors to non-members as detailed in the Club Rules.
15. Protection of Children and Vulnerable Persons.
 - 15.1. Shepton Mallet Bowls and Tennis Club is committed to promoting a safe environment in which children and vulnerable persons can enjoy taking part in the game of bowls. It will seek to underpin and ensure this commitment by following the joint Child Protection Policy and Procedures of the National Governing Bodies.
16. Property and Funds
 - 16.1. 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 and all surplus income or profits are reinvested in the Club.
 - 16.2. The Club may provide sporting and related social facilities, sporting equipment, coaching, courses, insurance cover, medical treatment, travel expenses and other ordinary benefits of Community Amateur Sports Clubs as provided for in the Finance Act 2002.
 - 16.3. The Club may also in connection with the sports purposes of the Club:
 - i Sell and supply food, drink and related sports clothing and equipment.
 - ii Employ members and remunerate them for providing goods and services, on fair terms set by the committee without the person concerned being present.
 - iii Pay for reasonable hospitality for visiting guests;
 - 16.4. 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).
 - 16.5. The committee will have due regard to the law on disability discrimination and child protection.
17. Winding Up
 - 17.1. 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.
 - 17.2. The committee will then be responsible for the orderly winding up of the Club's affairs.
 - 17.3. 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 registered 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 bodies for use by them for related community sports.
18. Interpretation of the Constitution
Interpretation of all the above rules must be consistent with the statutory requirements for a Community Amateur Sports Clubs as first provided for by the Finance Act 2002).
19. This Constitution Issue 6 was formerly adopted at the AGM held on 13th September 2018.

for clarification this relates to a procedural suspension while matters are investigated not a sanction following disciplinary action.