

# The Constitution of London Welsh Supporters Club

## Name

1. The Name of the Club is London Welsh Supporters Club (hereinafter called “the Club”)

## Objects

2. The objectives of the Club shall be:
  1. To provide activities and services for the benefit of those who support London Welsh RFC, and specifically:
    - a. To assist supporters wishing to travel to away and international fixtures through the provision of transport;
    - b. To organise and promote social facilities and activities;
    - c. To engage in fund-raising for the benefit of London Welsh Rugby Club and/or nominated charities;
    - d. To undertake other appropriate activities.
    - e. To promote the interests of supporters and foster relations and mutual understanding with London Welsh RFC and other relevant bodies.
  2. To support teams and players representing London Welsh RFC both on and off the field.
  3. To foster good relations with rugby supporters from other Clubs and at all times to act as ambassadors for London Welsh.

## Membership

3. Membership shall be open to such persons as shall support and seek to further the objects of the Club. Membership shall commence upon the completion of the membership application and payment of the annual subscription. The membership year shall run from 1 September to 31st August. All members are encouraged to also be members of London Welsh RFC or a London Welsh amateur section.

## Officers & Committee

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  - a. The affairs of the Club shall be managed by the Officers and Committee. The Officers of the Club shall be the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Membership Secretary. The Committee shall consist of no more than 12 elected members.
  - b. The business of the Committee shall not be transacted unless it is quorate and a meeting of the Committee shall only be quorate if one of the Officers of the Club is present together with three other of the Officers or Committee members.

- c. Notice of the time and place of each meeting shall be given by the Secretary to all Members of the Committee at least seven days prior to the date of the meeting. The committee shall meet at least 4 times each year.
- d. In the event that one of the Officers shall resign or otherwise become permanently unavailable to continue, the Committee shall elect one of their members to perform the role. However, no Officer may hold more than one Official role at any one time.
- e. From time to time, the Committee may ask individual Members of the Club to take specific roles in organising or helping to organise events, activities, etc. The Committee shall be empowered to invite such people to Committee meetings to participate in discussions on the activity but they shall not have any decision making power at Committee.

## Annual General Meeting

5. An Annual General Meeting shall be held after the end of the rugby season, and before 30<sup>th</sup> September each year. At least twenty-one clear days' notice shall be given to all members of the Club of the date, time and place of such meeting. The purpose of the meeting shall be to transact the business of the Club including the approval of the Accounts for the year then past and to elect up to twelve Members of the Committee.

## Finances

6. The authorised cheque signatories should consist of at least three members of the committee. Cheques must be signed by any two of the authorised signatories.

The Club's financial year is from 1 May to 30 April

## Elections

7. 50% of the Committee membership shall retire at the Annual General Meeting, but shall be eligible for re-election to serve for a period of a further two years. Nominations must be made in writing and on the form attached to the notice of meeting and delivered to the Secretary seven clear days prior to the date of the meeting, signed by the proposer and seconder and with the signed consent to serve of the nominee.

## Subscriptions

8. The Committee shall from time to time fix the amount of an annual subscription payable for membership of the Club. The subscription shall become due and payable on 1st September in each year for membership year then ensuing. Any member whose subscription remains unpaid on 1st October may be removed from membership.

## Special General Meeting

9. The Committee, at any time, on its own authority or upon receipt of a written application signed by not less than fifteen members setting out the reason for such meeting, shall call a Special General Meeting and must, within 14 days of receipt of the application, serve notice of such meeting giving the date, time and place thereof together with a copy of the Agenda.

## Quorum

10. At any General Meeting fifteen members shall form a quorum.

## Voting

11. Only members whose current subscription has been paid may vote at any General Meeting. Save as provided by paragraphs 12 hereof the result of a vote at a General Meeting shall be decided by a simple majority of the votes given, either by show of hands or on a secret ballot. The chairman of the meeting shall be entitled to a second or casting vote in the event of a tied result.

## Discipline

12. If any member be alleged to have brought the Club into disrepute or to have behaved in a manner unbecoming to a member of the Club then the Committee shall have the power to suspend the membership of such member. At least 14 days prior to any meeting of the Committee at which any action in relation to such allegation is to be determined, notice of the allegation and the meeting shall be given to the member and he shall be given the opportunity to make representations in writing and in person before any determination by the Committee. Any decision shall be effected only by a resolution passed by the votes of two-thirds of the membership of the Committee present and voting, and such decision shall be binding on that member. Members suspended may subsequently have their membership terminated only at the next General Meeting by a majority vote of all members present and voting.

## Alterations to the Rules

13. These Rules may only be amended altered or rescinded by a Special Resolution at a General Meeting passed by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting. Notice of the proposed alterations to these Rules must be given in the Notice of Meeting.

## Dissolution

14. The Club may only be wound up by the passing of a Special Resolution at a General Meeting called for that purpose and by a resolution supported by at least 75% of the members of the Club. In the event of such dissolution the remaining funds and assets of the Club shall be distributed to any charity connected with game of Rugby Union selected by the Committee