



CONSTITUTION

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1. NAME

The organisation shall be called the Welsh Sea Rowing Association (hereinafter called WSRA]

2. OBJECTS

The objects of the League shall be to promote, encourage and assist amateur rowing.

3. AFFILIATION

(a) The League shall be affiliated to the Welsh Amateur Rowing Association ("WARA")

(b) Any amateur rowing club or club that has facilities for rowing, situated in Wales, may be affiliated to the League on becoming approved by a two-thirds majority of the executive committee of the WSRA .Each member club thereby binds itself to observe the rules of the WSRA.

4. OFFICERS

The Officers of the WSRA shall consist of an Honorary President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and Publicity/Development Officer, who shall be elected annually at the annual general meeting of the League.

5. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The League shall be managed by an executive committee whose members are:

(a) The officers

(b) Two representatives of each affiliated club including Junior Members.

(c) Such other persons as the executive committee may from time-to-tim co-opt and such persons shall be members of the executive committee until the next election meeting of the executive committee

(d) Five members of the executive committee, (each representing a different club) shall form a quorum at meetings of the committee. Voting shall be by show of hands unless the executive committee shall decide otherwise and each member shall have one vote

(e) The person in the Chair shall have a casting vote in addition to a vote he may have as a representative.

6. RULES

The executive committee shall make such rules and regulations as it shall from time to time think fit and shall cause the same to be circulated to affiliated clubs. Such rules and regulations shall be binding on affiliated clubs and on members of the executive.

7. Rule changes

Proposals for changes in the rules or in the constitution shall be notified to the members of the executive committee by the secretary at least 10 days before a meeting of the executive committee at which they are to be considered. A simple majority shall approve rules, but changes to the constitution shall be approved by a two-thirds majority of the executive committee.

8. SUBSCRIPTIONS

Affiliated clubs will pay subscriptions at rates to be determined from time to time by the executive committee. These rates shall be published as Rules of the WSRA and such subscriptions shall include payments made by the WSRA to WARA.

9. SUSPENSION AND REMOVAL

Affiliated clubs in arrears of subscription payable under the rules of the WSRA shall automatically be suspended and their representatives shall be suspended from membership of the executive committee. No person shall be allowed to enter a race held under the rules of the WSRA in the name of an affiliated club, which is in arrears of subscription.

10. FINANCE AND CONTROL OF EXPENDITURE

All monies raised by or on behalf of the WSRA shall be applied to further the objects of the WSRA and for no other purpose. The Treasurer is responsible for the finances of the WSRA and the financial year shall end on 31st March in each year.

The funds of the WSRA shall be deposited at a bank or building society as decided by the executive committee and in an account in the name of the WSRA. All cheques drawn on an account in the name of the League shall be signed by any two of the chairman, secretary or treasurer.

The executive committee shall appoint a person or firm to audit the accounts.

in addition to any duties and powers contained in this constitution the executive committee shall have the following powers:

(i) To borrow funds for the WSRA on such terms or security as it deems fit and to purchase, hire, lease or sell equipment and property on behalf of the WSRA

(ii) To reimburse the reasonable expenses of the executive committee incurred in carrying out the business of the league, provided such payments are declared in the annual accounts presented to the Annual General Meeting

(iii) To suspend or terminate the membership of any affiliated club of which a member or members have acted in any way likely to bring the sport of rowing into disrepute or whose conduct is deemed to be to the detriment of the WSRA. Suspension shall be for such a period as the executive committee shall determine and any person or persons so suspended will not be permitted to compete in any rowing race or participate in any way in any event, competition or activity organised by the WSRA

(iv) Any affiliated club whose membership of the WSRA has been terminated or suspended or any person or persons so suspended shall have the right to appeal against any such decision to the executive committee or to an appeal committee to determine the said appeal, and any such appeal shall be heard within 21 days of notice being received by the secretary.

11- EQUIPMENT HIRED TO AFFILIATED CLUBS

Affiliated clubs shall pay to the WSRA on the first day of July each year, an annual hiring charge - plus VAT (such charge being variable, and fixed by the executive committee from time to time) in respect of Lottery funded equipment owned by the WSRA and which is hired to affiliated clubs.

The affiliated club, which has hired equipment, shall be responsible for its maintenance and such equipment must be kept in good condition and working order. Failure on the part of an affiliated club to pay the hiring charge within 21 days of its becoming due, or failure to maintain the equipment in good condition and working order shall result in the WSRA becoming immediately entitled to repossess the equipment and for the purposes of this rule the decision of the executive committee as to the condition of the equipment shall be final.

The WSRA shall be responsible for insuring Lottery funded equipment.

12. GENERAL MEETINGS

There shall be an Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the WSRA in the month of October in each year, or as soon thereafter as can be arranged.

At the AGM a financial statement for the 12 months to the end of the previous financial year shall be presented.

Members of affiliated clubs may attend the AGM but only two nominated representatives of each club shall be entitled to vote.

Affiliated clubs shall receive not less than 28 days notice of the AGM, notice of any items for inclusion in the agenda shall be given in writing to the secretary, and ballot papers returned to the same at least 14 days before the AGM.

No proposal will be accepted from the floor at the AGM.

Representatives of 5 affiliated clubs shall be sufficient quorum at an AGM.

A simple majority of the members of the executive committee shall enable the said committee to summon an Extraordinary General Meeting.

13. DISSOLUTION

The WSRA shall be dissolved upon a resolution being passed by a majority of two-thirds of those voting as a meeting of the executive committee convened for that purpose, 14 days notice of which shall have been sent to all affiliated clubs.

Upon dissolution the executive committee shall be empowered to distribute the assets of the WSRA including cash, investments and equipment, to other leagues or clubs having similar objects to the WSRA or to WARA.

14. DISPUTES

The executive committee whose decision will be final shall determine any dispute arising out of or not covered by this constitution or the rules of the WSRA