

C O N S T I T U T I O N

NAME OF CLUB

- 1. The Club shall be called the RINGWOOD BOWLING CLUB.

OBJECTS

- 2. The objects of the Club are to provide for Bowling and Croquet play and to promote social intercourse between the members.

COLOURS

- 3. The colours of the Club shall be such as the Committee from time to time may determine.

OFFICERS

- 4. The Officers of the Club shall be the President, two Vice-Presidents, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Bowling Secretary, Assistant Hon. Secretary. They shall be elected by ballot at each annual general meeting and shall hold Office until the next annual general meeting when they shall retire, but shall be eligible for re-election.

MANAGEMENT

- 5. (a) The business of the Club shall be managed by a Committee of Management (hereinafter called the Committee) consisting of the President, two Vice Presidents, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. General Secretary, Hon. Bowling Secretary, Hon. Assistant Secretary, and five other Members of the Club, and seven of the Committee shall form a quorum.

The election of members to serve on the Committee shall be by ballot to be held at the annual general meeting. No person shall be nominated to act either as an officer or member of the Committee without his verbal consent if present at the election or his written consent if absent.

(b) Any member of the Committee absenting himself from three consecutive meetings without forwarding a satisfactory explanation shall be held to have forfeited his seat.

(c) Any casual vacancy among the officers or members of the committee shall be filled by the Committee, and any member chosen to fill such vacancy shall retire at the next annual general meeting.

(d) The Committee, in addition to the powers herein specifically conferred upon them, shall have control of the finances of the Club, power to engage, control and dismiss Club servants and all such administrative powers as may be considered necessary for properly carrying out the objects of the Club in accordance with these rules.

(e) The Committee shall have the power to appoint a Manager who shall be a full bowling member of the Club, such manager shall have charge of and be responsible to the Committee for all the personal property of the Club and shall represent

5 (c) Cont'd.

the Club in all matters pertaining to or proceedings relating to such property.

(f) If at any time the Club in general meeting shall pass a resolution authorising the Committee to borrow money, the Committee shall thereupon be empowered to borrow for purposes of the Club such amount of money, either at one time or from time to time and at such rate of interest and in such form and manner and upon such security as shall be specified in such resolution and thereupon the Committee shall make all such dispositions of the Club property or any part thereof and enter into such agreements in relation thereto as the Committee may deem proper for giving security for such loans and interest. All members of the Club, whether voting on such resolution or not and all persons becoming members of the Club after the passing of such resolution shall be deemed to have assented to the same as if they had voted in favor of such resolution.

(g) The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Club and shall have the custody of all documents belonging to the Club. He shall keep full and correct minutes of all proceedings and records of all competitions of the Club and shall also keep a register of all members of the Club.

(h) The Treasurer shall keep the accounts of the Club and shall make up the annual statement of accounts and balance sheet of the Club to the 31st day of July in each year, which shall be audited, and if directed by the Committee, be printed and circulated amongst the members prior to the annual general meeting, and receive all subscriptions from Members & intending

(i) Two members shall be appointed auditors at the annual (Members. general meeting. They, or one of them, shall audit the annual statement of accounts and balance sheet and shall certify to the same.

MEMBERSHIP

6 (a) Membership and subscriptions shall be as arranged at each annual meeting of the Club.

Full bowling members only shall be allowed to vote at meetings of the Club, except that each Debenture holder shall be entitled to one vote irrespective of whether he be a financial member or not.

(b) Any person wishing to become a member of the Club must be proposed by one financial member of the Club and seconded by another. Nomination papers signed by the proposer and seconder and containing the address of the candidate, must be delivered to the Secretary, who shall post the names of candidates on the notice board of the Club one week prior to the election. New members must be approved by the Committee at their next meeting after the expiration of seven days.

(c) If a newly elected member fails to pay his subscription within thirty days after his election, his election shall be void unless he justifies the delay to the satisfaction of the Committee.

(d) On election of a new member the Secretary shall forward to such member a copy of the Rules of the Club.

LIFE AND HONORARY MEMBERS

Any person who shall have rendered special service to the Club may, at any general meeting or special general meeting be elected a Life Member of the Club with full privileges.

Honorary Members may be elected by two members of the Committee for a term not to exceed fourteen days at any one time.

PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS

7 The annual subscription of all members shall be due and payable in advance on August 1st in each year. If a member enters after 1st January his subscription for the then remaining portion of the current year shall be pro rata, but in no case shall the fee paid be less than £1.1.0.

Any member whose subscription is three months in arrears shall cease to be a member of the Club, unless a sufficient explanation be given to the Committee. No member shall be eligible to vote on any occasion, or to compete in any match or Club tournament or other competition or be entitled to any privileges of the Club until his subscription is paid.

Any member wishing to resign must give a written notice to the Club's Secretary before the termination of the current year, failing which he will be liable for twelve months subscription.

POWER TO EXPEL

8 The Committee may expel from membership any member wilfully disobeying any of the Rules or By-laws duly made under those Rules, or guilty of any conduct rendering him unfit in the opinion of the Committee to be a member of the Club. Provided that before expelling such member the Committee shall call upon him for an explanation of his conduct and shall hear what he may wish to urge in his defence. Any member expelled in accordance with this rule shall have no claim on the property of the Club.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

9 The Committee shall meet at least once a quarter and in addition the President or Secretary shall, whenever there shall be any special business for the Committee, or when requested by two Members of the Committee, convene a special meeting of the Committee.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

10 The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held each year in the month of August, and not later than the 21st of the month, at such time and place as the Committee shall decide.

The business of the meeting shall be :-

- (a) To receive from the Committee a report and a balance sheet duly audited.
- (b) To elect a President, two Vice Presidents, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. General Secretary, Hon. Bowling Secretary, Hon. Assistant Secretary, five Members to be the Committee under Rule 5, two Auditors, and a

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10 Cont'd.) Selection Committee of three.
(c) Any other business in accordance with these Rules.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

11. The Secretary shall convene a Special General Meeting of the Members of the Club at the request of the Committee, or of the President, or of a Vice-President, or upon receiving a written requisition from not less than five members. Such meeting shall be held within 14 days from the time of receiving the request. The Notice of the special general meeting shall clearly set out the business to be submitted, and no other business shall be dealt with.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

12. The Secretary shall give to the members at least 7 days notice in writing of all annual or special general meetings of the Club.

CONDUCT OF GENERAL MEETINGS.

13. (a) At all general meetings of the Club and at all Committee Meetings the Chairman shall be the President, or in his absence one of the Vice-Presidents, or if none of them be present then some member appointed by the meeting.
- (b) At all General Meetings of the Club ten financial members shall form a quorum. If within thirty minutes after the hour appointed for holding the meeting there shall be no quorum present the Chairman shall adjourn the meeting for seven days. If at the adjourned meeting there shall be no quorum the meeting shall lapse.
- (c) No rule of the Club shall be repealed or altered, and no new rule shall be made save by a two thirds majority of financial members and debenture holders present, and voting at a general meeting. No proposal to repeal, alter, or add to these Rules shall be considered unless at least five days' notice in writing of such proposal shall have been given to the Secretary, who shall not less than twentyfour hours before the general meeting deliver to each member and debenture holder, personally or by post, a copy of such notice.
- (d) Subject to these Rules the Committee are empowered to make, repeal, and amend such By-laws as they may from time to time consider necessary for the well being of the Club, or the control of play on the Club's greens, which By-laws, repeals and amendments shall have effect till set aside by the Committee or a general meeting.
- (e) Every member shall be bound by and submit to the Rules and By-laws of the Club.

ADOPTED at a SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING held in the Town Hall Ringwood the Seventeenth day of September 1929, and amended up to 31st day of July, 1935.

W. BLOOD - PRESIDENT.

W. W. Gock - SECRETARY.