

Constitution

1. The name of the Club shall be Gravesham Lifesaving Club.
2. The club shall be affiliated to the Royal Lifesaving Society United Kingdom (RLSS), and any such other bodies that the Management Committee shall decide.
3. The objectives of the Club shall be those of the RLSS, and in particular the teaching and promotion of Lifesaving and water safety.
4. The Management of the Club shall be vested in a Management Committee (The Committee) consisting of the following Officers and two club representatives:
 - a) Chairman
 - b) Vice Chairman
 - c) Hon. Secretary
 - d) Hon. Treasurer
 - e) Hon. Membership Secretary
 - f) Competitions Co-ordinator
 - g) Training Co-ordinator
 - h) Public Relations Officer
 - i) Junior Representative
 - j) Club Welfare Officer
 - k) 2 no. Club Representatives
5. For the transaction of ordinary business by the Committee a quorum shall be five (5) members.
6. The Committee shall meet as often as required. The Hon. Secretary to notify each Committee member of such meeting.
7. Any member of the Committee failing to attend two consecutive meetings without reasonable excuse shall be deemed to have vacated his/her seat.
8. The Club shall meet in January of each year in Annual General Meeting at such time and place as the Committee shall decide.
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 - a). All members of the Club aged sixteen years or over, on the day of the Annual General Meeting, shall be given in writing fourteen days clear notice of the meeting, together with an agenda. At the AGM the accounts and Annual Report will be presented, and a list of nominations for the Officers and Members of ~~the Committee~~the Committee shall be placed before the members for voting.
 - b). Nominations for Officers and elected members of the Committee shall be made in writing on the appropriate form on or by the 31st December. The Form

shall be signed by the nominee, proposer and seconder, who shall all be members of the Club eligible to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting.

c). The term of office for each post shall be twelve months.

d). Notices of Motion for alteration to the Club Rules or Constitution, or other motions for consideration at the AGM shall be made in writing, with the names of the proposer and seconder, who shall be members of the Club eligible to attend and vote at the AGM, on or before the 31st December immediately prior to the meeting.

e). At the Annual General Meeting an independent Auditor, who shall not be an elected Officer of the Club, nor a Member of the Committee shall be appointed.

10. No member under the age of sixteen (16) years shall be allowed to vote at the Annual General Meeting, or be eligible for nomination or co-option onto the Committee, except for the position of Junior Representative.
11. A Special General Meeting shall be called by either:
 - a) By resolution of the Committee
 - or
 - b) By the Committee upon receipt by the Hon. Secretary of a written resolution signed by not less than Fifteen (15) members eligible to attend and vote at Club General Meetings.

The resolution or requisition shall state the business for which the meeting is to be called, and no other business shall be transacted.

The meeting shall be called within six weeks of the date of the resolution or requisition being received. The members of the club eligible to attend and vote, shall be given fourteen (14) days notice in writing of the date, time and venue of the Special General Meeting, together with an agenda.

12. The financial year of the club shall end on 31st December-.
13. The colours of the Club shall be Royal blue and white.
14. a) All applications and renewals of Club Membership shall be on the ~~appropriate form~~appropriate form provided by the club, and such applications shall be considered by the Committee, after the receipt of the application form duly completed. (The Committee may, at its discretion delegate this function to the Hon. Membership Secretary).
- b) New applications may be refused and the Committee need give no reason therefore. Applications for renewal of membership may be refused, in which case the Committee will give reasons for such action being taken.

c) Following the approval of their application for membership/renewal, members shall pay to the Club the annual membership fee then due. Further membership renewal fees shall be payable on the first Day of January in each year. Members who fail to renew their membership fee by the date of the AGM shall forfeit all privileges as a member, and not take part in any Club activities until such time as they revalidate their membership, paying the full years membership fee.

d) The Committee may grant membership in the following categories:

- i) Adult – sixteen years and over
- ii) Junior – under sixteen years but over ten years
- iii) Family
- iv) Student – currently in full time education
- v) Teacher

e) New members joining after April 30th, shall be eligible to an initial Annual Membership fee reduced by one third for that year. New members joining after August 31st shall be eligible for an initial membership fee of one quarter the normal annual fee for that year.

f) New members will be charged a joining fee. The committee will decide ~~the~~ the items that are included when members join. As the prices of included items can vary at any time throughout the year, the committee reserve the right to amend this joining fee. Annual membership fees and weekly entry fees are to be decided upon at the AGM or Special General Meeting.

g) A membership card shall be issued, which should be carried at all times and produced when requested by anyone with reasonable authority to do so.

h) The Hon. Treasurer, in conjunction with the Hon. Membership Secretary shall have discretion over the collection of membership fees in cases of genuine hardship.

i) Teachers subscriptions of half the full time membership rate shall be available for the practicing teachers, at the discretion of the Committee. Teachers who are teaching on a club night shall not pay an entry fee.

j) New members shall be required to undertake a water test before being allowed full membership.

15 The Committee may require a member to resign if, in its opinion, the interest of the Club have been compromised by that individual. Such action shall only be taken if the member has been notified by registered post, stating the reason for the action to be taken. In the case of such member failing to reply, or declining to resign within the stated period, a special meeting of the Committee shall be called. Two weeks notice shall be given to the individual concerned, and that

individual shall, at the meeting have the opportunity of defending his/her actions. At the meeting should two thirds of the members present vote in favour of the members expulsion, he/ she shall cease to be a member of the club.

- 16 All funds and other assets of the Club shall be applied to the furtherance of the objects of the Club. No funds or other property of the club shall be paid to, or distributed among members of the club, except reasonable expenses bona fide and necessarily incurred in carrying out authorised business of the club. In the event of dissolution, the assets remaining shall be devoted to the objects similar to those of the Club.
- 17 In the event of an occurrence not provided for in the forgoing rules, the same shall be dealt with by the -Committee.