

CONSTITUTION OF NENE BOWMEN

TITLE:

- 1a The name of the Club shall be 'NENE BOWMEN'. Herein after called 'the Club'.
- 1b The Club incorporates Nene Bowmen Juniors, which body exists only for the purposes of affiliation to appropriate organisations but otherwise has no existence separate from the Club.

OBJECTS:

- 2 The objects of the Club shall be the practice and promotion of Archery.

MEMBERSHIP:

- 3a The Club shall consist of the following classes of Members:-
 - (i) Senior shooting members
 - (ii) Junior shooting members
 - (iii) Non-Shooting associates
 - (iv) Honorary members
- 3(b) Any person whom the Club may wish to honour for distinguished service to the Club may be elected at a General Meeting of the Club as an Honorary Member for life or for a specified period of time.
- 3(c) Application for membership (i) or (ii) of the above, shall be submitted on the prescribed form to the Hon. Secretary and shall be approved or rejected by the Management Committee.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

- 4(a) The management of the Club shall be entrusted to a Committee elected annually.
- 4(b) The Management Committee shall consist of a Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Records Officer, Public Relations Officer and a Child Protection Officer (any two of which offices may be combined) and up to three senior shooting members known as ordinary members.
- 4(c) The Management Committee shall meet as often as necessary, but not less than four times in any one year. A quorum shall be four.
- 4(d) Any person holding a Management Committee position who is absent from three consecutive meetings of the Committee shall cease to hold that position for the remainder of the term of office. The sending of apologies for absence does not in itself constitute a "good reason". It is for the Committee to determine what constitutes a "good reason".
The Committee, if desired, may recommend that the person's term of office be continued.

SUSSCRIPTION:

- 5(a) All members as defined in Clause 3, other than Hon. Members shall pay an annual subscription at the rate decided at the Annual General Meeting. Subscriptions may be paid in two instalments but any member whose subscription is not fully paid up by 30th September shall forfeit all rights of membership.
- 5(b) In addition, each member attending and shooting at a Club Meeting shall pay any target fee which may be prescribed by the Committee, such decision to be taken annually.

5(c) Prospective members may shoot on payment of the Course fee applicable.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

- 6(a) A General Meeting shall be held once a year to elect Officers, approve accounts and conduct any other business. Each shooting member, 14 years of age and over, shall have one vote; non-shooting, associates and Hon. Members may attend but shall have no voting powers.
- 6(b) Fourteen days notice shall be given in writing to the Secretary of any Motion to be proposed and seconded by any members at the Annual General Meeting and the said Motion shall be notified to members seven days prior to the date of the meeting.

QUORUM AT A GENERAL MEETING:

- 7(a) No business, other than the formal adjournment of the meeting, shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum be present and such quorum shall consist of at least three Committee members and not less than 30% of the total membership of the Club, entitled to vote.
- 7(b) Members cannot call for a poll vote.

FINANCE:

- 8(a) The Accounts of the Club shall be submitted to the Annual General Meeting once a year.
- 8(b) "Nene Bowmen is not a limited liability company and thus the Club's Officers and Member shall be personally liable for the debts of the Club. All the Officers have a duty of care in regard to financial matters". *GNAS*
In the event of legal liability no single individual has greater responsibility than the Club itself.

RULES OF SHOOTING:

- 9(a) The Club shall comply with the Rules of Shooting and Code of Conduct as laid down by the Grand National Archery Society together with the rules laid down by any other body to which it is affiliated.
- 9(b) The Club shall adopt the Grand National Archery Society's Protection of Children & Vulnerable Adults Policy to ensure peace of mind for both adults and children.

CLUB TARGET DAYS:

- 10 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday shall be recognised as Club target days.

VISITING ARCHERS:

- 11 Visiting archers who are members of other Clubs may shoot by invitation of a Club member: that Club member to be responsible for collecting the applicable fee per session (indoor and/or outdoor) and passing it to the Club Treasurer.

SUB-COMMITTEES:

- 12(a) Sub-Committees may be formed for any purpose thought necessary to further the objects of the Club but such Sub-Committees shall hold no funds of the Club. All expenditure by the Sub-Committee shall have the prior approval of the Treasurer.
- 12(b) A Sub-Committee shall continue to hold office until the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting at which its successors are elected and shall cease to exist when the object for which it was formed shall be reached.
- 12(c) The Chairman of the Management Committee is automatically and ex officio member of any Sub-Committee formed.

EXPLULSION OF MEMBERS:

- 13 The Management Committee reserves the right to expel any member.

EXTRA ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING:

- 14(a) An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club may be called at any time at the discretion of the Management Committee or after receipt by the Secretary of a requisition in writing to that effect signed by not less than 30% of the total membership of the Club entitled to vote. Every such requisition shall specify the business for which the Meeting is to be convened and no other business shall be transacted at that Meeting.
- 14(b) Not less than 21 clear days notice of such a meeting, together with notice of any motion it is intended to move, shall be given to all Club members entitled to receive notice of the meeting.
- 14(c) Should a quorum not be obtained then the meeting shall not be reconvened.

ALTERATION TO CONSTITUTION:

- 15 No alteration shall be made to this Constitution except at a General Meeting and not unless 21 days prior to such Meeting notice of the proposed alteration shall have been given to the Secretary who will give 14 days notice thereof to the members and the resolution shall be carried by a majority of at least 86% of the votes recorded thereon at the Meeting.

DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB:

- 16 The Club shall be dissolved only by the unanimous decision of all affiliated Club members entitled to vote. In the event of dissolution, any cash remaining in hand and the realisation of any assets shall be distributed equally between two Charities to be decided at the final Annual Meeting.

9th October 2012