

Constitution of Aberdeen Full Bore Gun Club

1 NAME

The Club shall continue to be called The Aberdeen Full Bore Gun Club hereinafter referred to as the Club.

2 PRINCIPAL OBJECTS

The objects of the Club are;

To encourage skill in rifle shooting by providing instruction and practice in the use of the full bore rifle to any of His Majesty's subjects so that they will be better fitted to serve their Country in the Armed Forces, Territorial Army or any other organisation in which their services may be required in the defence of the Realm in time of peril.

3 ANCILLARY OBJECTS

- a. To provide instruction and practise in the use of rifles and pistols.
- b. To promote and maintain the highest standards for the said sport.
- c. To promote and conduct inter-club matches.
- d. To provide facilities for the other allied activities which may from time to time seem appropriate to the members of the Club at any Annual, General or Special Meeting and passed by a simple majority.

4 MEMBERS AND MEMBERSHIP

- a. Individuals in their own right are eligible for membership of the Club.
- b. Application for membership must be made to the Club membership Secretary on the Club Application Form, and must be sponsored by one full Club member and by one other responsible person who knows the applicant. An applicant accepted for probationary membership shall serve a probationary period of at least 12 attendances in a time limit of not less than three months, during which time he/she will receive regular instruction in the safe handling and use of firearms. Temporary, day and guest members shall not be admitted except under special arrangements approved by the Committee, and the Committee will comply with Home Office requirements in this regard.
- c. Admission shall be by the decision of the Committee by a simple majority. The Committee will not be obliged to accept any applicant nor give reasons for refusal.
- d. A member infringing any Rule or By-Law and having been reported to an officer of the Club or Committee Member will be advised of the complaint in writing after which he or she will require to appear before the Committee. The disciplinary action will be at the sole discretion of the Committee and in the event of objection by the member, suspension will take place until such time as the special general meeting can be convened to adjudicate on the member's appeal.
- e. Any member failing to attend a minimum of three shoots in any one financial year 1st March - 28th February will not be eligible to renew his/her membership for the following year. The three mandatory shooting visits to the Club shall be made in three separate calendar months and may not be in consecutive weeks. Any member who fails to meet this minimum requirement will be requested to provide good reason to the Committee as to why the minimum attendance could not be met. The Committee's decision in all cases will be final.

5 SUBSCRIPTIONS

- a. The financial year of the Club will be 1st March to 28th February in any year.
- b. Annual Subscriptions will be determined by vote at the A.G.M.
- c. Annual subscriptions are payable in the month of April. Should the Subscription of any member remain in arrears on the last day of April the defaulting member automatically ceases to be a member of the Club.

6 MANAGEMENT

- a. Property.
Any heritable and moveable property of the Club shall belong to the Club Members and shall be vested in the Office Bearers for the time being and their successors and in the

event of Club termination, the assets will be disbursed to any organisation determined by a simple majority of members at a meeting of the Club of which due notice shall have been given.

b. **Powers of the Management.**

The business and whole affairs of the Club shall be under the management of the Office Bearers and Committee who shall have powers to make all necessary enquiries and to take such proceedings against any individual and to make such regulations from time to time, as they in their sole discretion think desirable for the welfare and proper conduct of the sport, and the Club subject always that they, the Committee cannot alter or delete any resolution, By-Law or Rule that has been passed at a Special General Meeting or Annual General Meeting unless the said law or bye-law is in conflict with a legal requirement for club management (see 7i).

7. POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The committee shall in addition to the aforementioned have the following specific duties and powers:

- a. To fill any vacancy which may occur in their number during the year.
- b. To appoint a Chairman for their Meetings in the event of the Chairman and Vice Chairman being absent.
- c. To co-opt any additional member or members and to form sub-committees as they may think fit from time to time.
- d. To convene the Annual General Meeting and any Special General Meeting.
- e. To deal with all applications for membership.
- f. To control and apply the finances of the Club, invest surplus funds, Purchase and dispose of equipment, land, enter into leases, and generally to administer and manage everything else necessary to the welfare of the Club.
- g. To interpret the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Competition, settle disputes and give rulings when requested.
- h. To make all necessary arrangements for holding International and other representative matches and to enter into any contract for the carrying out of same.
- i. To amend the constitution to comply with but restricted to the minimum legal requirements imposed by legislative changes.

8. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

A Special General Meeting may be convened at any time by the Committee. It may also be convened by a requisition to the Secretary signed by not less than seven members. Such requisition must state the object for which such meeting is called and the meeting must be held within one month of receipt of the requisition by the Secretary. Preliminary notice must be sent out by the Secretary within ten days of receipt of requisition, and notices of amendment must be received seven days before the meeting is held.

9. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- a. The Annual General Meeting will be held on the last Tuesday of March.
- b. Seven clear days notice must be given of the location and time of the Annual General Meeting. The notice calling the Annual General Meeting and including the Agenda shall be sent to each member by post.

10. PROCEEDINGS AT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- a. To examine and if approved to pass the accounts for the preceding year.
- b. To appoint Office Bearers for the ensuing year.
- c. To appoint an Auditor or Auditors for the ensuing year.
- d. To deal with any resolution that has already been given notice of.
- e. Any other business that is competent.

11. OFFICE BEARERS AND QUORUMS

- a. The Office Bearers who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting shall consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Secretary. The Management Committee shall comprise of the Office Bearers and eight ordinary members of Committee.

- b. At all Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings, nine shall form a quorum. At Committee Meetings, five shall form a quorum.
- c. At all General and Committee Meetings, the Chairman whom failing, the Vice Chairman whom failing, any Member appointed by the meeting, shall preside, and shall have both a deliberative and a casting vote.
- d. The Club shall have an Honorary Life President. The H.L.P. will have the right to attend all Committee Meetings but will have no power to vote. The H.L.P. is eligible to be voted to any Committee position in his/her own right, providing that such vote is taken at the A.G.M. The position of Honorary Life President will not be open to re-election.
- e. Candidates for election to the Management Committee comprising of the Office Bearers and eight ordinary members of Committee, shall be nominated for election, in writing, by a proposer and seconder who are themselves members of the Club, including the written consent of the candidate, such nomination to be received by the Club Secretary not later than 21 days before the date of the next Annual General Meeting. A list of candidates and their respective proposers and seconders will be included in the notice to all members calling the Annual General Meeting. In the event of an unfilled post, the General Meeting on a simple majority, may accept nominations from the floor. Any candidate so nominated must be present at the meeting, and must indicate his willingness to stand.

12 BY-LAWS AND RULES

- a. No By-Laws or Rules of the Club shall be altered or rescinded or added to without the consent of a simple majority of those voting at an Annual General Meeting and by at least two-thirds of those voting at a Special General Meeting.
- b. Notice of any change proposed for the Annual General Meeting must reach the Secretary not later than 21 days before the A.G.M. and must be duly signed by two individual members of the Club.
- c. Notice of all proposed changes will be sent to all members along with the notice calling the Annual General Meeting.

13 LIMITATION OF OFFICERS LIABILITY

Any liability incurred by the Office Bearers in connection with any contract concluded on behalf of the Club or in respect of any bona fide acting on the Club's behalf shall be indemnified to them by the members of the Club.

14 INTERPRETATION OF BY-LAWS AND RULES

In cases of any difference of opinion as to the meaning of any of these By-Laws, such meaning shall be decided by the Committee, or if it occurs at a General Meeting, by the Chairman thereof. Any such decision shall be accepted as the true meaning.

15 DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB

- a. The decision to dissolve the club must be decided by SGM.
- b. If the members resolve to dissolve the club, all the assets of the club must be either (a) transferred to another target shooting club with similar not-for-profit aims; or (b) other charitable organization as decided by the SGM with preference being given to (a) if appropriate.
- c. If a SGM cannot agree the distribution of assets, then the Target Shooting National Governing Body (currently National Rifle Association of the United Kingdom) should arbitrate.
- d. In no circumstances shall the net assets of the club be paid to or distributed among the members of the club