



# OLD BRIDLINGTONIAN CLUB RULES

(approved at the AGM held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2022)

## **Definitions**

- (a) The term the “School” means the currently named “Bridlington School”, its successors and any of its former constituents.
- (b) The term “Member(s) of Staff” means teachers, teaching assistants and support staff currently employed at the School, and current cadet force adult volunteers.

## **1 Aims**

The aims of the “Old Bridlingtonian Club”, hereinafter referred to as the “Club”, are:

- (i) To support the School in achieving its aims and objectives, and to provide awards and grants.
- (ii) To provide the opportunity for former members of the School to keep in touch and maintain a strong link with the School.

## **2 Membership**

- (a) Subscribing Membership is open to all those who have attended or have been Members of Staff at the School.
- (b) Subscribing Members pay an annual subscription, preferably by standing order, on the first day of November each year. The amount of the subscription is determined by the General Committee and is to be approved by a simple majority of Members present at an AGM.
- (c) Any Subscribing Member failing to pay the appropriate annual subscription on the due date will be notified by the Membership Secretary that payment must be made within two calendar months. If the subscription still remains unpaid the Membership Secretary will send a second written notice requiring payment to be made within one calendar month. If no payment is received, the General Committee will remove the Member’s name from the Membership Register until such time as the appropriate subscription has been paid.
- (d) Any Member of Staff is considered to be an Honorary Member of the Club. Honorary Membership will cease if the Member of Staff leaves employment at the School. At this point Subscribing Membership will become available, subject to payment of the annual subscription.
- (e) The purchase of Life Membership is no longer an option. However, those members of the Club recorded as Life Members in the Register of Members of 1968 remain Life Members of the Club, are entitled to attend all Club functions and are entitled to vote at the AGM. ‘OB’, the Chronicle of the Club, will be sent to Life Members only on payment of the Annual Subscription. Other communications may be sent.
- (f) Elevation to the position of Vice-President is no longer an option. However, those members of the Club recorded as Vice-Presidents in the Register of Members as at 31st October 2019

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### **3 General Committee**

- (a) The General Committee consists of Officers of the Club and up to six Committee members without portfolio.
- (b) The Officers comprise the President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Magazine Editor, School Recruitment Officer, Marketing Officer, and Archivist. The Headteacher, or a Senior current Member of the School Staff at the Headteacher's discretion, is also considered to be an Officer of the Club.
- (c) The President, Immediate Past President, and Headteacher do not require nomination and election at the AGM. The identity of these Officers will be confirmed and minuted at the AGM.
- (d) The other Officers of the Club, except for the President-Elect (see Rule 5), are all eligible for re-election at the AGM without renomination. They will be elected by a simple majority of Members present at the AGM.
- (e) Of the six Committee members without portfolio, those who have completed three years of service will retire at the AGM but will be eligible for re-election without renomination subject to having attended at least one committee meeting during each of the preceding three years. They will be elected by a simple majority of Members present at the AGM.
- (f) An Officer or Committee member may resign at any time. However, election to the Committee can only take place at the AGM.
- (g) A Chairman of the General Committee will be elected from among the members of the General Committee by the casting of votes by those members present at the first meeting of the General Committee after each AGM. The Chairman so elected then holds office until the first meeting of the General Committee after the next AGM. The Chairman may be re-elected on subsequent occasions after first being elected. The Chairman takes the Chair at any General Meeting or General Committee Meeting. The Chairman does not vote unless it is to exercise the casting vote. In the absence of the elected Chairman, the Officers and Committee Members have the power to appoint a replacement for that meeting only.

### **4 General Committee Meetings**

- (a) Meetings are to be convened by the Secretary giving not less than fourteen days' notice.
- (b) A quorum shall be five members of the General Committee; of the five, at least two must be the Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, or Treasurer.
- (c) The General Committee has the power to co-opt for advisory purposes or for assistance with the running of the Club any person it deems necessary. Such persons do not have a vote.

- (d) The General Committee may appoint as many sub-Committees as deemed necessary.
- (e) Past Presidents and Investment Signatories (see Rule 7(c)) are entitled to attend meetings of the General Committee but are not entitled to vote.

#### **5 *President-Elect, President and Immediate Past President***

- (a) Any Member of the Club may nominate a President-Elect, with the consent of the nominee. Such nomination is to be made in writing to the Secretary of the Club at least twenty-eight days prior to the AGM, duly proposed and seconded. The President-Elect shall be elected at the AGM by a simple majority of those Members present. After serving for a year the President-Elect will then be installed as the President of the Club at the next annual reunion dinner.
- (b) In the event that the President-Elect is for any reason unable to take up the office of President, a new President-Elect may be elected at the AGM immediately preceding the annual reunion dinner at which they will become President, subject to the provision of Rule 5(a).
- (c) On completion of the term of office the President becomes the Immediate Past President until the next AGM.

#### **6 *Honorary Examiner of Accounts***

The Honorary Examiner is appointed at the AGM. The Examiner is not to be a member of the General Committee of the Club. If an Examiner is appointed who is not a member of the Club, then that Examiner must be suitably professionally qualified.

#### **7 *Management of the Club***

- (a) The assets and management of the Club are vested in the General Committee.
- (b) Notwithstanding Rule 2(c), the General Committee has the power to request any member to resign or to terminate any membership on reasonable grounds, but for the purpose of this rule, a vote in favour of the termination by not less than three quarters of the General Committee will be necessary. No person whose membership has been terminated under this rule is to be introduced by any other member as a visitor to any function organised by the Club.
- (c) The General Committee has the power to nominate and appoint Investment Signatories to administer such part of the Funds of the Club as may from time to time be transferred to them by the General Committee. An entry in the minutes of General Committee meetings will be sufficient evidence of General Committee resolutions, transfers or instructions. Investment Signatories will hold office until death or resignation, unless removed from office by not less than three quarters of eligible members present at a General Committee meeting voting in favour of such removal.  
The Treasurer of the Club will be an Investment Signatory for their term of office. The number of other Investment Signatories is to be not more than three and not less than one.

## **8 Annual General Meeting**

- (a) The AGM is to be held in December on a date to be determined by the General Committee, giving a minimum of twenty-eight days' notice to all members.
- (b) Any Member of the Club may submit a motion to be considered at the AGM. Such motion, duly seconded by a member of the Club, must be submitted in writing to the Secretary not less than fourteen days before the date of the meeting.
- (c) The election of the President-Elect, other Officers of the Club and non-portfolio members of the General Committee will take place at the AGM. Nominations for Officers of the Club or non-portfolio members of the General Committee must be received by the Secretary in writing not less than fourteen days before the date of the meeting and must be duly seconded. Nominations will not be accepted from the floor. Any person showing interest at the AGM in a role that has not been filled may be co-opted by the General Committee at a later date.
- (d) The Treasurer and the Investment Signatories are to submit statements of accounts, examined and signed by the Honorary Examiner, for the preceding year up to 31st October.
- (e) Officers of the Club will be invited to give a brief report of their activities.

## **9 Special General Meeting**

Any Special General Meeting of the Club is to be convened by the Secretary giving not less than fourteen days' notice to all members upon the written demand of twelve Subscribing Members. The notice convening the meeting will state the business for which the meeting is called and only that business will be transacted.

## **10 Dissolution of the Club**

The Club shall be dissolved in either of the following circumstances:

- (a) If the Club is unable to pay its debts and is therefore deemed insolvent.
- (b) If three quarters of those Members of the Club present at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose, agree that the aims for which the Club was established no longer apply or it is no longer feasible to continue operation of the Club, and that the Club should therefore be dissolved. In this case the General Committee will have the power to distribute any remaining assets of the Club, having regard to the purposes for which the Club was established, but so that no member of the General Committee gains unfair or undue benefit from such distribution.

## **11 Alteration, Amendment or Revocation of Rules**

These Rules may be added to, amended or revoked only at an AGM, provided that the motion is duly proposed and seconded in accordance with Rule 8(b) and subsequently carried by a simple majority of votes cast by Members present.