

## **Constitution and Rulers of Polnoon Castle Riders' Association**

### 1 Title

The Club shall be known as the Polnoon Castle Riders' Association

### 2 Objects

The objects of the Club shall be: -

- a) To encourage riding as a sport and to promote good fellowship amongst riders; to improve and maintain the standard of riding and horse-mastership.
- b) To organize instructional meetings, lectures and competitive events and other activities deemed to further the objects.
- c) To be affiliated to British Riding Clubs and to support and co-operate with recognized organizations interested in the breeding and use of all types of horse and pony.
- d) To investigate the subject of tracks and rights of way with a view to opening those that have been closed and maintaining and more clearly defining those that are in existence.
- e) To concern itself with any object which will benefit the horse and horse user in the district.

### 3 Membership

This shall consist of persons who have reached the age of 16 years and, having been elected by the Committee, who have paid the due subscription for the current period. Riders of 16 years of age have to ride horses over 14.2hh. Over 16, any size of horse or pony. Honorary Membership may be conferred by the Committee upon any persons deemed by them to have rendered notable service to the Club.

Anyone desirous of becoming a member shall be proposed by a member and seconded by another and his/her name and address forwarded to the Hon. Secretary of the Club on the appropriate Nomination Form and accepted by the Committee

### 4 Subscription

The annual subscription shall become due on the first day of the Club's financial year. Any member whose subscription is more than 3 months in arrears shall have his/.her name removed from the Membership List after written notice to the effect has been sent to him/her. Any member joining the Club on or after 1<sup>st</sup> October shall be deemed to have paid his/her subscription for the ensuing year.

The annual subscription shall be £25.00 per member or such other sum as shall from time to time be determined by the Committee.

### 5 Expulsion

The Committee may expel from membership of the Club any member who has wilfully disobeyed 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 interests of the Club, provided that before expelling him/her, the Committee shall call upon him/her for an explanation of his/her conduct and shall hear what he/she may wish to urge in his defence.

## 6 Administration – The Committee

- a) All powers of management shall be vested in a Committee consisting of the President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and up to seven other Committee members. Five shall form a quorum.
- b) At the Annual General Meeting each year, one third of the members of the Committee shall retire. The members to retire being those who have been three years in office or, between those who have been in office for the same length of time, the members to retire shall be determined by lot. Retiring members shall be eligible for re-election.
- c) The President, Honorary Secretary, and Honorary Treasurer shall be elected by the Committee from among its members.
- d) The decision of the Committee shall be final unless over-ruled at a General Meeting.
- e) The Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of the rules or for anything relating to the Club not provided therein and its decision shall be final and binding on the members.
- f) The Committee may formulate by-laws for the detailed running of the Club and elect sub-committees for any special activities of the Club which the Committee may authorize.
- g) The committee shall have the power to fill any casual vacancy arising among members of the Committee but any person so co-opted shall retain office only until the next following Annual General Meeting and shall then be eligible for re-election.

## 7 The Financial Year

The Financial Year shall commence on 1<sup>st</sup> November in each year.

## 8 Annual General Meeting

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

- a) To receive and, if approved, to adopt a statement of the Club's Accounts to the end of the preceding year.
- b) To fill vacancies on the Committee
- c) To deal with any special matter which the Committee may desire to bring before the members and to receive suggestions from the members for consideration by the Committee. Notice convening the General Meeting shall be sent to the members not less than 14 days before the meeting and shall specify the matters to be dealt with.

Notice may be given to any member by sending it by post or email to him at his address in the UK registered in the records of the Club. If any member has no address in the UK, such member shall not be entitled to receive any notice. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting or the non-receipt

by any member of a notice of a meeting shall not invalidate the proceedings of that meeting.

9 Special General Meetings

A Special General Meeting may be called by the Committee or by a request, signed by not less than 8 members, specifying the business to be discussed. The Secretary shall give all members 10 days notice of the date of such a meeting and shall specify in such notice matters to be dealt with at such a meeting.

10 Amendments to Constitution

These rules may be added to, repealed or amended by resolution at any Annual or Special General Meeting provided that no such resolution shall be deemed to have been passed unless carried by a majority of at least two thirds of the members present and voting thereon and provided that prior notice has been sent to all members stating the proposed amendment.

11 Liability

The Club, its Committee or persons acting on their behalf shall not be held responsible for any accident or injury to any property or person howsoever caused.