

## **BORDERS ASSOCIATION OF BRIDGE CLUBS**

### **CONSTITUTION**

#### **A. GENERAL**

- 1. Name** The Association shall be called the 'Borders Association of Bridge Clubs'.
- 2. Objects** The objects of the Association shall be the development and support of Bridge Clubs in the Borders area.
- 3. Membership** Membership shall be confined to any bridge player resident in the Borders area who is a member of a Bridge Club in the Borders area. A player not resident in the Borders area but is a member of a Club in the Association may not be a member unless he/she attends that Club on a regular basis.
- 4. Affiliated Clubs** Any Bridge Club in the Borders area may seek affiliation and may be required to submit a list of all their members who are resident in the Borders area (as specified under Membership). The Club who affiliates must also be a member of the Scottish Bridge Union.
- 5. Subscription** There will be no subscription for individual members, but there will be an annual affiliation fee which shall be fixed annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Association. The subscription shall run from the 1st September
- 6. Constitution** Copies of the Constitution shall be sent to all affiliated Clubs for all their Borders resident members and shall also be available from the Association Secretary on request.

#### **B. MEETINGS**

- 7.** Each affiliated Club will be allowed to send two (2) members from their Club to have voting powers at any General Meeting. At all such meetings the Chairman will have the casting vote.
- 8. Annual General Meeting** The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held on a date not later than the end of August each year. Not less than 14 days notice of such meeting shall be given by the Secretary to each affiliated Club. Clubs shall be responsible for informing their members of the date and venue of the Meeting
- 9. Extraordinary General Meeting** An extraordinary meeting of the Association may be called at any time in writing by any two of the affiliated Clubs. Such requisition shall state the object for which the Meeting is to be called and this shall be the sole business of the Meeting. The Meeting shall be held within 4 weeks of the receipt of the application by the Secretary. A copy of the application together with the notice calling the Meeting shall be sent out to all Clubs not later than 14 days prior to the Meeting.
- 10. Chairman** The Chairman of the Association shall chair all the Meetings. In his absence the Meeting shall elect its own Chairman.
- 11. Quorum** At all General Meetings of the Association 50% of the affiliated Clubs shall form a quorum.

## **C. GENERAL**

**12. Office Bearers** At the Annual General Meeting of the Association a Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer for the ensuing year shall be elected. Each Chairman shall serve a term of two years and shall be elected from affiliated Clubs in rotation. If the affiliated Club in rotation cannot elect a Chairman, a Chairman will be elected from the next Club in rotation.

**13. Powers** All dates of the Association Competitions shall be agreed at the AGM at which entry fees and venue of each will also be agreed. The competition secretaries or a specified Club will also be appointed for the organisation of each competition.

**14. Minutes** the secretary shall keep a Minute Book containing a record of all the meetings of the Committee.

**15. Accounts** The financial year of the Association shall end on 31st July in each year. Proper books of account shall be kept and the Treasurer's Accounts shall be presented at the AGM.

## **D. GEOGRAPHICAL AREA of the ASSOCIATION**

**16.** The geographical area of the Association shall include Berwickshire, Roxburghshire, Peeblesshire, and Selkirkshire, together with the Borough of Berwick-upon-Tweed.

## **E. MISCELLANEOUS**

### **17. Alterations to Constitution**

No alterations shall be made to this Constitution without the consent of at least two thirds of those present and entitled to vote at an AGM or an Extraordinary AGM called for that purpose.

**18. Winding Up of the Association** The winding up of the Association shall not take place except as voted at an AGM or an Extraordinary AGM specially called for that purpose. It will require a two thirds majority of all the affiliated Clubs. If the winding up is agreed then the total assets shall be divided equally, after all expenses, between all the affiliated Clubs who have paid their current affiliation fees.