



SOMERSET MASONIC CYCLE ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTIONS & BYLAWS

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Constitution

We are proposing to adopt an adapted model constitution as recommended by Cycling UK:
CONSTITUTION (DRAFT TO BE AGREED AT FIRST AGM)

1. The club will be called: The Somerset Masonic Cycle Association
2. The Purposes of the Association: To promote Freemasonry in the Community and raise funds for the Somerset Masonic Charity whilst promoting recreational of cycling in the Somerset area.
3. Permitted means of advancing the purposes: The Committee has the power to:
 - a. Acquire and provide grounds, equipment, coaching, training and playing facilities, club house, transport, medical and related facilities
 - b. Provide coaching, training, medical treatment, and related social and other facilities
 - c. Take out any insurance for Association protection, excluding riders who must provide their own insurance for accidents and equipment.
 - d. Raise funds by appeals, subscriptions, loans and charges
 - e. Make grants and loans and give guarantees and provide other benefits
 - f. Set aside or apply funds for special purposes or as reserves
 - g. Deposit or invest funds in any lawful manner
 - h. Employ and engage staff and others and provide services
 - i. Co-operate with or affiliate to firstly any bodies regulating or organising the Sport and secondly any Association or body involved with it and thirdly with UGLE, government and related agencies
 - j. Do all other things reasonably necessary to advance the purposes of the association.
 - k. NONE of the above powers may be used other than to advance the purposes consistently with the Rules below and the general law.
4. Membership:
 - a. Membership of the Association shall be open to anyone interested in cycling on application regardless of sex, disability, ethnicity, age, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis.
 - b. The Association may have different classes of membership and subscription on a non-discriminatory and fair basis. The Association will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.
 - c. The Association Committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Association or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to an appointed panel consisting of Association members.
 - d. Any member of The Association may propose and Nominate a Charity Fund Raising Event. The proposal to be sent to the Secretary who can inform all Members via Email and receive feedback accordingly.
 - e. Charity Fund Raising Events to be agreed by the majority of The Association who can register their vote via Email directly to the Secretary.



5. Annual General Meetings

- a. All members may attend all general meetings of the Association in person.
- b. Such meetings need 21 clear days' written notice to members.
- c. The quorum for all general meetings is a minimum of 4 members present.
- d. The Chair or (in his or her absence) another member chosen at the meeting shall preside.
- e. Except as otherwise provided in these Rules, every resolution shall be decided by a simple majority of the votes cast on a show of hands.
- f. Formalities in connection with General Meetings (such as how to put down resolutions) shall be decided by the Committee and publicised to Association members.
- g. Annual General Meetings (AGM) The Club will hold an AGM once in every calendar year and not more than 15 months after the last AGM.

6. At every AGM:

- a. The Members will elect a Committee including a Chair, Treasurer and Secretary to serve until the next AGM;
- b. The Treasurer will produce accounts of the Association for the latest financial year audited as the Committee shall decide;
- c. The Committee will present a report on the Association's activities since the previous AGM;
- d. The Members will appoint a suitable person to audit the accounts; and
- e. The Members will discuss and vote on any resolution (whether about policy or to change the Rules) and deal with any other business put to the meeting.
- f. Joining and Annual Membership costs will be reviewed and discussed. The Members present have the right to increase costs following proposals by the Treasurer.
- g. All Members have the right to propose increase in costs of Membership by submitting request to Treasurer, 21 days in advance of AGM.

7. Extraordinary General Meetings (EGM)

An EGM shall be called by the Secretary within 14 days of a request to that effect from the Committee or on the written request of not less than 15 members signed by them. Such an EGM shall be held on not less than 14 or more than 21 days' notice at a place decided upon by the Committee or in default by the Chair.

8. The Committee

- a. Role – Subject to these Rules the Committee shall have responsibility for the management of the Association, its funds, property and affairs.
- b. Property etc; The property and funds of the Association cannot be used for the direct or indirect private benefit of members other than as reasonably allowed by the Rules.
- c. The Association may provide sporting and related social facilities, sporting equipment, coaching, courses, medical treatment, event expenses, post event refreshments and other ordinary benefits of Community Amateur Sports Clubs/Associations as provided for in the Finance Act 2002.
- d. The Association may also in connection with the sports purposes of the Association.
- e. Sell and supply food, drink and related sports clothing and equipment
- f. Employ members (though not for riding) and remunerate them for providing goods and services, on fair terms set by the Committee without the person concerned being present
- g. Pay for reasonable hospitality for visiting teams and guests; Indemnify the Committee and members acting properly in the course of the running of the Association against any liability incurred in the proper running of the Association (but only to the extent of its assets).
- h. The Committee will have due regard to the law on disability discrimination and child protection.