

# WARWICKSHIRE HUNT RIDING CLUB

## CONSTITUTION

### TITLE

The Club shall be known as the Warwickshire Hunt Riding Club.

### OBJECTS

- To encourage riding as a sport and recreation, to promote good fellowship amongst riders and to improve and maintain the standard of riding and horsemanship generally, and within the hunting field.\*
- To organise instructional meetings, lectures and competitive events and other activities to further these objects.
- To be affiliated to The British Horse Society and to support and co-operate with recognised organisations interested in the breeding and use of all breeds and types of horses and ponies.
- To concern itself with any object which will benefit the horse and horse user in the area.

### MEMBERSHIP

This shall consist of persons who have attained the age of eighteen years (and persons aged seventeen years and under if a junior section is formed) and having, accepted by the Committee, have paid the due subscription for the current period and being a member of the Warwickshire Hunt Supporters Club. Honorary membership may be conferred by the Committee upon any person deemed by them to have rendered notable service to the Club. **No junior member may be a voting member of the Riding Club. However, the Club may appoint a Junior Committee to discuss matters relevant to the junior membership.** The Committee, through Chairman of said Committee, may make recommendations to the Adult Committee for their consideration.

The Annual Subscription shall be payable on the first day of the Club's financial year. Any member whose subscription is more than three months in arrears shall have his or her name removed from the Membership List after written notice to the effect has been sent to him or her.

The Committee may expel from membership of the Club any member who has breached any of the rules of the Club, or who has in the opinion of the Committee have been guilty of any conduct derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interest of the Club, provided that before expelling him or her the Committee shall allow the member to appeal the decision to the members and provide an explanation of his/her conduct and allow a proper opportunity of answering the allegations against him/her.

### ADMINISTRATION

#### The Committee

- All powers of management shall be vested in the adult Committee consisting of the Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and two other Committee members shall form a quorum.
- At the Annual General Meeting each year, one third of the members of the Committee shall retire, the members retire being those who have been longest in office. Those who

have been in office for the same length of time shall determine retiring members by lot. Retiring members shall be eligible for re-election.

- The Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall be elected annually by the Committee from amongst their number.
- The decision of the Committee shall be final unless over-ruled at a General Meeting.
- The Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of the rules and for anything relating to the club not provided therein and their decision shall be final and binding on the members.
- The Committee may formulate bye-laws for the detailed running of the Club and elect subcommittee for any special activities of the Club which the Committee may authorise.
- The Committee shall have the power to fill any casual vacancy arising amongst members of the Committee, but any person so co-opted shall retain office only until the next following Annual General Meeting and then shall be eligible for re-election.

The financial year of the Club shall commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> April in each year.

The annual subscription shall be determined by the Committee.

The Annual General Meeting shall be held in May of each year to transact the following business.

- To receive and approve a Statement of the Clubs Accounts to the end of the preceding year.
- To deal with any special matter which the Committee may desire to bring to the members and to receive suggestions from the members for consideration by the Committee. Notice convening the General Meeting shall be sent to the members not less than 10 days before the meeting .

A special General Meeting may be called by the Committee, or by a request signed by not less than four members specifying the business to be discussed. The Secretary shall give all members ten days notice of the date of such a meeting and shall specify in such notice matters to be dealt with at the meeting.

The Accounts of the Club shall be audited each year by a person who is experienced in accounting matters and not a member of the club.

These rules may be added to, repealed or amended by resolution at any Annual or Special General Meeting, provided that no such resolution, shall be deemed to have been passed, unless carried by a majority of at least two thirds of the members present and voting thereon and provided that prior notice has been sent to all members stating the proposed amendment.

Members shall be correctly turned out at all Club events. Any protective clothing required by current British Riding Club rules must be worn (see current BRC Rulebook)

All surplus income or profits are to be reinvested in the Club. From time to time, donations may be made if agreed by The Committee.

In the event that dissolution of the Club shall occur, the assets of the Club shall be used first to discharge all liabilities of the Club and the remaining assets shall be given or transferred to the

Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance and the Warwickshire Hunt Supporters Club in equal shares.

The Club will operate its own bank account and notwithstanding the inclusion of "Warwickshire Hunt" in its title, the Club will be an entirely independent body and not otherwise connected financially, constitutionally or corporately with Warwickshire Hunt Limited.

NB The use of the words "hunt" or "hunting" do refer solely to activities legally permitted at the relevant time.

28<sup>th</sup> May 2018