

# THE CONSTITUTION OF THE WELSH CROQUET ASSOCIATION

## 1. CONSTITUTION AND OBJECTS

The organisation shall be entitled the WELSH CROQUET ASSOCIATION.

It has the following objectives:

- a) To encourage, promote and develop the sport of croquet in Wales in accordance with the Laws of Association CROQUET and Golf Croquet, issued by the Croquet Association.
- b) To promote and manage croquet competitions under the Regulations of the Croquet Association.
- c) To encourage the training of referees, handicappers and tournament managers, in accordance with the Regulations of the Croquet Association.
- d) To liaise with the Croquet Association.
- e) To keep a register of Welsh clubs and individual Associates.

## 2. MEMBERSHIP

- a) Any croquet club in Wales can apply for registration with the Welsh Croquet Association and if accepted by the Executive then must pay the annual subscription.
- b) Any member of a Registered Club may become an Associate Member on payment of the appropriate subscription.
- c) A prospective Associate Member who is not a member of a Registered Club must apply in writing to the Executive of the Welsh Croquet Association.
- d) Any Club or Associate Member failing to pay the subscription despite an appropriate reminder shall lose the rights and privileges of membership of the Welsh Croquet Association.

## 3. FINANCE

- a) Individual and club subscriptions will be determined at the Annual General Meeting and must be paid by June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- b) The financial year dates from October 16<sup>th</sup>.
- c) The Accounts will be presented at each Annual General Meeting.
- d) An auditor will be elected at each Annual General Meeting.

## 4. MANAGEMENT

- a) The Welsh Croquet Association will be managed by an Executive Committee.
- b) The Executive Committee will comprise a representative from each Registered Club and the office-bearers.
- c) A Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer will be elected at each Annual General Meetings by those entitled to vote.
- d) In the event of an elected office-bearer being also a representative nominee of his club, that club will appoint an additional representative to the Welsh Croquet Association Executive.
- e) The Chairman's term of office is two years and he may not be re-elected for a further two years, and would not then be eligible for re-election until three years from the end of his term of office.
- f) The Secretary and Treasurer must retire after three years but may be re-elected.
- g) The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined, at the discretion of the Executive.
- h) The Executive Committee has the power to fill, from its own members, any vacancy occurring in its office-bearers, between Annual General Meetings, or between an Annual General Meeting and a Special General Meeting.

## 5. MEETINGS AND VOTING RIGHTS

- a) The Executive Committee will meet at least twice yearly.
- b) The Annual General Meeting will be held before the end of March, each Associate Member and Secretaries of Registered Clubs receiving 30 day's notice and a copy of the Agenda.
- c) Special General Meetings of the Welsh Croquet Association may be called by the Executive or by 10 Associate Members applying in writing to the executive at any time, provided they are called in the same way as an Annual General Meeting.
- d) The Constitution may be altered at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting by a two-thirds of those present and eligible to vote.
- e) All Associate Members and members of Registered Clubs are eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meetings.
- f) A quorum at any meeting of the Welsh Croquet Association or its Executive consists of individual representatives or their deputies, of more than half of the Registered Clubs. Failing a quorum the meeting will be reconvened within 28 days, by written notice to Associate Members and Secretaries of Registered Clubs. A second failure to obtain a quorum automatically entitles the Executive to take such action as they think appropriate regarding the Agenda.
- g) A proposal to alter the Constitution must be on the written Agenda, and signed by an Associate Member from each of two Registered Clubs.
- h) At any meeting the Chairman has a casting vote.

## 6. DISSOLUTION

If it is resolved to dissolve the Welsh Croquet Association, and all debts as been settled, any property and monies belonging to the Association shall be distributed among the clubs registered at the time of the dissolution.