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THE SHERE SWIMMING POOL CLUB

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The Society shall be called "The Shere Swimming Pool Club"

OBJECTS:

To continue to provide outdoor swimming facilities at the Shere Swimming Pool Club and to promote increased participation in swimming at the pool by members of the local community.

The base for all activities shall be the Shere Swimming Pool.

MEMBERSHIP:

Membership is open to all those interested but primarily for all the inhabitants of Shere Parish and the surrounding villages subject to a maximum limit set by the Committee.

A Full Member shall be 19 or over at the beginning of the season (May 1st).

A Family Membership shall consist of a Full Member together with his/her partner and any children below the age of 19 at the beginning of the season. Children aged 19 years or older at the beginning of the season will require their own membership.

All Full Members shall complete and sign the appropriate Membership Form, and sign and return the Rules and be fully paid up in order to qualify for Gate Card holding.

All Members are bound by the Club Rules and Rule boards displayed at the pool and must ensure that any family members and guests they are responsible for also comply. If there is any infringement of these rules or anti-social behaviour observed, those involved can be asked to leave the pool enclosure immediately and the Committee, at their discretion, can cancel membership of the Club without financial reimbursement. In such cases the Member would then be entitled to make representations to the Committee as to whether there might be sufficient grounds for their membership to be reconsidered in future years. Any such decisions on allowing re-joining are at the discretion of the Committee.

MEETINGS:

An Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than the 31st October in each year at not less than 14 days' notice to conduct the following business:

1. Receive and approve the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.
2. Receive reports from the Officers of the Society.
3. Receive and approve the examined annual accounts of the Society made up to 1st October of that year.
4. Elect the following Officers for the ensuing year:
 - (a) Chairman
 - (b) Treasurer
 - (c) Secretary
 - (d) Membership Secretary
5. Elect Members to the Committee to fill vacancies.
See Appendix A - Committee)
6. Appoint an Examiner of the accounts for the ensuing year.
7. Set the rates of Subscriptions.
8. Discuss the present and future policies and activities of the Club and give such directions to the Committee as appropriate.

The Chairman of the Annual General Meeting shall be the Chairman of the Society last elected or in his/her absence such other Chairman as the Meeting shall elect.

Elections of Officers and Committee Members shall be by show of hands or secret ballot if appropriate on the nominations of any two Members of the Society either prior to or at the Meeting, with the prior consent of the nominee.

General Meetings of the Club may be called at any time at not less than fourteen days notice by the Committee:-

- (a) of their own volition
- (b) upon being requested so to do by written application of not less than ten members of the Club.

Any Amendments to the Constitution of the Society made in Annual or General Meeting shall be decided by a majority vote of those attending the meeting and shall become part of the Constitution with immediate effect.

Voting. Any Annual/General Meeting shall be open to the public but only paid up subscribing members of the Club who are over the age of 18 shall be entitled to vote.

Postal Votes to be in the hands of the Secretary prior to the commencement of the Meeting and the Postal Vote to be for or against a proposal, resolution or amendment set out in the Agenda or Notice of the Meeting.

COMMITTEE

(Appendix A)

The governing body of the Club shall be the Committee as follows:-

The Chairman; The Secretary; The Treasurer, The Membership Secretary

A minimum of four elected members.

Such other members as the Committee may co-opt.

The Shere Parish Council Representative who shall be a full voting member of the Committee for the term of his/her appointment.

Where possible Committee Members shall live within the Parishes of Shere and Albury.

TERMS OF OFFICE:

The Officers of the Club shall be elected for a term of one year and shall be eligible for re-election for an unlimited number of succeeding years.

The elected Members shall each be elected for a term of two years. Elected Members retiring after having served the full term shall be eligible for immediate re-election.

If a Member of the Committee resigns at any time between Annual General Meetings, the Committee may appoint any Member of the Club to serve in his/her place until the next Annual General Meeting when this appointment to serve the remaining term must either be ratified or another Member elected to serve the remaining term. A Member not so elected shall immediately be eligible for election for a full term in his/her own right, as shall a co-opted Member.

REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES:

The Committee may, if requested by another organisation, appoint a representative either from itself or a Member of the Club to serve on the Committee of that organisation.

CO-OPTING:

The Committee may co-opt not more than two members at any one time who shall, for the duration of their co-option, have the same voting rights as elected Members.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Committee shall be responsible for the organisation and running of the Shere Swimming Club in all respects including the finances of the Club.

The Committee may also amend and add to the Club Rules as necessary. Amendment/additions to be ratified at the next General Meeting.

An Officer or Committee Member or any Member helping maintain the pool on behalf of the Committee may close the Pool and or Pool compound at any time without notice, if there is good reason to do so.

TRUSTEES

"There must be not less than two or more than four trustees of the Club.

The first trustees must be appointed by the Committee and the property of the Club (other than cash which must be under control of the Treasurer) must be vested in them to be dealt with by them as the Committee from time to time directs by resolution and an entry in the minute book is conclusive evidence of a resolution.

The trustees may be indemnified against risk and expense out of the Club property.

The trustees hold office until death or resignation or until removed by a resolution of the Committee. The Committee may for any reason which may seem sufficient to a majority of the members of the Committee present and voting at any meeting remove any trustee from the office of trustee.

Where by reason of the death, resignation or removal of a trustee a new trustee needs to be appointed, or if the Committee deems it expedient to appoint an additional trustee or additional trustees, the Committee may by resolution nominate the person or persons to be appointed to be the new trustee or trustees.

To give effect to a nomination:

The Chairman is nominated as the person to appoint new trustees of the Club within the meaning of the Trustee Act 1925 Section 36, and

The Chairman must by deed appoint the person or persons nominated by the Committee as the new trustee or trustees of the Club and

The provisions of the Trustee Act 1925 apply to any appointment.

Any statement of fact in a deed of appointment of new trustees, in favour of a person dealing bona fide and for value with the Club or the Committee, is conclusive evidence of the fact so stated."

FINANCE:

The Treasurer shall keep proper books of accounts and receive and dispose of monies as directed and approved by the Committee. He/she shall present the examined

accounts made up to the 1st October each year to the Annual General Meeting for approval by Club Members.

The Bank accounts, current and deposit, shall initially be with Lloyds Bank plc, Shere Branch and thereafter with such High Street Bank as is deemed appropriate.

The signatories to such Bank accounts shall be any two of the four Officers of the Club.

Officers and Members of the Club are entitled to be indemnified out of Club funds against any personal liability he/she undertakes.

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Subscriptions shall be at the rates set by the Annual General Meeting and become due from that date for the ensuing year. (See Appendix B).

CLUB RULES

(See Appendix B)
