

YORK H F RAMBLING CLUB



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CONSTITUTION of the YORK HF RAMBLING CLUB

1. NAME

1.1 The name of the Club shall be YORK HF RAMBLING CLUB; hereafter called the 'Club' in this document.

2. OBJECTIVES

2.1 The objectives of the Club are to promote and encourage rambling in the countryside for the mutual enjoyment and benefit of the Club's membership. In addition, the Club seeks to adhere by association, to the ethos of rambling as determined and practised by the former Co-operative Holiday Association (CHA), the current HF Holidays Ltd. (HF) and the Ramblers (Association).

3. MANAGEMENT

3.1 The Club is to be managed by a democratically elected General Committee, as determined at the Club's Annual General Meeting (AGM).

3.2 The Club's AGM is to be convened in early February. The date to be chosen by the General Committee is to enable a report on the previous financial year's business (financial year 1st January to 31st December) to be presented and to elect a new General Committee to serve for the next year.

3.3 The General Committee shall consist of a President, a General Secretary, a Treasurer and further Officers and Committee Members to ensure the effective management of the Club's business.

3.4 The date, venue, time and business agenda (including any proposed amendments to this Constitution) of the AGM is to be circulated to all Club members. Such notice is to be received by the Club's membership at least 14 days prior to the AGM.

3.5 Only members of the Club in attendance at the AGM shall be entitled to propose, second or vote on the issues raised at the meeting; except to propose and second the stated Officers at 3.3 prior to the AGM.

3.6 Rules to implement this Constitution and all other aspects of the Club's management are to be compiled and issued under the authority of the General Committee.

4. MEMBERSHIP

4.1 Membership shall be open to all who are in accord with the stated objectives of the Club as defined in item 2.

4.2 Members wishing to participate in the rambling events presented by the Club should be capable of participating in those events without prejudicing the welfare and enjoyment of other members.

4.3 The General Committee is empowered to award Honorary Membership status to any individual who has displayed sustained, exceptional service or support, in the promotion of the Club's objectives. Honorary Membership shall be formally presented at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and thereafter the recipient shall benefit from free membership of the Club.

5. SUBSCRIPTIONS

5.1 The Annual Membership Subscription shall be determined annually at the AGM and shall be paid upon joining the Club.

5.2 Membership Subscriptions become renewable at the AGM each year and should be paid no later than 1st June of that same year.

EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (EGM)

6.1 An Extra-ordinary General Meeting (EGM) may be called by the General Committee to discuss a specific topic or matter of concern. The membership must be circulated giving 14 days' notice of the date, time and venue of the meeting, together with notice of the topic to be discussed.

6.2 An EGM may be invoked through the General Committee by the non-Committee membership of the Club, conditional on the following: -

- a. The request is made in writing to the General Committee supported by a minimum of twenty non-Committee members.
- b. The purpose of the request i.e. the matter(s) giving rise to the request, is to be disclosed and the General Committee given a chance to resolve the matter to the satisfaction of those named above. Should majority satisfaction be achieved, the request should be withdrawn or denied.
- c. EGMs should only discuss the matter(s) requested.
- d. EGMs shall be chaired by a current elected Officer and the attendance, business and proceedings duly minuted and lodged with the General Secretary.
- e. All decisions agreed at an Extra-ordinary General Meeting shall be accepted and binding on the General Committee's subsequent deliberations.

7. RAMBLES

7.1 Members who wish to attend a coach ramble must notify the Booking Secretary within the booking period stated on the Club's programme.

7.2. Members who cancel their wish to attend must do so in accordance with the conditions stipulated in the Club's rules and ramble programme. Failure to do so will render the member to be liable for the cost of the ramble not attended.

7.3 Leaders are to be assigned to each ramble, who shall plan (plus ideally reconnoitre) and lead the ramble in accordance with the leaders' guidance criteria issued by the Club.

7.4 The provision of a leader does not relieve individual members of responsibility for their personal safety.

8. SOCIAL EVENTS and RESIDENTIAL WEEKENDS/DAYS

Social events and residential weekends/days shall be organised at the discretion of the Committee.

9. PROCEDURE AT THE CLOSURE OF THE CLUB

9.1 Final closure of the Club should only take place after due consultation and the passing of a closure motion, voted by current members at an AGM or an Extra-ordinary General Meeting.

9.2 At the passing of the closure motion the presiding Committee shall affect the closure of the Club's assets in the following manner: -

- a. All material loaned shall be returned to source and all material assets obtained by grant or donation shall be offered back to the donor to be disposed of at their discretion.
- b. All outstanding accounts and interests shall be satisfactorily cleared and permanently closed.
- c. All organisations associated with the Club to be issued with a written notice of the Club's closure.
- d. Any residual financial or material assets shall be donated to any other organisation(s) having similar interests, aims or ideals as the York HF Rambling Club. The detail of the direction of such donations is to be agreed by the members present at the closure AGM or Extra-ordinary General Meeting.

10. ALTERATIONS and AMENDMENTS

10.1 This Constitution may only be altered or amended by members at an Annual General Meeting after the proposed amendments have been circulated to the membership, as detailed in paragraph 3.

The above Constitution was agreed at the 2017 Annual General Meeting of the York HF Rambling Club; the AGM being held on the 14th February 2017.