



The Club shall be known as the Cotswold Edge Riding Club. The Club started on 1 July 1982 with the name "Wotton Horse and Pony Club", its aim to encourage and improve riding in the area, both as sport and as recreation.

2. OBJECTS

The objects of the Club shall be:

- (a) To promote participation in and provide facilities for the amateur sport of riding within the area of the Cotswold escarpment from Wotton Under Edge to Hawkesbury Upton however this is not exclusive and where it is considered to be advantageous to members and/or the club, events will be arranged outside of this area
- (b) To encourage riding as a sport and recreation, to promote good fellowship amongst riders and to improve and maintain the standard of riding and horsemanship.
- (c) To organise instructional meetings, lectures and competitive events and other activities to further the objects.
- (d) To concern itself with any object which will benefit the horse and horse user in the district.
- (e) Priority of membership is given to those living within the Cotswold escarpment or within a fifteen mile radius but the club also offers membership to others outside this area if they are keen enough to join and are prepared to travel to events. Any offers from members or potential members of the use of suitable venues in the area can be channelled through the Secretary and would be much appreciated.
- (f) A charge will be made for most events and this will go towards paying for instructors and if necessary for the hire of land and equipment
- (g) Profits over and above expenses for each event will be put into an account in the Club's name by the present Treasurer at a bank convenient to him/her and will be reinvested in the Club. Should the Club at any stage disband for whatever reason all assets will be released and donated to a charity/charities chosen by the last serving Committee to be agreed by majority vote if necessary after payment of all outstanding liabilities that the Club has.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- (a) This shall consist of persons who having been accepted by the committee have paid the due subscription for the current period.
- (b) The Club accepts members from the year of their eleventh birthday and expects them to integrate with their elders with no special exceptions in competitions etc. Any member under the age of eighteen however shall not be entitled to vote.

(c) The Club will hold a maximum of 105 members including committee to encourage a friendly and helpful atmosphere. A waiting list will be formed if applications to join (if accepted) would take the membership above 105.

(d) Members joining after 30 June will pay a reduced subscription, based on the time they join. Friends of CERC (Non riding and Social Members) will pay a reduced fee with a maximum of 15 people in this category.

(e) A member shall complete the application form as prescribed by the committee. Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other benefits. The committee may refuse membership only for good cause, such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or the sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal may be made to the members. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis.

(f) The annual subscription shall be payable on the first day of the Club's financial year (1st January). Any member whose subscription is outstanding shall not be entitled to participate in any Club event until the annual subscription is paid in full. Any member whose subscription is more than three months in arrears shall have his or her name removed from the Membership List after written notice to the effect has been sent to him or her.

(g) The Committee may expel from membership of the Club any member who has breached any of the rules of the Club, or who has in the opinion of the Committee have been guilty of any conduct derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interest of the Club, provided that before expelling him or her the Committee shall allow the member to appeal the decision to the members and provide an explanation of his/her conduct and allow a proper opportunity of answering the allegations against him/her.

4. ADMINISTRATION

(a) All powers of management shall be vested in the adult Committee consisting of the Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and up to four other Committee members. Four shall form a quorum.

(b) At the Annual General Meeting each year, one third of the members of the Committee shall retire, the members to retire being those who have been longest in office. Those who have been in office for the same length of time shall determine retiring members by lot.

(c) Retiring members shall be eligible for re-election.

(d) Each year at the Annual General meeting the Committee will be elected to hold office for the following year. After the Committee member has served for one year and whilst they remain on the Committee and for one year thereafter they will be exempt from paying subscriptions. After the initial year's service and whilst they remain on the Committee they will also be exempt from two show entries or two rally payments but must enter on time in the usual way.

(e) The Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall be elected annually by the Committee from amongst their number

(f) The decision of the Committee shall be final unless over-ruled at a General Meeting.

(g) The Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of the rules and for anything relating to the club not provided therein and their decision shall be final and binding on the members.

(h) The Committee may formulate bye-laws for the detailed running of the Club and elect subcommittees for any special activities of the Club which the Committee may authorise.

(i) The Committee shall have the power to fill any casual vacancy arising amongst members of the Committee, but any person so co-opted shall retain office only until the next following Annual General Meeting and then shall be eligible for re-election

(j) The financial year of the Club shall commence on the 1st January in each year.

(k) The annual subscription shall be determined by the Committee. The Club will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.

(l) The Annual General Meeting shall be held in November / December of each year to transact the following business:

i. To receive and if approved to adopt a Statement of the Club's Accounts for the Financial year. ii. To fill vacancies on the Committee iii. To deal with any special matter which the Committee may desire to bring to the members and to receive suggestions from the members for consideration by the Committee. Notice

convening the General Meeting shall be sent to the members not less than 10 days before the meeting.

(m) A special General Meeting may be called by the Committee, or by a request signed by not less than five members specifying the business to be discussed. The Secretary shall give all members ten days notice of the date of such a meeting and shall specify in such notice matters to be dealt with at the meeting.

(n) The Accounts of the Club shall be audited each year by the person appointed at the previous Annual General Meeting. The person should be experienced in accounting matters and not a member of the club.

(o) Notice may be given to any member by sending it by their normal method of communication (post, email, telephone) at an address in the United Kingdom as registered in the records of the Club. If any member has no address in the United Kingdom such member shall not be entitled to receive any notice. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to or the nonreceipt of a notice of a meeting by any member shall not invalidate the proceedings of the meeting.

(p) These rules may be added to, repealed or amended by resolution at any Annual or Special General Meeting, provided that no such resolution, shall be deemed to have been passed, unless carried by a majority of at least two-thirds of the members present and voting thereon and provided that prior notice has been sent to all members stating the proposed amendment.

(q) Members shall be correctly turned out at all mounted club events. Hard hats must be worn to at least the minimum standard with harness properly adjusted and fastened. Up to date hat standards available from BRC or the Committee. Skullcap hats must be worn with a silk.

(r) All surplus income or profits are to be reinvested in the Club. No surpluses or assets will be distributed to members or third parties.

(s) In the event that dissolution of the Club shall occur, the assets of the Club shall be used first to discharge all liabilities of the Club and the remaining assets shall be given or transferred to another registered CASC, a registered charity or the sport's governing body for use by them in related community sports.