

Halfway and District Bowling Club

Constitution

1. Title

The Club Title will be “Halfway and District Bowling Club” (hereafter referred to as “the club”). Club premises and greens are situated in Mill Road, Halfway, Cambuslang.

2. Object

The object of the club is to promote, foster and encourage the game of bowls and such other activities as may be deemed appropriate for the furtherance of bowling, and such social activities that may arise therefrom.

3. Administration

The club business will be transacted by a committee of management, appointed annually at the club Annual General Meeting. The management committee will have full powers to transact all business of the club and will consist of – the presidents of the male and female sections of the club, the immediate past presidents of both sections, the vice-presidents of both sections, a secretary, a treasurer and ten committee members, to be elected annually, and who will be eligible for re-election. If all positions are not filled, the management committee may co-opt members to fill the vacancies at any time during the year.” One of the presidents will be appointed club president and chairperson of the management committee, the position to alternate between sections each year. The management committee will meet at least once per month during the bowling season, on such days and at such hours, and during the remainder of the year, at such times as shall be fixed by the committee. A meeting may be convened at any time by the president or vice-president or by any two committee meetings, with at least 24 hours’ notice of the meeting being given.

At all committee and general meetings the chairperson will have a casting as well as a deliberative vote.

4. Property

The whole property of the club shall be vested in the committee, and their successors in office, as trustees on behalf of the club.

5. Excisable Liquors

The management committee shall have absolute control of all excisable liquor sold or supplied on the premises. NO committee member or manager or servant employed in the club shall have any personal interest in the sale of excisable liquors therein or of the profits arising from such sale. No visitor shall be supplied with excisable liquor in the club premises unless on the invitation and in the company of a member who shall, upon the admission of

such visitors to the club premises or, immediately upon the visitor being supplied with such liquor, enter the date, his, or her, own name and the name and address of the visitors. No excisable liquor shall be sold or supplied for consumption outside the club premises except to a member on the premises and for the member's own consumption, or to a person holding an excise licence for the sale of such liquor. Excisable liquor shall not be sold or supplied to any person under 18 years of age. Subject to any arrangements regulating the hours during which the premises occupied by the club shall be open, the permitted hours for the sale of excisable liquor shall be those authorised by or in terms of The Licensing (Scotland) Act 1962 or any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof.

6. Special Meetings

Special meetings of the club may be convened at any time by the management committee. The president shall also be bound to call a special meeting within 10 days after receipt of a requisition to do so, signed by at least 10 members and containing the purpose of business. At least 7 days notice shall be given of special meetings of the club.

7. Annual meeting

The annual general meeting will be held in February for the purpose of electing the management committee and transacting any other competent business. The secretary will send or cause to be sent, to each member, a circular with balance sheet giving at least 7 days notice of the meeting.

8. Liabilities

Any member not giving notice to the secretary, before the annual general meeting, of his, or her, intention not to be a member during the approaching season, will be held liable to pay the annual subscription for the year. Those retiring from the club or ceasing to be members thereof shall lose all rights in the property and assets of the club. The management committee shall have recourse on all members of the club for relief from all obligations undertaken by the committee. In exceptional circumstances a special levy may be proposed by the management committee. If approved by the members at a general meeting, failure to pay the levy within a 3 calendar month period will result in expulsion from the club.

9. Quorum

At all meetings of the club, 50 members will form a quorum and 5 members will suffice at committee meetings.

10. Treasurer's accounts

Correct accounts and books will be kept detailing the financial affairs of the club. The treasurer will submit to the annual general meeting a statement of the accounts for the

preceeding financial year, which has been independently examined by an accountant appointed by the management committee.

12. Funds

All club funds shall be banked in the club's name. All cheques and orders will be signed by the treasurer and also by the president or secretary.

13. Membership

All members are subject to the constitution of the club. Membership of the club is open to all individuals provided they comply with this constitution.

No person shall be refused membership on the grounds of race, colour, creed, religion, sex, sexual preference, impairment or disability.

All applications for membership will be accompanied by the appropriate annual membership fee, which will thereafter be payable on demand.

Fully paid up members will have the right to attend and vote at General or Annual General Meetings, and may be elected to and serve on the Management Committee.

All members will receive copies of the constitution and all current bye-laws.

The management committee shall be entitled to:-

- i) Refuse any application for membership on the grounds that such membership would be prejudicial to the objectives of the club as set out in rule 2 of this constitution.
- ii) For good and sufficient reason to refuse renewal of any existing membership or terminate or suspend any membership subject to appeal as detailed in the Code of Conduct.

14. Discipline of members

In the event of any member acting in a manner which contravenes the rules or constitution of the club, or whose conduct contravenes the Code of Conduct, the offending member will be requested, by letter, to appear before the disciplinary committee in accordance with the Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct is available, on request, from the club secretary, and forms part of this constitution.

15. Visitors

Every member shall have the privilege of bringing a visitor to the green occasionally, but this privilege must not be abused. Such visitors may be invited to play in the club tournaments but only at the discretion of the committee.

16. Honorary members and temporary members

The management committee may propose any member who has been a member of the club continuously for at least 15 years for honorary membership, exempt from further subscription and with all privileges of ordinary membership. Honorary members will not

exceed 10% of total membership. Honorary members who join another bowling club will forfeit their honorary membership. There shall be no temporary members.

17. Suspension of membership

Suspension of membership, for a year, on medical or other grounds may be permitted, at the discretion of the management committee.

18. Play on greens

Play on the greens will be subject to the rules of the game as published by Bowls Scotland. The management committee shall have power to make bye-laws consistent with these rules.

19. Alterations Alterations to this constitution shall only be made at a general meeting of the club and after written notice of the proposed alteration has been given to the club secretary, no later than 14 days prior to the meeting, to allow inclusion of the proposal on the agenda of the meeting which will be sent to the members. Only such alterations will be competent as are in conformity with the provisions of the current Licensing (Scotland) Act. A two thirds majority of the members present is required to carry any proposed alteration.

20. Bye-laws

The current bye-laws are:

Code of Conduct

Child Protection Policy

Equity Policy

Copies of these are available, on request, from the club secretary

The foregoing constitution and rules were adopted at the annual general meeting of the club on Monday 27th February 2017.

Audrey Stoddart

Club Secretary