## Constitution of Crake Valley Croquet Club

NOTE: this reflects the changes approved by the HMRC (2015) for the requirements for registration as a CASC (Community Amateur Sports Club)

- 1. NAME: The official name of the Club is Crake Valley Croquet Club
- AIMS and OBJECTIVES: The aims and objectives of the club are as follows:
   To provide and maintain facilities for, and the promote participation of the whole community in, the playing of Association and Golf Croquet on the Club's grounds;
   To promote and develop the Club to that end by whatever means are properly available:

To take appropriate steps to improve the standards of play of Club members; To encourage links with other such clubs, locally and nationally;

To work with local, regional and national bodies to encourage and develop the sport both at the Club and more widely;

To develop and encourage links with schools and colleges for the playing and promotion of the sport;

To encourage and develop good relationships with the local community, local institutions, firms and official bodies.

- MEMBERSHIP: Membership shall be open to all members of the community irrespective of ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or beliefs, or of age, sex or disability except as a necessary consequence of the requirements of the game of Croquet.
  - (i)The club may refuse membership or expel from membership only for good and sufficient reason, such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or Sport into disrepute. Appeal against such a decision may be made to the Club members and decided by a majority vote.
  - (ii)The Club Committee shall have the right for good and sufficient reason to terminate the membership of any member provided that the member shall have the right to be heard by the Committee before the final decision is made.

Application forms for membership are available from the Club Secretary.

 SUBSCRIPTIONS: All individuals shall pay such subscriptions as the Club shall determine at its Annual General Meeting.

- 5. THE CLUB COMMITTEE: The policy and general management of the affairs of the Club shall be directed by the Club Committee, which shall meet not less than twice a year. The Club Committee shall consist of the Honorary Officers of the Club as agreed and elected at the Club Annual General Meeting. Nominations should be received in writing by the Secretary at least ten days before the meeting. Nominees should have a Proposer and Seconder, both of whom must be Club members.
- CO-OPTION to the COMMITTEE: The Committee may co-opt as required additional members of the Club to be members of the Committee and may also appoint any member to be a member of the Committee to fill a casual vacancy.
- SUB- COMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES: The Committee shall have the power to establish sub-committees of Committee members and/or other persons, whether members or not, to advise the Committee on any particular aspect of the work of the Club.
- COMMITTEE STRUCTURE: The Club Committee shall consist of a Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and as many additional members as are needed to run the Club effectively.
- 9. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM): The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be as follows:
  - (i) To receive and consider the Report of the Club Committee for the preceding year and to discuss the plans for the coming year.
  - (ii) To receive and consider the Annual Accounts, duly audited.
  - (iii) To elect the members of the Committee.
  - (iv) To transact any other business of which notice has been given in writing to the Secretary ten days before the meeting
- 10. QUORUM: The quorum at the AGM shall be eight members and at any Committee meeting four Committee members.
- 11. OTHER MEETINGS: Any extraordinary meeting of the Club shall be called by either the Committee or by a majority of the Members of the Club.
- 12. AMENDMENTS to BY-LAWS: The Club Committee shall have the power to make, amend or rescind any of the by-laws of the Club.
- 13. All money raised by or on the behalf of the Crake Valley Croquet Club shall be applied to further the aims and objectives of the Club and for no other purpose provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of

reasonable and proper remuneration to any employee of the Club or the repayment of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses.

- 14. ALTERATIONS to the CONSTITUTION of the CLUB: Rules of the Constitution, other than rules 2 and 15, may be altered or repealed or added to by a resolution of not less than two-thirds of the Members who are present and vote at a General Meeting convened for that purpose.
- 15. DISSOLUTION: The dissolution of the Club may be effected by a resolution passed by a majority of not less than two/thirds of the Members who are present and vote at a Special General Meeting convened for that purpose. In the event of the dissolution of the Club any of the assets remaining after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall not be paid to or distributed among Members of the Club, but shall be given or transferred to one or more of the following approved sporting or charitable bodies:
  - (i) A registered charitable organisation.
  - (ii) Another Club that is a registered CASC.
  - (iii) The sport's national governing body (The Croquet Association). For use by them for related community sports.

THIS CONSTITUTION was agreed by the Club Committee following consultations with all Club Members.

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