

WORCESTERSHIRE SMALL-BORE RIFLE & PISTOL ASSOCIATION.

CONSTITUTION

(adopted at the AGM held on 25th September 2008)

1. TITLE

The Association shall be called the:-

Worcestershire Small-bore Rifle and Pistol Association (Hereinafter called the Association).

2. AFFILIATION.

The Association shall be affiliated to the National Small-bore Rifle Association and any other Sporting body as the committee shall deem necessary.

3. OBJECT.

The object of the Association is to:

- a) Advance the establishment and progress of small-bore rifle and pistol clubs
- b) Encourage skills in rifle and pistol shooting by providing instruction and practice in the use of small bore firearms and air rifles / pistols to any of Her Majesty's subjects that are legally allowed to use them.

The Association shall, under the auspices of the National Governing body, have sole responsibility for the selection and appointment of Worcestershire small-bore rifle and pistol, air rifle and pistol and match crossbow target shooting teams.

4. MEMBERSHIP.

a) Membership of the Association shall be open to small-bore rifle, pistol and air weapon clubs situated within the County of Worcestershire as recognised by the N.S.R.A. under 1949 boundaries (herein after called 'Affiliated Clubs').

b) Clubs situated outside the County may also be admitted to membership of the Association as Associate Clubs.

c) Rifle and/or pistol shooters resident within the stated County boundary may be admitted to membership of the Association as Associate Members.

d) The committee may remove from the Association any Affiliated Club, Associate Club or Associate Member whose conduct is unseemly, objectionable or calculated to bring the Association or sport of rifle and/or pistol shooting into disrepute, and such Club or Member shall not have any claim on the Association for repayment of current subscription paid. Such Club or Member may have the right of appeal provided fourteen days notice is given to the Honorary Secretary. In the event of any such appeal the decision of the committee in review shall be conclusive

5. SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Membership and Affiliation fees to the Association shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting. Subscriptions shall be payable annually on the First of September. Any Affiliated Club, Associate Club or Associate Member whose subscription has not been paid within six months after the due date shall forfeit membership, but readmission can be granted at the discretion of the committee upon payment of all outstanding arrears.

6. BUSINESS YEAR.

The business year shall begin on the 1st of April and end on the 31st of March the following year.

7. OFFICERS.

The officers of the Association may consist of:

President,
Vice Presidents,
Chairman,
Vice Chairman,
Honorary Secretary,
Honorary Treasurer,
Rifle Captain,
Pistol Captain,
Lightweight Sport Rifle Captain,
Air Rifle Captain,
Air Pistol Captain,
Ladies Captain,
Honorary Prize Meeting Secretaries,
League Secretary,
Press Officer,
Elected Representative to the N.S.R.A.,

and these Officers shall retire annually and be eligible for re-election. Any of the above duties may be combined in the person of one office-bearer when deemed expedient.

8. DUTIES.

The Chairman shall preside at all committee meetings, and the President at all General meetings and other functions of the Association.

In their absence the following hierarchy shall determine the officer that shall preside at these meetings....”

President, Vice President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, or a Chairman elected to act at that function from amongst those present.

The Honorary Secretary shall keep minutes of the business transacted at General and Committee meetings and shall give notice of such meetings in accordance with Rule 10 of this Constitution and shall perform such other duties to the office of Honorary Secretary as may be from time to time required.

The Honorary Treasurer shall receive payments of money due to the Association which shall be paid forthwith into the Associations authorised banking accounts, and shall make payments on its behalf. He shall keep proper account of all such monies received and paid during the business year, and shall furnish a financial statement, duly inspected and certified by a competent person to the Annual General

Meeting, and at such other reasonable time as may be required by the Association or its Committee. The inspecting person may be decided by the AGM, or failing this may be appointed by the Committee. They must not be Committee members of the Association

The Association requires two committee member signatures on its cheques and will identify three signatories.

The respective County Captains shall each select the County Team for which he/she is responsible including the general administration of such teams.

9. BUSINESS.

The business of the Association shall be transacted by a committee consisting of the Association Chairman, vice Chairman, Honorary Secretaries, Honorary Captains, Honorary Treasurer, Press Officer and the elected N.S.R.A. County Representative. Their election shall take place at the Annual General Meeting.

A quorum shall be five members.

The Committee shall have the power:-

(a) To co-opt not more than two persons who shall be added by resolution of the Committee for specific tasks only. These persons shall have no voting rights.

(b) To set up or dissolve sub-committees, with power to co-opt, for the better execution of the affairs of the Association, and such sub-committees shall appoint their own Chairman.

10. MEETINGS.

The Annual General Meeting shall be held within six months after the end of the preceding financial year and not more than eighteen months shall elapse between the date of one Annual General Meeting and that of the next. At least fourteen days written notice of such meeting shall be given to all affiliated clubs and individual members at which the following business shall be transacted:-

To approve the minutes of the previous AGM

To receive reports of the committee meetings from the secretary

To receive the balance sheet and treasurers report

To receive reports from Team captains and the NSRA representative

To elect Officers for the coming year, and identify a person to inspect the accounts

And upon due notice, to revise and amend the Constitution it necessary.

At the request of the Committee, or on the written request of at a majority of the total Affiliated Clubs setting out the purpose for which the meeting is called, the Honorary Secretary shall convene an Extraordinary General Meeting to be held within one calendar month of receipt of such request. No business shall be transacted at such Extraordinary General Meeting other than that for which the meeting was convened.

Upon such requisition being duly served and not complied with within twenty one days, the requisitionists may themselves convene an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association by giving fourteen days notice in writing to all Affiliated clubs, Associate Clubs and Associate Members, duly setting out the purpose for which such meeting is convened, and any resolutions passed at such meeting shall have the same force and effect as if they were passed at a meeting convened by the Committee.

Any Officer may be removed by a majority of the entitled votes at any General Meeting and such vote may be taken by ballot.

Committee Meetings shall be called at the discretion of the Honorary Secretary but at least seven days clear notice must be given.

The Committee shall meet at least twice a year.

At a General Meeting a Quorum shall be ten (Officers, Members of Affiliated Clubs, Associate Clubs or Associate Members),

11. VOTING.

At the Annual General Meeting two representatives of each Affiliated Club and Associate Club shall be entitled to vote on behalf of their club, but Associate Members shall have no power to vote, although they shall have the right to attend and speak; all members of Affiliated Clubs may have the right to attend the General Meeting of the Association but only the duly appointed representatives of the Club shall have the right to vote

At committee or general meetings, each Member except the Chairman shall have one vote.

In the event of equality of votes at a Meeting, the Chairman shall have the casting vote.

There shall be no voting by proxy at any meetings of the Association or its committee,

Any Member with voting rights may call for a vote by ballot, in which case the voting shall be so conducted, otherwise it shall be by a show of hands.

12. LEAGUES - COMPETITIONS - PRIZE MEETINGS ETC.

The Association may make separate arrangements and bye-laws for the conduct of leagues, competitions, matches and prize meetings, and may appoint Sub-committees to carry out such arrangements. Any disputes or doubts shall be decided by the committee or by any sub-committee specially elected for this purpose, which shall be governed by the Rules and Regulations of the N.S.R.A. or the County Association bye-laws.

13. LIABILITY.

The Committee and officers are hereby indemnified by the Association against any claim or demand in respect of any liability properly and bona fide incurred on behalf of the Association.

14. ALTERATION TO THE CONSTITUTION.

No additions to, or alterations to the Constitution of the Association shall be made except by a two thirds majority, present and voting, at an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association duly convened. Notice of any proposed addition, amendment or alteration of the Rules must be included in the Agenda for the proposals and must be forwarded to the Honorary Secretary in writing at least fourteen days in advance of the said meeting.

15. LAWS.

The Committee shall have power of legislation upon any point not provided for in this Constitution.

16. PROPERTY AND ASSETS.

All property and assets of the Association shall be vested in the Committee for the time being and the Committee shall have the power to appoint Trustees to hold any particular item of property from time to time subject only to the provisions of the Trustees Act (1925).

In the event of the Association being wound up, the property and assets shall not belong to the Members of the Association, but shall be made over to the Officers for the time being of the National governing body to be applied to them either in the developing and work of the Association itself, or for the benefit of some other institution with objects similar to those of Association as the Committee of the Association may determine, or to any other institution recognised by law as a Charity which the Committee of the Association in its sole discretion may direct.