



West Midlands Marksmen

CLUB CONSTITUTION

Constitution of the West Midlands Marksmen adopted on the 13th day of April 2014.

1 Name

The name of the Club is the West Midlands Marksmen or other such name as the Management Committee may from time to time decide.

2 Administration

Subject to the matters set out below the Club and its property shall be administered and managed in accordance with this constitution by the members of the Management Committee, constituted by clause 7 of this constitution.

3 Objects

The Club's objects ('the objects') are to encourage and facilitate the development of and participation in the sport of target shooting, the exchange of information and education in the safe and responsible handling of firearms.

4 Powers

In furtherance of the objects but not otherwise the Management Committee may exercise the following powers:

- 4.1 power to raise funds and to invite and to receive contributions provided that in raising funds the Management Committee shall not undertake any substantial permanent trading activities and shall conform to any relevant requirements of the law;
- 4.2 power to buy, take on lease or in exchange any property necessary for the achievement of the objects and to maintain and equip it for use;
- 4.3 power subject to any consents required by law to sell, lease or dispose of all or any part of the property of the Club;
- 4.4 power subject to any consents required by law to borrow money and to charge all or any part of the property of the Club with repayment of the money so borrowed;
- 4.5 power to co-operate with other clubs, voluntary bodies and statutory authorities engaged in furtherance of the objects and to exchange information and advice with them;
- 4.6 power to support any charitable trusts, associations or institutions formed for all or any of the objects;
- 4.7 power to do all such lawful things as are necessary for the achievement of the objects.

5 Membership

- 5.1 Membership of the Club shall be open to individuals who are interested in furthering the objects of the Club and who have paid the annual subscription as fixed from time to time by the Members present at the annual general meeting or any extraordinary meeting called specifically for that purpose.
- 5.2 The Management Committee may unanimously and for good reason terminate the membership of any individual, provided that the individual concerned shall have the right to be heard by the Management Committee, accompanied by a representative who is a full member, before the final decision is made.

5.3 The Management Committee may create any class of member they deem necessary and may determine what benefits or rights such members may have, and may lay down procedures for the introduction of prospective new members to the Club. The exercise of any such powers by the Management Committee shall be subject to ratification by the next annual general meeting of the Club by means of appropriate amendment(s) to the byelaws of the Club.

6 Honorary Officers

At each annual general meeting of the Club the members shall elect from amongst themselves a Chairman, a General Secretary, a Membership Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall hold office from the conclusion of the meeting.

7 Management Committee

- 7.1 The Management Committee shall consist of the honorary officers specified in the preceding clause.
- 7.2. All members of the Management Committee must be full current members of the Club in their own right.
- 7.3 All the members of the Management Committee shall retire from office together at the end of the annual general meeting next after the date on which they came into office but they may be re-elected or re-appointed.
- 7.4 The proceedings of the Management Committee shall not be invalidated by any vacancy among their number or by any failure to appoint or any defect in the appointment or qualification of a member.
- 7.5 No person shall be appointed as a member of the Management Committee who would if appointed be disqualified under the provisions of clause 8.
- 7.6 No person shall be entitled to act as a member of the Management Committee whether on a first or any subsequent entry into office until after agreeing in the minute book of the Management Committee a declaration of acceptance and willingness to act in the trusts of the Club.

8 Determination of Membership of the Management Committee

A member of the Management Committee shall cease to hold office if he or she:

- 8.1 ceases to be a full current member of the Club; or
- 8.2 becomes incapable by reason of mental disorder, illness or injury of managing and administering his or her own affairs; or
- 8.3 is absent without permission of the Management Committee from all their meetings held within a period of six months and the Management Committee resolve that his or her office be vacated; or
- 8.4 gives to the Management Committee notice that he or she wishes to resign with effect from a date at least one month after the date of the notice (unless there are exceptional reasons for shorter notice), but only if at least three members of the Management Committee remain in office when the notice of resignation is to take effect.

9 Management Committee Members not to be Personally Interested.

- 9.1 No member of the Management Committee shall acquire any interest in property belonging to the Club (otherwise than as a trustee for the Club) or receive remuneration.

10 Meetings and Proceedings of the Management Committee

- 10.1 The Management Committee shall hold at least two ordinary meetings each year. A special meeting may be called at any time by the chairman or by any three members of the Management Committee upon not less than seven days' notice being given to the other member of the Management Committee of the matters to be discussed.

- 10.2 The chairman shall act as chairman at meetings of the Management Committee. If the chairman is absent from any meeting, the members of the Management Committee present shall choose one of their number to be chairman of the meeting before any other business is transacted.
- 10.3 There shall be a quorum when at least three members of the Management Committee are present at the meeting.
- 10.4 The Management Committee shall keep minutes of the proceedings at meetings of the Management Committee and any sub-committee.
- 10.5 The Management Committee may from time to time make or alter the byelaws of the Club. Any such addition or alteration to the byelaws must be laid before the next annual general meeting of the Club for ratification. No byelaw, rule, standing order or other regulation may be made which is inconsistent with this constitution.
- 10.6 The Management Committee may appoint one or more advisory or sub-committees consisting of one or more members of the Management Committee for the purpose of making any enquiry or supervising or performing any function or duty which in the opinion of the Management Committee would be more conveniently undertaken or carried out by a sub-committee: provided that all acts and proceedings of any sub-committee shall be fully and promptly reported to the Management Committee.
- 10.7 The Management Committee shall ensure that at all times the club and its members shall comply with all legal requirements in force from time to time and any rules appertaining to the conduct of the activities being undertaken.

11 Receipts and Expenditure

- 11.1 The funds of the Club, including all donations, contributions and bequests, shall be paid into an account operated by the Management Committee in the name of the Club at such bank or building society as the Management Committee shall from time to time decide. The Club may operate more than one bank account. All cheques drawn on the Club's bank account must be signed by two members of the Management Committee.
- 11.2 The funds belonging to the Club shall be applied only in furthering the objects.

12 Annual General Meeting

- 12.1 There shall be an annual general meeting of the Club which shall be held each year within two months of the end of the Club's financial year or as soon after as is practicable.
- 12.2 Every annual general meeting shall be called by the Management Committee. The General Secretary shall give at least 21 days' notice of the annual general meeting in writing to all the members of the Club. All full members of the Club shall be entitled to attend and vote at the meeting.
- 12.3 The chairman of the Club then in office shall be the chairman of each annual and extraordinary general meeting, but if he is not present, before any other business is transacted, the persons present shall appoint a chairman of the meeting.
- 12.4 The Management Committee shall present to each annual general meeting the report and accounts of the Club for the preceding financial year.
- 12.5 Nominations for election to the Management Committee must be made by members of the Club in writing and must be in the hands of the General Secretary at least 10 days before the annual general meeting. The person nominated must confirm in writing his or her willingness to stand. Should nominees exceed vacancies, election shall be by ballot.

13 Special General Meetings

The Management Committee may call a special general meeting of the Club at any time. If at least 30% of the Club membership or 10 members, whichever is less, request such a meeting in writing

stating the business to be considered the General Secretary shall call such a meeting. At least 21 days notice must be given. The notice calling the meeting must state the business to be discussed.

14 Procedure at General Meetings

- 14.1 The General Secretary or other person specially appointed by the Management Committee shall keep a full record of proceedings at every general meeting of the Club.
- 14.2 There shall be a quorum when at least 40% of the number of full members of the Club for the time being or 15 members of the Club, whichever is less, are present at any general meeting.
- 14.3 If after 30 minutes from the time stated for the commencement of the meeting there are still insufficient members present to form a quorum, the meeting shall be adjourned to another time and place. The adjourned meeting shall take place within 42 days of the date of the original meeting, or as soon after as is practicable.
- 14.4 If at the adjourned meeting there are insufficient members present to form a quorum, the meeting will proceed after a delay of 30 minutes unless sufficient members are present before that time to form a quorum.

15 Notices

Any notice required to be served on any member of the Club shall be in writing and shall be served by the General or Membership Secretary or the Management Committee on such member either personally or by sending it through the post in a prepaid letter addressed to the member at his or her last known address in the United Kingdom, and any letter so sent shall be deemed to have been received within 10 days of posting.

16 Voting

Every member shall have one vote on any resolution on which he is entitled to vote. Every resolution shall be decided by a majority of votes by those present and entitled to vote on the question but in the case of a tied vote the Chairman of the meeting shall have a second and casting vote.

17 Alteration to the Constitution

The constitution may be altered by a resolution supported by not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting at a general meeting. The notice of the general meeting must include notice of the resolution, setting out the terms of the alteration proposed.

18 Dissolution

If the Management Committee decides that it is necessary or advisable to dissolve the Club it shall call a meeting of all members of the Club, of which not less than 21 days' notice (stating the terms of the resolution to be proposed) shall be given. If the proposal is supported by two-thirds of those present and voting the Management Committee shall have power to realise any assets held by or on behalf of the Club. Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any proper debts and liabilities shall be given or transferred to such other institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Club as the members of the Club may determine.

This constitution was adopted on the date mentioned above by the following persons:

Stan Murphy	Chairman
Stuart Clarke	General Secretary
Lee Cooper	Membership Secretary
Mark Robinson	Treasurer