



## **Brighton Beachcombers Softball Club Constitution**

(Dated 10th May 2017)

### 1. Name

1.1. The organisation shall be called The Brighton Beachcombers Softball Club, hereafter to be referred to as the "Club".

### 2. Objectives

2.1. To foster and promote the sport of softball to all the community of Brighton and Hove and to provide opportunities for recreation and competition at all levels.

### 3. Membership

3.1. Membership of the Club shall be open to any person aged 16 and over, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation or ability who registers on the Clubs website and through BSUK and pays the relevant membership fee as determined by the General Committee of the Club.

3.2. There shall be a single class of voting membership: "Full Member".

### 4. Officers

4.1. The "Executive Officers" of the Club shall be:

4.1.1. President

4.1.2. Treasurer

4.1.3. Secretary

4.1.4. Social Media/Marketing

4.2. Executive Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of the Club by the Full Members of the Club.

4.3. Executive Officers are elected for a period of one year, but may be re-elected to the same office or another office the following year.

### 5. General Committee

5.1. The affairs of the Club shall be controlled by a General Committee comprising the Executive Officers and other officers as elected by the Full Members at the AGM.

5.2. The General Committee shall meet at agreed intervals and not less than four times per year.

5.3. If there is a vacancy on the General Committee the remaining General Committee may, by a two-thirds majority agreement, co-opt a Full Member of the Club to fill the vacancy until the next AGM.

5.4. The duties of the General Committee shall be:

5.4.1. To control the affairs of the Club on behalf of the Members and make decisions by a simple majority of the existing General Committee.

5.4.2. To keep accurate accounts of the finances of the Club through the Treasurer. These should be available for reasonable inspection by Members and should be audited before every AGM. The Club shall maintain a bank current account which the Executive Officers shall be responsible for.

### 6. General meetings

6.1. The Club shall hold an AGM each year.

6.2. Notice

6.2.1. The Secretary shall provide 21 days' notice of the date of the AGM by email to all Members and by posting on the Club's website.

6.2.2. Members must email the Secretary any business to be moved at the AGM with 14 days' notice.

6.2.3. The Secretary shall give notice of the agenda to Members by email and on the Club's website with at least 7 days' notice.

6.3. Nomination of candidates for election as officers shall normally be made by email before the AGM and may only be made by Full Members.

6.4. The business of the AGM shall be to:

6.4.1. Receive the annual report of the General Committee from the Club Managers.

6.4.2. Receive the financial accounts for the year from the Treasurer.

6.4.3. Elect the General Committee - Executive Officers and any other officers - of the Club.

6.4.4. Transact such other business as included on the agenda with the notice required in 6.2.2

6.5. Special General Meetings ("SGM") may be convened by the General Committee or on receipt by the Secretary of a request by email from not less than five Full Members of the Club. At least 21 days' notice of the meeting shall be given to Members by email and the Club's website.

6.6. The President, or a deputy appointed by the President or by Full Members attending the meeting, shall chair the AGM and any SGM.

6.7. The AGM and any SGM shall require a quorum of 20% of the total number of Full Members, rounded up to the nearest whole number, and 50% of the Executive Officers of the Club, rounded up to the nearest whole number.

6.8. Decisions made at the AGM or any SGM shall be by a simple majority of votes from those Full Members attending the meeting.

6.9. Each Full Member of the Club shall be entitled to one vote at the AGM and any SGM.

7. Amendments to the Constitution

7.1. Amendments to the Club Constitution may only be considered at the AGM or any SGM convened with the required notice. Any amendment must be proposed by a Full Member of the Club and seconded by another Full Member. Such alterations shall be passed if supported by not less than two-thirds of those Full Members present at the meeting.

8. Dissolution

8.1. If, at the AGM or any SGM, a resolution is passed calling for the dissolution of the Club, the Secretary shall convene an SGM of the Club to be held not less than one month later to discuss and vote on the resolution.

8.2. If, at that SGM, the resolution is carried by at least two-thirds of the Full Members present at the meeting, the General Committee shall discharge all debts and liabilities of the Club.

8.3. After discharging all debts and liabilities of the Club, the remaining assets shall be given or transferred to some other club having objects similar to those of the Club.