

# Eagle and Child Rainford Bowling Club

## Constitution 16.03.22

### 1. Title

The Club shall be known as the Eagle and Child Rainford Bowling Club (hereinafter to be referred to as "the Club").

### 2. Objectives

The objectives of the Club shall be:

- a. To encourage the practice, promotion, development, and participation of crown green bowling in the local community.
- b. To provide and maintain facilities for the promotion of participation in crown green bowling.
- c. To provide training and coaching for members.
- d. To organise open, club, and club handicap competitions.
- e. To organise teams to represent the Club in championships and leagues and in such other competitions as the Committee shall decide.
- f. The Club shall seek to be affiliated to such national and regional bowling bodies as the Committee consider appropriate.

### 3. Membership

- a. Membership of the Club shall be open to persons who are amateurs as defined by the UK crown green bowls governing body at that time, regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion, or other beliefs. However, limitations of membership according to available facilities are allowable on a non-discriminatory basis. Children under the age of 16 attending any club activity must be accompanied by their parent or guardian who shall be entirely responsible for them.
- b. Members will be enrolled under one of the following subscription categories: -
  - **Full Member**
    - Entitled to participate in all bowling and social activities. They may serve as officers of the club or members on committee as well as vote at the AGM and EGM. They may propose or second a membership application.
  - **Joint Members**
    - Entitled to participate in all bowling and social activities. They may serve as officers of the club or members on committee as well as vote at the AGM and EGM. They may propose or second a membership application
- c. Each membership application must be made using the Club application form by written application to the Club Secretary or by the club website. The appropriate subscription must accompany the application for membership.

- d. Life membership of the Club may be conferred upon any member by a majority vote of those present at an Annual General Meeting (AGM) in recognition of someone who has performed an outstanding service, or who has made an outstanding contribution to the Club.
- e. Any member wishing to resign from the Club must do so in writing or by email to the Club Secretary. Resignation will be held as effective from the date of tendering.

#### **4. Subscriptions**

Annual subscriptions become due for payment on 1st April each year, with the subscription categories and amount being determined by the Committee.

#### **5. Management**

- a. The management of the Club shall be vested in a Committee that shall consist of three individuals as a minimum - the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary who shall be Officers of the Club. Additional members of the Committee could be required (at the discretion of the Chair/Treasurer and Secretary) such as, but not limited to the Head of Green Maintenance and a Members Representative. Positions will be elected at the AGM and shall remain in office until the conclusion of the AGM of the following year.
- b. A minimum of three elected Committee members are required for a quorum for a committee meeting to take place
- c. All committee members will have one vote each.
- d. The Committee may establish any sub-Committee deemed appropriate to assist in meeting the objectives of the Club, and to delegate to these sub-Committees such duties as may be considered appropriate.
- e. The Committee may appoint individuals to perform specific duties on behalf of the Committee and to delegate to those individuals such duties as they consider appropriate.

#### **6. Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

- a. The AGM shall be held in the first 3 months of the year or as dictated by the circumstances applicable at that time.
- b. At the AGM the members will:
  - Receive the annual report of the Chairman.
  - Receive the annual report of the Secretary.
  - Receive the financial statements and the Treasurer's report.
  - Elect the officers and the Committee for the ensuing year.
  - Transact any other notified business.
- c. At least 21 days' notice shall be given to members of the date, venue, and agenda items for the AGM.

- d. All registered members of the Club at the meeting who are aged 18 years or more shall have one vote. In the case of an equality of votes the Chair will have a second, casting, vote. Voting shall be by a show of hands except where the Chair decides voting shall be by ballot.

## **7. Extra-Ordinary General Meeting (EGM)**

- a. An EGM may be called by the Committee in exceptional circumstances which are too urgent to wait for the AGM.
- b. An EGM must be called if 50% of voting members so petition the Secretary in writing.
- c. At least 10 days notice of an EGM must be given to all members by email or in writing together with the motions to be discussed. No other business shall be conducted.
- d. Procedures for voting shall be as used for the AGM

## **8. Finance**

- a. The financial year of the Club shall start on 1st January and end on 31st December.
- b. All funds belonging to the Club shall be deposited with a bank or building society in accounts that shall carry the Club name. All accounts shall operate on two signatories, one of whom will be the Treasurer and the other either the Chair or Secretary.
- c. Expenditure above agreed budget levels may only be authorised at a committee meeting

## **9. Property and Funds**

- a. Any property and funds of the Club cannot be used for the direct or indirect private benefit of members and all surplus income or profits are reinvested in the Club
- b. The Club may provide sporting and related social facilities, sporting equipment
- c. The Committee will have due regard to the law on disability discrimination and child protection.

## **10. Winding Up**

- a. The members may vote to wind up the Club if not less than 75% of the members are present and voting support that proposal at a properly convened EGM.
- b. The Committee will then be responsible for the orderly winding up of the Club's affairs.
- c. After settling all liabilities of the Club, the remaining monies shall be equally distributed amongst members unless a majority of members at an AGM or EGM vote for another beneficiary.

## 11. Declaration

As a Committee Member of the club, I agree to abide by and to enforce the rules of the club's constitution.

<b>Chairman:</b>	Ged Hope	Date .....	Signed .....
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Geoff Lambert	Date .....	Signed. ....
<b>Secretary:</b>	Mike Cox	Date .....	Signed .....
<b>Head of Green Maintenance:</b>	Graham Fenney	Date .....	Signed .....
<b>Member Representative:</b>	Tony Ford	Date .....	Signed.....