

RULES OF THE OLD ABINGDONIAN CLUB

1. Name
 - 1.1 The Club shall be called "The Old Abingdonian Club".

2. Objects
 - 2.1 The objects of the Club shall be to:
 - 2.1.1 Promote union and good fellowship amongst the members.
 - 2.1.2 Foster friendship formed at the School and afterwards with other members.
 - 2.1.3 Further in every possible way the interest, well-being, development and prosperity of the School.

3. Powers
 - 3.1 The Club has the following powers which may be exercised only in promoting the Objects:-
 - 3.1.1 To organise sporting contests and matches with the School as may from time-to time be desirable.
 - 3.1.2 To organise other events in relation to the Club or the School as may arise.
 - 3.1.3 To hold an annual dinner for the members and their guests.
 - 3.1.4 To promote, administer or support initiatives and funding in relation to the Club or the School.
 - 3.1.5 To publish or distribute information.
 - 3.1.6 To co-operate with other bodies.
 - 3.1.7 To make grants or loans of money to the School.
 - 3.1.8 To set aside funds for special purposes or as reserves against future expenditure.
 - 3.1.9 To deposit or invest in funds in any manner.
 - 3.1.10 To do anything else within the law which promotes or helps to promote the Objects.

3. Membership
 - 3.1 The Old Abingdonian Club has three classes of MEMBERS as follows:
 - a) Old Abingdonians being past pupils of the School in good standing who shall be eligible for life membership for a payment of such subscription as may be determined from time to time by General Meeting;
 - b) The Headmaster and members of the teaching staff permanently employed at the School for so long as they remain so employed and
 - c) such Honorary Members as may be so elected by the Committee being individuals who in its opinion have rendered special service to the School or to the Club or who for other reasons are invited by the Committee to accept honorary membership

provided that:

 - 3.1.1 When they leave the School pupils become Life Members of the Club on being elected by the Committee.
 - 3.1.2 Those seeking membership must be proposed and seconded by existing members of the Club.
 - 3.1.3 All proposals for membership shall be laid before the Committee at their next convenient meeting for their consideration.
 - 3.1.4 The Committee may, within their absolute discretion, admit or refuse to admit to membership of the Club any person eligible to become a member.

- 3.1.5 Any former pupil of the School may at any time apply or be proposed for membership on following the relevant above mentioned procedure but in the event of such pupil applying or being proposed, membership shall be entirely at the discretion of the Committee.
- 3.1.6 On election a new member shall be entitled to receive all circulars, notices and other literature normally sent to members.
- 3.1.7 Members' names from time to time shall be added to the Roll of Members.

4. General Management of the Club

- 4.1 The general management of the Club shall be the responsibility of the Committee, which shall be deemed to possess the necessary powers to act on behalf of members.
- 4.2 The Committee shall consist of the following non-stipendiary officers.
 - 4.2.1 The President
 - 4.2.2 The President - Elect
 - 4.2.3 The Chairman
 - 4.2.4 The Administrative Secretary
 - 4.2.5 The Membership Secretary
 - 4.2.6 The Treasurer
 - 4.2.7 The Headmaster
 - 4.2.8 The Head(s) of School for the time being
 - 4.2.9 The Editor of *Griffen*
 - 4.2.10 Such other officers as may be determined by the Members in General Meeting from time-to-time
 - 4.2.11 At least six but not more than twelve elected Members.

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- 4.3 Members seeking election or re-election under Clause 4.2.11 shall be eligible for election at the Annual General Meeting in each year and shall on each election serve as a Committee member for a period of three years subject to the termination of office by resignation or otherwise shall remain in office until their successors are appointed at the next appropriate Annual General Meeting following their elections.
- 4.4 The retiring members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election without nomination except only that when a Committee member other than an officer of the Club has served for a continuous period of six years, he shall not be eligible for re-election for a further period of three years until at least one year has elapsed since retirement.
- 4.5 The President and the President-Elect mentioned in clauses 4.2.1 and 4.2.2 shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting in each year from the Members.
- 4.6 Officers shall be elected at the Committee meeting next following the Annual General Meeting each year from the Members.
- 4.7 The immediate Past President shall remain on the Committee as an ex-officio member until the Annual General Meeting next following the termination of his year of office.
- 4.8 The Committee shall have power to fill any casual vacancy that may occur, provided that any member so appointed shall retain his office only until the next Annual General Meeting, but shall be eligible for re-election.
- 4.9 The Committee may from time to time co-opt for any period any suitable person, including those required to seek re-election under clause 4.2.14, whether Members or not, to serve on the Committee and may remove such persons. Such persons may take part in the deliberations of the Committee and vote at such meetings.

- 4.10 Management of the Committee shall be as follows:
 - 4.10.1 The Committee shall meet as required to conduct the business of the Club.
 - 4.10.2 The elected Chairman will normally take the chair at meetings of the Committee, but in his absence the President for the time being will do so, and failing him the immediate Past President. In the absence of all three, the members of the Committee then present shall elect a Chairman for the meeting.
 - 4.10.3 The Secretaries shall make and keep the minutes of all proceedings of the Club within their respective jurisdictions and send out all notices required in the execution of its business.
 - 4.10.4 It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and pay all monies on behalf of the Club and to prepare an annual account of the finances of the Club for presentation at the Annual General Meeting. He shall also submit a verbal or written report as to the financial status of the Club at each Committee Meeting.
 - 4.10.5 The Treasurer shall be authorised to sign cheques up to the value of £7,500. Cheques in excess of this amount shall be signed by the Treasurer and Chairman.
 - 4.10.6 Four Committee members shall form a quorum.

5. Expulsion of Members
 - 5.1 The Committee shall have power to expel any member who shall:
 - 5.1.1 Grossly offend against the rules of the Club.
 - 5.1.2 Whose conduct shall be of such a serious or offensive nature as shall in the opinion of the Committee render such member unfit for future membership of the Club.
 - 5.2 Before any such member is expelled the Administrative Secretary shall, on the instructions of the Committee, give such member at least twenty eight days written notice to attend a meeting of the Committee and he shall be informed of the complaints made against him.
 - 5.3 No member shall be expelled:
 - 5.3.1 Without first having an opportunity of appearing before the Committee and answering complaints made against him.
 - 5.3.2 Unless at least three-quarters of the members of the Committee then present vote in favour of such expulsion.

6. Alteration of Rules
 - 6.1 The Committee shall have power to alter or amend the rules but no such alteration or amendment shall take effect until same has been confirmed by a two thirds majority of the Members present:
 - 6.1.1 at an Annual General Meeting;
 - 6.1.2 or at a Special General Meeting convened for that purpose.

7. Annual General Meeting
 - 7.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held once in every calendar year and notice convening the meeting shall be sent to members not less than twenty one days before the meeting.
 - 7.2 No business shall be transacted at any Annual General Meeting unless a quorum of members is present at the time the meeting proceeds to business.
 - 7.2.1 Seven members shall form a quorum.
 - 7.2.2 If no quorum is present within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within

half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting, the Members present shall be a quorum.

- 7.3 The meeting shall transact the following business:
 - 7.3.1 To receive and, if approved, to adopt a statement of the Club's accounts to the end of the preceding year.
 - 7.3.2 To consider and, if approved, sanction any alterations or amendments to the rules confirmed by a two-thirds majority of the Members then present and voting.
 - 7.3.3 To appoint the President for the ensuing year.
 - 7.3.4 To appoint the President-Elect.
 - 7.3.5 To appoint officers and other members of the Committee.
 - 7.3.6 To appoint a non-stipendiary Auditor or Auditors.
 - 7.3.7 To receive reports as occasion may arise from:
 - 7.3.7.1 The Secretaries
 - 7.3.7.2 Other Officers
 - 7.3.7.3 Members of the Committee
 - 7.3.8 To receive and consider any special matter or proposition which the Committee desires to bring before the Members.
 - 7.3.9 To receive and consider any propositions and suggestions from not less than ten Members.

8. Special General Meeting

- 8.1 A Special General Meeting may be convened:
 - 8.1.1 At any time by the Committee
 - 8.1.2 By receipt of a requisition in writing signed by not less than twenty Members.
- 8.2 The object of the meeting shall be stated in the requisition for any of the following proposals:
 - 8.2.1 To consider, and if approved, sanction any duly make alteration or amendment of the rules confirmed by a two-thirds majority of the Members then present and voting.
 - 8.2.2 To deal with any special matter which the Committee may desire to place before the members.
 - 8.2.3 To deal with any special matter which the Members requisitioning the meeting may desire to place before the Club.
 - 8.2.4 To receive the resignation of the Committee or to remove any members thereof from office and to fill any vacancy or vacancies caused thereby.
- 8.3 The Special General Meeting shall be convened within twenty eight days from the receipt of a requisition.
- 8.4 Notice convening a Special General Meeting shall be sent to the Members not less than twenty one days before the meeting and shall specify matters to be dealt with.
- 8.5 A Special General Meeting shall not transact any business other than that mentioned in the notice convening the meeting.
- 8.6 Seven members at a Special General Meeting shall form a quorum.

9 Resolutions

- 9.1 RESOLUTIONS of Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting (except under rules 7.3.2, 8.2.1 and 10) and of the Committee shall be passed by simple majority and ascertained by the chairman of the meeting on a show of hands together with any votes cast by Members giving written notice thereof to the President or the Administrative Secretary at least one week before such meeting, except in the case of doubt when such chairman may ascertain the voting by such other means as such chairman

considers reasonable in the circumstances, each Member having one vote. Unless they are members of the Committee, Honorary Members have no right to vote at a Meeting.

10. Property

- 10.1 *PROPERTY belonging to the Club or its income shall not be subject to any right of withdrawal or distribution to Members at any time and shall be applied only for the Objects specified in rule 2 or upon dissolution as provided in rule 10.*
- 10.2 *Property belonging to the Club may be VESTED in such person or persons (whether as trustees, nominees or otherwise) and upon such terms (including remuneration) and in such manner as the Committee or Annual or Special General Meeting shall from time to time by resolution direct and in pursuance of any such direction (a) such person or persons as aforesaid shall be entitled to accept the written instructions of the Treasurer as to the disposal of or other dealing with such property without further enquiry but without prejudice to their liability to account for the same to the Old Abingdonian Club and (b) the power of appointing trustees, including replacement or new trustees, shall be vested in the President or in his absence the President Elect and be exercisable by deed.*
- 10.3 *Except where otherwise provided and except in the case of dealings with property already vested in others the Secretary and the Treasurer shall each have power, exercisable jointly or severally, to EXECUTE such receipts and other documents (contractual or otherwise) and in such manner on behalf of the Club as the Committee or Annual or Special General Meeting shall from time to time direct and any party thereto (not being a Member) shall not be concerned to enquire as to the propriety or otherwise of the exercise of this power.*

11 Winding Up

- 11.1 The Club shall not be wound up except by a resolution to that effect passed by three quarters of the Members whose written votes can be obtained, six months notice having been delivered to all Members at the addresses registered with the Honorary Secretary requesting their written votes on the resolution specified
- 11.2 If at any time the Club shall be wound up, either voluntarily or by resolution of the members, or for any other cause or reason, the balance of the Club funds or any other assets shall not be paid or distributed to the members in specie, but, in the absence of any resolution to the contrary, the said funds and assets of the Club shall be transferred to the Headmaster and Governing Body of the School to be used for the benefit of the School in any manner they may determine.

12 Indemnity

- 12.1 The Committee, the Officers and any trustees, nominees and agents shall each and every one be INDEMNIFIED against loss or claim incurred on behalf of the Club provided that such indemnity shall be limited to the value of the then current funds of the Club net of all other accrued and contingent liabilities as certified by the Honorary Treasurer and provided further that if the liability exceeds one tenth of such net current value the said

indemnity shall not take effect without the approval of a General Meeting of the Members.

13. A copy of these rules is available for inspection from the Club Office.

14. Interpretation Clause

14.1 In these rules:-

14.1.1 Where the context so admits the male gender shall include the female gender and vice versa and the singular shall include the plural and vice versa;

14.1.2 "Club" means The Old Abingdonian Club comprised in these rules;

14.1.3 "Club Office" means the office of the Club from time to time;

14.1.4 "Committee" means the Committee referred to in Clause 4.

14.1.5 "Member" refers to membership of the Club and "Honorary Member" and "Life Member" shall have the meanings ascribed to them in Clause 3;

14.1.6 "Roll of Members" means the official list of current Members of the Club.

14.1.7 "Objects" means the objects of the Club set out in Rule 2.

14.1.8 "School" means Abingdon School.

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