

## DRAFT CONSTITUTION (2009)

- (1) The Society is called The Horsham Rugby Club Historics Golf Society (HRCHGS).
- (2) The Society's objectives are to provide enjoyment and competition for its members by arranging regular golf days and social events as the Committee sees fit and to support Horsham Rugby Football Club in its various endeavours.
- (3) Membership is open to past and present members of Horsham Rugby Sports & Social Club and to others at the discretion of the Committee. All Members have the right to propose new Members. The Committee will have absolute discretion as to whether to accept or decline an application for membership.
- (4) An appropriate membership fee, agreed at an AGM, is payable in full within one month of the commencement of the new season. At its discretion, the Committee may offer a range of membership options, including full, pro-rata (for those joining during the season) or country membership. Only full and pro-rata paid up members will have voting rights.
- (5) The Society's playing and financial year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 31<sup>st</sup> August.
- (6) The officials of the Society are Chair, Captain, Secretary, Treasurer and Fixtures Secretary and such other officials as may be elected at the AGM. The officials shall act as a Committee to manage the day to day affairs of the Society. One person may hold more than one of these roles, providing the Committee comprises a minimum of three persons.
- (7) The Committee will open and manage such bank accounts as are appropriate for the day to day running of the Society's affairs.
- (8) On Society golf days, all Members agree to abide by the rules of the host club and the Rules of Golf as laid down by The Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews.
- (9) The Committee may, at its discretion, exclude a Member from competition or the Society.
- (10) The Society will hold an Annual General Meeting at the Society's year end to approve the Accounts for the year, to set the annual membership subscription for the following year, to appoint the officials and an auditor for the following year and to conduct any other business. All decisions will be by a simple majority of those Members present. An AGM will be invalid if less than 30% of the paid up membership are in attendance. A further AGM should therefore be held within one calendar month.
- (11) The funds, assets and properties of the Society are equally owned by the full members and shall be distributed equally among the then current full members in the event of the dissolution of the Society. If the Society were to receive a windfall in excess of £1000 an EGM would be

held, with a quorum of 30% of paid up Members to agree how best to deal with it.

(12) Changes to the Constitution can only be made at an AGM or EGM by simple majority of those present. An EGM may be arranged following the written instruction of 50% of the membership or at the direction of the Committee.