

RULES OF SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP

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1 Entitlement and Rights of Membership

1.1 Membership for the purpose of these Rules refers only to social membership of Altofts Community and Sports Foundation (ACSF).

1.2 ACSF is a Registered Charity (no. 1142340) and was established with the aim of the promotion of participation in sport, social, health and community activities for the benefit of all inhabitants of Altofts and the surrounding districts through the provision of suitable facilities.

1.3 ACSF and its associated Trading Company (hereafter jointly referred to as the Charity) are responsible for the premises and the bar known collectively as The Brig (previously Lee Brigg WMC). The premises and transaction of all business of the Charity are the sole responsibility of the Directors of the Trading Company and the Trustees of ACSF (hereafter jointly referred to as the Directors). A list of Directors shall be displayed on the premises at all times.

1.4 Membership entitles the holder to use the premises during the hours licensed for the sale of alcohol. The licensed hours shall be displayed on the premises at all times.

1.5 The right to enter the premises during licensed hours and to purchase alcohol is a benefit only open to Members with the exception of open events arranged by the Charity or a private event for which a hiring fee has been paid to the Charity.

1.6 Membership confers no rights to Members in respect of the running of the Charity or to any financial benefit from the dealings of the Charity.

1.7 Participation in any event or competition organised or entered into by the Charity is only open to Members (e.g. snooker, pool, darts, dominoes, quiz, etc.).

2 Membership and Admission to the Premises

2.1 Membership is only open to those who can prove that they have attained the minimum age of 18. Proof may be required upon application for membership.

2.2 The granting of membership is at the sole discretion of the Directors.

2.3. New Members and those renewing their membership must sign a declaration that they will abide by these Rules at all times.

2.4 Failure to sign such a declaration at that time shall nullify membership and the annual subscription, if applicable, will be refunded in full.

2.5 Upon renewing their membership or upon having an application for membership accepted by the Directors, which includes payment of the annual subscription, if applicable, and signing a declaration to abide by the Rules, each Member shall be supplied with a membership card valid until the end of the current membership year.

2.6 Those applying for membership for the first time or re-applying for membership must complete an application form along with payment of the annual subscription, if applicable. A temporary membership card shall be issued in such cases until the application is considered by the Directors at their next meeting. Should an application for membership not be approved by the Directors, the temporary membership card must be returned and any payment made at the time of application will be refunded in full.

2.7 Any Member who has not renewed their membership and paid their annual subscription, if applicable, by 30th April shall be considered to be in arrears. If the annual subscription is not paid by 31st May their membership will be considered as having lapsed and they will be required to reapply for membership.

2.8 Members must have their membership card or temporary membership card in their possession at all times when on the premises and must produce it if requested by any member of the bar staff or by any of the Directors.

2.9 Any Member whose membership is deemed to be lapsed cannot reapply for membership until all arrears are paid in full.

3 Subscriptions

3.1 The annual rate of subscription for membership shall be due on 1st April each year.

3.2. The annual rate of subscription shall be reviewed by the Directors at their meeting held in March of each year. This is currently £2.00.

3.3 The Directors may, at their discretion, allow a Member in arrears to continue to be a Member and excuse payment for any period if they so decide.

3.4 No annual subscription shall be payable by any Member who can prove they have attained their State Pension Age.

3.5 No annual subscription shall be payable by Members who can prove they hold current membership of any organisation which is fully affiliated to the Charity.

4 Register of Names and Addresses

4.1 The Directors shall maintain a register of names and addresses of all Members.

4.2 Every Member shall, within 28 days, give notice of any change of address.

4.3 The names of those who cease to be Members or whose membership is considered to have lapsed shall be removed from the register of names and addresses.

5 Cessation of Membership

5.1 Members will cease to hold membership as a result of:

a) Non-payment of annual subscription by 31st May unless agreed by the Directors under Rule 3.4

b) Expulsion by the Directors

c) Resignation

6 Misconduct by Members

6.1 Any Director, the Steward or their deputy, shall have the power to order the withdrawal from the premises any Member who misconducts themselves and such Member shall have their membership suspended with immediate effect.

6.2 A Member who is placed on Normanton Pub Watch shall have their membership suspended with effect from the date that the Directors are formally informed of such by an appointed representative of the scheme and for the period they are subject to such an exclusion.

6.3 Members who have their membership suspended shall have no right to re-enter the premises at any time until attendance at the next scheduled meeting of the Directors that they are able to attend in person.

6.4 The Directors have the power to lift the suspension of a Member, define a period of further suspension or withdraw membership through expulsion.

7 Expulsion of Members

7.1 The Directors shall have the power to expel any Member when, in their opinion, it would not be in the interests of the Charity for them to remain a Member.

7.2 There shall be no appeal procedure following the expulsion of a Member.

7.3. A Member who is expelled is not entitled to any refund of their annual subscription.

8 Life Membership

8.1 The Directors may grant Life Membership to any Member who, in their opinion, has given special service to the Charity, any organisation fully affiliated to the Charity, or previously to the Lee Brigg WMC, or is deemed to be deserving of such recognition.

9 Introduction of Guests

9.1 A Member whose membership is not considered to be in arrears or to have lapsed may personally introduce Guests onto the premises.

9.2 The following shall not be admitted as Guests:

- a) Former Members who have been expelled
- b) Members whose membership is deemed to be lapsed and are still in arrears
- c) Individuals whose application(s) for membership has previously been refused
- d) Members who currently have their membership suspended
- e) Individuals who are currently subject to exclusion under Normanton Pub Watch

9.3 Members must accompany their Guests during their entire stay on the premises.

9.4 Any Director, the Steward or their deputy, may debar or order the withdrawal from the premises any Guest if they think fit.

10 Admission of Children

10.1 For the purposes of these Rules, children shall be deemed to include anyone under the age of 16 who is in the company of a Member.

10.2 Children must be accompanied by a Member at all times whilst on the premises.

10.3 Under no circumstances must children be left unaccompanied in any room or in any part of the premises including the garden area.

10.4 Children must not enter the premises wearing footwear with spikes, studs or blades.

10.5 Members must ensure that any children for whom they are responsible behave in a manner that does not cause nuisance or damage.

11 Other Matters

11.1 Members and Guests must only smoke in the designated smoking areas outside of the building. Smoking is not allowed in any other part of the building or grounds. The use of e-cigarettes is not allowed in the lounge area.

11.2 Bicycles and other items of sports equipment should not be brought into any part of the building and should be left outside.

12 Amendments to the Rules

12.1 These Rules may only be amended by the Directors.

12.2 Written notice of any amendment to these Rules shall be published on the premises within 21 days of the meeting of the Directors at which the amendment was resolved.

13 All Other Matters and Disputes

13.1 On all other matters not covered by these Rules or where there is a dispute in relation to these Rules or their interpretation, the Directors shall have the power to make a final and binding decision in all cases.