

# CONSTITUTION OF THE GRIMSBY ANCIENT MARINERS WALKING FOOTBALL CLUB

## 1. NAME

1.1. The name of the club shall be The Grimsby Ancient Mariners Walking Football Club ("the Club").

## 2. OBJECTIVES

2.1 To promote Walking Football to all groups of people in North East Lincolnshire

2.2 To seek to ensure all members of the Club can participate and enjoy playing Walking Football.

2.3 To provide opportunities for members to represent Grimsby Ancient Mariners in competitions, Festivals and friendly football fixtures.

2.4 To promote the cause of good sportsmanship and respect for officials and other players at all times.

2.5 To seek to provide our members and their families the opportunity to take part in a number of social activities each year.

## 3. A. PROPERTY and FUNDS

3.1 The property and funds of the Club cannot be used for the direct or indirect private benefit of members other than as reasonably allowed by the Rules and all surplus income or profits are reinvested in the club.

3.2 The Club may provide sporting and related social facilities, sporting equipment, coaching, courses, insurance cover, post-match refreshments and other ordinary benefits of Community Amateur Sports Clubs as provided for in the Finance Act 2002.

3.3 The Club may also in connection with the sports purposes of the Club:

- (a) sell and supply food, drink and related sports clothing and equipment;
- (b) employ members (though not for playing) and remunerate them for providing goods and services, on fair terms set by the Committee without the person concerned being present;
- (c) Pay for reasonable hospitality for visiting teams and guests;
- (d) Indemnify the Committee and members acting properly in the course of the running of the Club against any liability incurred in the proper running of the Club (but only to the extent of its assets). (e) The Committee will have due regard to the law on disability discrimination and child protection.

## 4. WINDING UP

(a) The members may vote to wind up the Club if not less than three quarters of those present and voting support that proposal at a properly convened general meeting.

(b) The Committee will then be responsible for the orderly winding up of the Club's affairs.

(c) After settling all liabilities of the Club, the Committee shall dispose of the net assets remaining to one or more of the following:

- (i) to another Club with similar sports purposes which is a registered charity  
and/or
- (ii) to another Club with similar sports purposes which is a registered CASC  
and/or
- (iii) to the Club's governing body for use by them for related community sports.

## 5. MANAGEMENT

5.1 The Management of the Club shall be vested in a Management Committee consisting of: -

i) Chairman

ii) Vice -

Chairman

ii) Secretary

iii) Treasurer

iv) Fixtures/Social Secretary (dual or individual roles)

v) Other nominated club members up to a maximum of 5

vi) One non-voting member from organising staff members of Inspire Sports.

5.2 The Management Committee shall have power to: -

- i) Co-opt voting members to fill vacancies created by the resignation or non-election of Officers on the Management Committee.
- ii) Co-opt non-voting Members who shall be invited to attend all or specific Management Committee Meetings.

5.3. Candidates for the Committee must be full members of the club.

5.4 The Chairman may appoint sub-committees of such size and composition as he thinks fit to assist committee carrying out their duties.

## **6. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

6.1 The Management Committee to meet regularly but with a minimum of six times a year. At each meeting, five members entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum. All members of the Club will be informed of the date and time of Committee Meetings and will be invited to submit items for discussion and invited to attend meetings when necessary. The committee will endeavour to make each third meeting an open meeting for all the membership to attend.

6.2. Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone aged 55 or over interested in Walking Football. Membership will be granted on application regardless of sex, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis.

**(i)** The club will only have Full and Honorary classes of membership.

a) Full Member definition: A full member of Grimsby Ancient Mariners will be one that has attained the age of 55 and contributes to the membership subscription regime as employed by the club and has agreed to the Grimsby Ancient Mariner Player Code of Conduct.

b) Honorary Member definition: A person admitted Honorary Membership by the management committee having full rights as per a Full member for services to the club.

(ii) The Management Committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. This behaviour may be sporting or non-sporting in nature (i.e. serious criminal conduct or serious professional misconduct) Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the whole membership whose decision is final.

(iii) It shall be an obligation on the part of every member to observe the conditions for the regulation of the Club as laid down in the Club's Constitution and in any other rules, established by the Committee.

## **7. SUBSCRIPTIONS**

The level of subscriptions shall be determined by the Management Committee who shall circulate notice of such fees to the Members at least 28 days before the start of the Club year. (April 1). The Club will seek to keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.

## **8. VISITORS**

A member may bring a guest to any Club organised event. The entry fee for any club event to be set by the management committee.

## **9. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

9.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held within two three weeks from 1<sup>st</sup> April.

9.2 At each Annual General Meeting Officers, the officers of the club will make themselves available for re-election, nominations for committee positions must be proposed and seconded by members of the club in writing prior to the meeting.

9.3 The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be: -

- i) To approve the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and of any subsequent Extraordinary General Meeting.
  - ii) To receive the Chairman's Report for the year.
  - iii) To approve the Accounts of the Club for the previous accounting period.
  - iv) The election of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Fixtures/Event Secretary.
  - v) The election of other members to the Committee.
  - vi) To consider any motions of which due notice has been given in accordance with the provisions of the Club's Constitution.
  - vii) Any other business if duly proposed and seconded may be properly conducted.
- 9.4 A Notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given to Members at least 28 clear days beforehand.

9.5 Members shall submit, so as to be received by the Secretary, not less than 14 clear days before the date of the Annual General Meeting:

i) nominations for the Management Committee, such nominees having given their consent before being nominated; and such motions as they wish to be presented at the meeting and

ii) All such nominations and motions must be duly proposed and seconded.

9.6 All members shall have a vote at Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings.

9.7 Voting shall be by show of hands.

## **10. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

10.1 An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club can be called at the request of the Management Committee or at the request of at least 25% of the full club membership.

10.2 Such petition shall include full particulars of the motion or items of business in respect of which the meeting is sought.

10.3 At least 28 days clear notice must be given to members for an Extraordinary General Meeting. The Agenda must be circulated with the Notice and no other motions can be added to the agenda.

## **11. FINANCE**

The Treasurer shall keep the accounts of the Club and present an income and expenditure account to each meeting of the management committee.

The Treasurer will be responsible for the operation of the Club's bank accounts. Drawings from such accounts shall be signed at all times by two members of the Management Committee as designated by the banking agreement. Such signatories shall have sufficient authority and shall bind the club in all transactions between the bank and the club.

## **12. SUSPENSION**

The Management Committee may suspend from any club activities, for any length of time a member whose conduct it considers justifies suspension. This conduct may be sporting or non-sporting in nature (i.e. serious criminal conduct or serious professional misconduct). Written notice of the suspension must be given to the member explaining the reasons reached following careful and considered deliberation of the known facts.

## **13. EXPULSION**

The Management Committee may expel a member whose conduct it considers such as to justify expulsion. This conduct may be sporting or non-sporting in nature (i.e. serious criminal conduct or serious professional misconduct) Prior to being expelled any such member must be given written notice of the reasons reached following careful and considered deliberation of the known facts and a right to respond thereto orally or in writing within fourteen days of such notice being posted, which shall be by first class mail to the member's last known address. The Management Committee shall consider any response from the member before deciding whether to expel such member.

## **14. OTHER MATTERS**

The Management Committee shall have the power to deal with all matters not provided for in this Constitution and to adopt Rules for the operation of the Club provided that such Rules and shall not be inconsistent with any provisions of this Constitution. In the event of any inconsistency this Constitution shall prevail.