

## CONSTITUTION

### Title:

The Club shall be known as the Vale of Arrow Riding Club.

### Objects:

The objects of the club shall be:

- 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.
- To organise instructional meetings, lectures and competitive events and other activities to further the objects.
- To be affiliated to the BHS 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 district.
- To encourage members to become part of teams in order to promote the VOARC profile in local and National competitions

### Membership:

This shall consist of persons who have attained the age of eighteen years (and persons aged 12-17 years if a junior section is formed) and, having been accepted by the committee, have paid the due subscription for the current period. Honorary membership may be conferred by the committee upon any person deemed by them to have rendered notable service to the club.

The annual subscription shall be payable on the first day of the club's financial year. Any members whose subscription is more than 3 months in arrears shall have his or her name removed from the membership list.

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 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 call upon him for an explanation of his conduct and provide a proper opportunity of answering the allegations against him.

### Administration:

The committee:

1. All powers of management shall be vested in the adult committee consisting of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and other committee members shall form a quorum.
2. At the annual general meeting each year members of the committee who have served for 3 years shall retire. Retiring members shall be eligible for re-election.
3. The Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall be elected annually by the committee from amongst their number.

4. The decision of the committee shall be final unless over-ruled at a general meeting.

5. 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.

6. The committee shall have power to fill any casual vacancy arising amongst members of the committee, but any person co-opted shall retain office only until the next following AGM and then shall be eligible for re-election.

The financial year of the club shall commence on the 1st November in each year.

The annual subscription shall be £25.

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

- To receive and if approved to adopt a statement of the clubs accounts to the end of the preceding year.
- To fill vacancies on the committee.
- To appoint an auditor
- 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.

These rules may be added to, repealed or amended by resolution at any annual or special general meeting, providing that no such resolution shall be deemed to have passed unless carried by a majority of at least 2/3rds of the members present and voting thereon, and providing that prior notice has been sent to all members present stating the proposed amendment.

Members shall be correctly turned out at all mounted club events. Hard hats to BRC standards, appropriate to the event must be worn.

In the event of the club disbanding, any funds will be donated to a Charity of the committees' choice.