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## 1. Name

The Club established in 1913 and registered as a Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) is called Linkside Lawn Tennis Club (“The Club”)

## 2. Definitions

“the game” means the game of tennis.

“the ECLTA” means the Essex County Lawn Tennis Association.

“the LTA” means the Lawn Tennis Association (the governing body of tennis within Great Britain, based at Roehampton, London SW15 5JQ) and its subsidiaries or such successor entity or entities as become the governing body of the game of tennis with Great Britain, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man from time to time.

“the LTA Disciplinary Code” means the disciplinary code of the LTA in force from time to time.

“the LTA Rules” means the rules of the LTA as in force from time to time.

“the Committee” means the Committee appointed under Rule 9 to manage the club.

“the Members” means the members of the club admitted from time to time to membership of the club in accordance with Rule 5.

## 3. Objects

The objects of the Club are:

a) principally to provide facilities for and generally to promote encourage and facilitate the playing of the game in the area of Wanstead and amongst the community;

b) to provide and maintain tennis courts and a clubhouse for the use of its members;

c) to take and retain a membership of the ECLTA (and by doing so become and remain registered as an associate of the LTA) and to comply and uphold the rules and regulations of anybody to which the LTA is registered or affiliated;

d) to acquire, establish, own, operate and turn to account in any way for the members benefit the tennis court facilities of the club together with the buildings and easements, fixtures and fittings and accessories as shall be advisable;

e) subject to the LTA Rules and the LTA Disciplinary Code and the LTA’s wider jurisdiction, to make rules, regulations, by-laws and standing orders concerning the operation of the club including without limitation regulations concerning disciplinary procedures that may be taken against members;

f) subject to the LTA Rules and the LTA Disciplinary Code and the LTA’s wider jurisdiction, to discipline the Members where permitted by its Rules/Regulations and to refer its members to be disciplined by the LTA or the ECLTA (as appropriate);

g) to do all such other things as the Committee thinks fit to further the interests of the club, to advise and safeguard the interest of the game, to promote increases in participation at all levels of the game or as otherwise incidental or conducive to the attainment of all or any of the objects stated in this Rule 3.

#### **4. Application of Surplus Funds**

The Club is a non-profit making organisation. The income and property of the Club shall be applied solely towards promoting the Club's objects as set forth in these Rules and maintaining or improving the Club's facilities. No surplus will be distributed other than in accordance with Rule 25 on winding-up or dissolution of the Club.

#### **5. Membership**

##### **5.1 Categories of membership**

There shall be the following classes of membership for the Club:

Full Senior/Unemployed (26 years and over on 1 April in the membership year) / Retired Members (66 years and over on 1 April in the membership year)

Young Adult Members 19-25 years of age on 1 April of the membership year

Full Youth Members 16-18 years of age on 1 April in the membership year

Full Junior Members (9 to 15 years of age on 1 April in the membership year)

Off-peak Senior Members

Off-peak Youth Members

Off-peak Junior Members

Country Senior Members

Early Years Members (5 to 8 years of age on 1 April in the membership year)

Tiny Tots Members (3 to 4 years of age on 1 April of the membership year)

Coaching Members (19 years and over on 1 April in the membership year)

Social Members (Members who only use the clubhouse facilities for social activities)

##### **5.2 Eligibility of membership**

5.2.1 No person shall be denied membership of the club on the grounds of race, ethnic origin, creed, colour, age, disability gender, occupation, sexual orientation, religion, political or other beliefs.

5.2.2 Due to available facilities, the number of members in the following categories is limited to:

240 Full Senior Members

90 Off-peak Senior Members

100 Full Junior and Youth Members

60 Off-peak Youth and Junior Members

90 Early Years Members

40 Tiny Tots Members

15 Country Senior Members

20 Honorary Members

20 Social Members

5.2.3 All Senior Members 19 years and over shall be allowed to vote at general meetings. All voting members are eligible for nomination to the Committee and have equal rights to nominate persons for election. All voting members are eligible for nomination to the Bar Committee.

5.2.4 Youth Members 16-18 years may be elected to represent junior/youth members without the right to hold office on the Committee or vote at general meetings.

- 5.2.5 Off-peak members may use the courts up to 18.00 hours on Monday through to Thursday, all day Fridays and up to 09:30 hours on Saturdays, and also after 18:00 on Saturdays and Sundays. Off-peak members may not use the courts on Bank Holidays. Off-peak members are not eligible to enter club tournaments or to represent the club in league matches or tournaments.
- 5.2.6 Country membership shall be open only to members who live at a permanent address at a distance of more than twenty-five miles from the location of the club.

### 5.3 Admission of Members

- 5.3.1 Any person who wishes to become a member must submit an application in such form as the Committee shall decide. Every candidate for membership shall be considered by the Committee, which shall admit that candidate to membership of the club unless to do so would be contrary to the best interest of the sport or the good conduct and interest of the Club. Whilst this function is under the direction of the Committee, it may be delegated to the Membership Secretary.
- 5.3.2 A person shall not be entitled to any privileges of the Club until two days have passed since his/her application for membership was submitted, whether or not he/she is admitted as a member before those two days have lapsed.
- 5.3.3 The Membership Secretary shall request him/her to pay his/her subscription to the Treasurer. If payment is not made within one month from the date of the Membership Secretary's notice, the offer to join the Club shall be void unless sufficient cause be shown to the satisfaction of the Committee.

### 5.4 Conditions of membership

- 5.4.1 Each member agrees as a condition of membership:
- a) to be bound by and subject to these rules and the rules and regulations of the ECLTA (as in force from time to time); and
  - b) to be bound by and subject to LTA Rules and the LTA Disciplinary Code.
- 5.4.2 Rule 5.4.1 confers a benefit on the LTA and, subject to the remaining provisions of this rule, is intended to be enforceable by the LTA by virtue of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999. For the avoidance of doubt, the members do not intend that any term of these rules, apart from Rule 5.4, should be enforceable, by virtue of the contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999, by any person who is not a party to these rules.
- 5.4.3 The Committee may terminate the membership of any person, or impose any other sanction it determines to be appropriate, in connection with the breach of any condition of membership set out in this rule.

## 6. Subscriptions

- 6.1 Annual membership shall be from 1 April in any calendar year to 31 March of the following year. Subscriptions become due for payment on 1 April.
- 6.2 The amount of the subscription for all Membership categories will be the current rate fixed by the Members as necessary at an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting.
- 6.3 No candidate who has been elected a Member shall be entitled to the privileges of membership until he/she has paid his/her annual subscription.

- 6.4 Annual subscriptions (except as provided by Rule 5.3.3) shall be payable by 1<sup>st</sup> April. If, after a reminder has been given, a subscription has not been paid within 28 days thereafter, the Member shall be deemed to have resigned his or her membership of the Club.
- 6.5 Membership subscriptions are not refundable. In exceptional circumstances and at the complete discretion of the Committee, or of its Membership Sub-committee, a repayment may be offered.

## **7. Resignation**

- 7.1 Membership may not be transferable in any event and shall cease immediately on death or dissolution or on the failure of the Member to comply or continue to comply with any condition of membership set out in these rules.
- 7.2 Any person ceasing to be a Member forfeits all right to and claim upon the Club, its property and its funds and he/she has no right to the return of any part of his/her subscription fee.

## **8. Expulsion**

- 8.1 Subject to the remaining provisions of this rule, and to the provisions set down in the Complaints and Disciplinary Procedures of the Club, the Committee shall have power to refuse membership or expel a member only for good and sufficient cause, such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or the Game into disrepute.
- 8.2 A member shall not be expelled unless he/she is given 14 days' written notice of the meeting of the Disciplinary Hearing Committee at which his/her expulsion shall be considered and written details of the complaint made against him/her.
- 8.3 The Member shall be given an opportunity to answer complaints made against him/her. The Member must not be expelled unless at least two thirds of the Disciplinary Hearing Committee in favour of his/her expulsion.
- 8.4 The Committee may exclude the Member from the Club's premises until the meeting considering a disciplinary sanction that might include his/her expulsion, has been held. For the avoidance of doubt, the Member shall be entitled to attend that meeting for the purpose of making his/her representations only and shall not be entitled to remain in attendance for Committee deliberations. Where such a Committee meeting takes place, three Committee Members, including the President, will not be entitled to be present to maintain independence at any future appeal in accordance with the Club's Complaints and Disciplinary Procedure.
- 8.5 The Member may appeal against the Disciplinary Committee's decision of expulsion by notifying the President or Secretary of the Committee who shall put the matter to the Club's members at a general meeting; the matter to be decided by a majority of two thirds of those members presented and voting at such meeting.

## **9. The Club shall be managed by a Committee consisting of:**

### **9.1 Committee:**

President  
Vice-President  
Honorary Secretary  
Honorary Treasurer  
Honorary Membership Secretary  
Honorary Ground Secretary

Honorary Match Secretary  
Honorary Bar Secretary  
Honorary Social Secretary  
Honorary Clubhouse Co-ordinator  
Honorary Coaching Secretary

Plus no more than 9 other members (four ladies and four gentlemen – vacant places to be filled by either ladies or gentlemen) – two being designated and elected Ladies and Men’s Captain respectively. Any Trustee sitting on the Committee solely in their capacity as Trustee is not included in this limit of 9.

There shall normally be no more than two Honorary Members (excluding Trustees) on the Committee. For the avoidance of doubt Honorary Member in this context refers to the Category of Membership (usually gifted for life by the Club for exceptional services rendered to the Club) and does not refer to the Honorary Committee positions that people are appointed to.

The members of the Committee may exercise all of the powers of the Club for the purposes of the management of the Club, including the power to make, alter or rescind Club Bye-Laws.

- 9.2 Each member of the Committee must satisfy HMRC’s fit and proper person test to be involved in the general control, management and administration of the club and must declare that he/she is a fit and proper person prior to being elected.
- 9.3 The Club agrees that each member of the Committee will be required, as a condition of election or appointment, to agree to be bound by and subject to these rules, the rules and regulations of the ECLTA and the LTA Rules and the LTA Disciplinary Code, such agreement to contain an express acknowledgement that the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 applies and that the LTA and the Club can enforce any breach at its option and its sole discretion.
- 9.4 The members of the Committee may delegate any of the powers that they are conferred on them by these rules to such person, or Committee, by such means (including power of attorney) to such extent, in relation to such matters and on such terms and conditions as they think fit. If the members of the Committee specify any such delegation may authorise further delegation of member’s powers. The members of the Committee may revoke any delegation or alter its terms and conditions.
- 9.5 The Committee shall decide in its discretion how Members may be nominated to be members of the Committee and shall notify the members accordingly.
- 9.6 In order to carry out their roles, members of the Committee, and in particular the honorary positions, will need to discuss and meet from time to time, as appropriate, to progress the Committee’s decisions and business as authorised by the Committee.

## **10. Election of Committee**

- 10.1 Not less than twenty-eight days prior to the published date of the Annual General Meeting, the Hon. Secretary shall post a nomination form in the Clubhouse for the election of members of the Committee. Those persons proposed to be nominated as members of the Committee to fill any vacancies that have arisen must declare themselves to be fit and proper persons in accordance with Rule 9.2 and be nominated by any two Full Members who should add their signatures to the proposed nomination form. No member may nominate more than one candidate for any one vacancy.
- 10.2 Each candidate nominated for a particular vacancy shall be required to be elected by a simple majority vote at the AGM. In the event of a tie, the candidate to be elected shall (unless the candidates agree otherwise) be determined by lot.

- 10.3 The Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting in each year, and subject to termination of office by resignation, removal or otherwise, the members remain in office until they or their successors are re-elected or elected (as the case may be) at the Annual General Meeting following their re-election or election (as the case may be).
- 10.4 In the event of a vacancy, the Committee may appoint any member to fill any existing vacancy on the Committee until the next Annual General Meeting when that person shall retire but shall be eligible for re- election.
- 10.5 A member of the Committee shall be deemed to have vacated office if he or she:
- a) becomes bankrupt or makes any arrangement or composition with creditors generally; or
  - b) becomes mentally or physically incapable of acting as a member of the Committee – in the written opinion of a registered medical practitioner who is treating the person; or
  - c) by reason of that person’s mental health a court makes an order which wholly or partly prevents that person from personally exercising any powers or rights which that person would otherwise have; or
  - d) resigns from office by notice to the Club; or
  - e) without sufficient reason is absent from three consecutive meetings of the Committee; or
  - f) is suspended from holding office or taking part in any activity relating to the administration or management of the Club by a decision of the ECLTA or the LTA; or
  - g) is requested to resign by not less than two-thirds of the Committee members acting together.

## **11. Proceedings of the Committee**

- 11.1 Committee meetings shall be held as often as the Committee thinks fit, providing there shall not be less than four meetings each year. The quorum for such meetings will be eight. The President and the Secretary shall have discretion to call emergency meetings of the Committee. For the avoidance of doubt such meetings may take place by remote conferencing if circumstances dictate and a majority of the Committee agree to this form of meeting.
- 11.2 The President shall be the Chair of the Committee. If the Chair is unable to preside at a Committee Meeting a Vice-Chair shall preside. If a Vice-Chair is not present or he/she is unwilling to preside, the members of the Committee present may appoint one of their number to be Chair.
- 11.3 Decisions of the Committee shall be made by a simple majority and in the event of an equality of votes the Chair shall have the casting or additional vote.
- 11.4 Minutes shall be taken of all proceedings of the Committee.
- 11.5 The Committee may from time to time appoint from among its number such sub-committees as it thinks necessary and may delegate to them such of the powers and duties of the Committee that the Committee may determine. All sub-committees shall periodically report their proceedings to the Committee and shall conduct their business in accordance with the directions of the Committee.

## **12. President and Vice-Presidents and Trustees**

- 12.1 A President and Vice-President of the Club shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting when they shall retire but shall be eligible for re-election. Eligibility for President or Vice President is subject to at least one year’s service as a member of the Committee.

- 12.2 The Trustees shall be appointed by the Members. Trustees shall hold office until death or resignation as Trustee, or until a resolution removing him or her from office shall be passed at a general meeting by a majority comprising two-thirds of the Members present and voting. Trustees may be appointed on a retrospective basis if such appointment be considered by the Members to be in the interests of the Club.
- 12.3 The number of Trustees shall not be more than four or less than two.
- 12.4 All Trustees shall be entitled (but not obliged) to attend Committee meetings and vote and must be members of the Club.
- 12.5 All property of the Club including land and investments shall be held by the trustees for the time being, in their own names so far as necessary and practicable, and for the use and benefit of the Club. On the death, resignation or removal from office of a Trustee, the Committee shall take steps to procure the appointment by the Club in general meeting of a new Trustee in his/her place; and shall as soon as possible thereafter take lawful and practicable steps to procure the vesting of all Club property into the names of the Trustees as constituted after the said appointment. The Trustees shall in all respects act in regard to any property of the Club held by them, in accordance with the directions of the Committee, and shall have power to sell, lease, mortgage or pledge any Club property for the purpose of raising or borrowing money for the benefit of the Club in compliance with the Committee's directions. But no purchaser, leasee or mortgagee shall be concerned to enquire whether any such direction can be given.
- 12.6 The Trustees and every member of the Committee shall be indemnified by the Club for all costs, losses and expenses which any such Trustee or member of the Committee may incur or for which he or she may become liable by any reason of any contract entered into or act or thing done by him (them) in good faith as such members of the Committee in accordance with the instructions of the Committee or of a general meeting of the Club or otherwise in the discharge of his/her duties. The Committee may give to any Trustee or member of the Committee who has incurred or may be about to incur any liability at the request of or for the benefit of the Club such security by way of indemnity as may be expedient.
- 12.7 No Management Committee Member or Trustee may bind the Club or its Members for any liability which exceeds the assets of the Club at the time.

### **13. Club Coaches**

The Club Coaches will be directly responsible to the Committee for the performance or (of) his/her duties. Assistant Coaches may be appointed to assist the Club Coach. For the avoidance of doubt, all coaches will be self-employed.

### **14. Annual General Meeting**

- 14.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held once each calendar year to transact the following business:
- a) to receive the Committee's report of the activities of the Club during the previous year;
  - b) to confirm the Minutes of the previous year's Annual General Meeting;
  - c) to receive and consider the accounts of the club for the previous year, the Auditors report on the accounts and the Treasurer's report as to the financial position of the Club;
  - d) to remove and elect the Auditor, or confirm that he or she remain in office;
  - e) to elect the members of the Committee;



- f) to decide on any resolution which may be duly submitted in accordance with Rule 16.5 below;
- g) to deal with any other matters which the Committee desires to bring before the membership.

14.2 No period greater than fifteen months shall elapse between one annual general meeting and the next.

### **15. Extraordinary General Meetings**

An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called at any time by the Committee, and shall be called within twenty-eight days of receipt by the Secretary of a requisition in writing signed by no fewer than twenty adult members stating the purposes for which the meeting is required and the resolutions proposed.

### **16. Procedures at annual and extraordinary general meetings**

- 16.1 The Secretary shall send to every member at his/her last known address written notice of the date time and place of the general meeting together with the business to be transacted thereat at least fourteen days before the meeting. For the avoidance of doubt, email is the preferred form of communication and where email addresses are provided by Members, notices will be sent by email, where no email is provided, traditional post will be used. The accidental failure to give notice to any person entitled to notice, or the accidental omission of any details in any notice shall not invalidate the proceedings of the meeting.
- 16.2 The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club, or in his/her absence a member selected by the meeting shall take the chair. Every member entitled to vote shall have one vote upon every motion and in the case of equality of votes, the Chair shall have a casting or additional vote. There shall be no right for a member to vote by proxy. The Chair's decision on all matters regarding the conduct of the meeting is final.
- 16.3 The quorum for an annual general meeting shall be twenty adult members. For the avoidance of doubt such meetings may take place by remote conferencing if it is not possible or legal to meet in person. If Members in attendance do not constitute a quorum within half an hour of the time at which the meeting was due to start, or if during the meeting a quorum ceases to be present, the Chair must adjourn the meeting and specify the time and place to which it is adjourned or state that it is to continue at a time and place to be fixed by the Committee. If the continuation of an adjourned meeting is to take place more than fourteen days after it was adjourned, the Committee must give at least seven days' notice to members.
- 16.4 Any general meeting shall have power to amend, add to or rescind rules. Notice of any such amendment proposed to be moved at the Annual General Meeting shall be given in writing to the Secretary not less than twenty eight days before the meeting together with the names of proposer and seconder. Such proposed amendments shall be included in the notice convening the meeting.
- 16.5 The Chair may at his/her discretion permit amendments to be put forward at the Annual General Meeting. Any person present who is entitled to vote may put forward an amendment. Every amendment shall be proposed and seconded. In the event of their being more than one amendment to any proposal, the last amendment shall be the first voted upon, and if carried shall become a substantive resolution. If an amendment is not carried, the amendment (if any) immediately preceding it shall be next voted upon, and if carried shall become a substantive resolution. In the event of no amendment being carried the original proposal shall be voted upon.

16.6 The Secretary, or in his/her absence member of the Committee shall take minutes at any Annual and Extraordinary General Meeting.

### **17. Purchase and supply of liquor**

- 17.1 Purchase for the Club and supply by the Club of intoxication liquor shall be under the direct control of a sub- committee for the benefit of the Members, which shall be called the Bar Committee. The Bar Committee shall be comprised of not less than six and not more than twenty Members over the age of 18 elected by the Annual General Meeting or at any Extraordinary General Meeting. One member of the Bar Committee shall be appointed Bar Secretary and shall be a member of the Committee.
- 17.2 If any member of the Bar Committee for any reason ceases to be a Member, he/she automatically ceases to be a member of the Bar Committee and another member shall be elected for appointment in his/her place at the Annual General Meeting or any Extraordinary General Meeting.
- 17.3 No one may at any time receive at the expense of the Club any commission, percentage or similar payment on or with reference to purchases of intoxicating liquor by the Club.
- 17.4 No one may directly or indirectly derive any pecuniary benefit from the supply of intoxicating liquor by or on behalf of the Club to Members or guests apart from any benefit accruing to the Club as a whole and apart also from any benefit which a person derives indirectly by reason of the supply giving rise to contributing to a general gain from the carrying on of the Club.
- 17.5 The permitted hours for the supply of intoxicating liquor and the provision of regulated entertainment shall be as permitted by the Club's Club Premises Certificate.
- 17.6 Subject to any conditions on the Club Premises Certificate, no intoxicating liquor shall be supplied for payment to any person other than Club Members and their guest over 18 years of age or to members of visiting Clubs over 18 years of age.

### **18. Guests**

- 18.1 Every Member may be allowed to introduce guests subject to such regulations or bye-laws as shall be made from time to time by the Committee and every guest shall be accompanied by the member introducing him/her. The guest's name must be entered and paid for as part of the online court booking process before play commences, a Committee Member may invite somebody interested in joining the club for a single social tennis session in the year without charge. If a guest subsequently becomes a Member, the guest fee may be refundable.
- 18.2 No one whose application for membership has been declined or who has been expelled from the Club may be introduced as a guest.

### **19. Opening of Club Premises**

The Club may be open until 22.30 hours on each day or at such other times or for such other periods as the Committee shall decide.

### **20. Use of Facilities**

- 20.1 The Club agrees that all unlicensed and unregistered coaches and so far as reasonably practicable, players and all other persons using the facilities of the Club will be required as a condition of such use, to agree to be bound by and subject to these rules, the LTA Rules and the Disciplinary Code,

such agreement to contain an express acknowledgement that the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 applies and that the LTA and the Club can enforce any breach at its option and in its sole discretion.

- 20.2 The Committee shall be empowered at its absolute discretion to hire the Clubhouse to Members for private functions subject to satisfactory arrangements in respect of Licensing, security and insurance.
- 20.3 The Committee shall have power to make arrangements for holding matches, tournaments, or like competitions including the imposition of a charge for the admission of non-Members to the grounds and to provide cups and other prizes for competitions, and to reserve courts as may be required on any occasion as the Committee shall think proper.
- 20.4 The Club shall not be held responsible for any loss or injury sustained whilst on the Club's premises.

## **21. Regulations and Standing Orders**

The Committee shall have power to make, repeal and amend such regulations and standing orders as it may from time to time consider necessary for the wellbeing of the Club providing that they shall not prejudice the Club's status as a Community Amateur Sports Club. Such regulations and standing orders and any repeals or amendments to them shall have effect until set aside by the Committee.

## **22. Notices**

- 22.1 The Club can send, make available or supply any notice, ballot paper, accounts, document or other information by personal delivery, by posting it to the intended recipient's usual address, by sending it or supplying it in electronic form (including email) to an address notified by the intended recipient to the Club or by making it available on a website and notifying the intended recipient of its availability in accordance with this rule.
- 22.2 A database of Members' details will be maintained by the Club. The names and membership categories of adult members may only be provided to the LTA or ECLTA. The Club will adhere to Data Protection principles.

## **23. Finance**

- 23.1 All monies payable to the Club shall be received by the person authorised by the Committee to receive such monies and shall be deposited in a bank account in the name of the Club. No sum shall be drawn from that account except by cheque signed by two of the three nominated signatories or by bank transfer (with dual online banking approval) authorised by two of the three nominated signatories, who shall include the Chair and the Treasurer. Any monies not required for immediate use may be invested as the Committee in its discretion thinks fit.
- 23.2 The Committee shall have power to authorise the payment of remuneration and expenses to any officer, member of the Committee, Member or employee of the Club and to any other person or persons for services rendered to the Club.
- 23.3 The financial transactions of the Club shall be recorded in such a manner as the Committee thinks fit by the Treasurer.
- 23.4 Full accounts of the financial affairs of the Club shall be prepared each year. These accounts shall be duly audited by the auditor and shall be made available to every Member at the Annual General Meeting.

- 23.5 The Committee may borrow a maximum total amount of £20,000 on behalf of the Club for the purposes of the Club from time to time at its own discretion and with the sanction of a General Meeting any further money above that sum.
- 23.6 If at any time the Club in General Meeting shall pass a resolution authorising the Committee to borrow money, the Committee shall thereupon be empowered to borrow for the purpose of the Club such amount of money either at one time or from time to time and at such rate of interest and in such form and manner and upon such security as shall be specified in each resolution, and thereupon the Trustees shall at the direction of the Committee make all such dispositions of the Club property or any part thereof and enter into such agreements in relation thereto as the Committee may deem proper for giving security for such loans and interest. All Members of the Club whether voting on such resolution or not, and all persons becoming Members of the Club after the passing of such resolution shall be deemed to have assented to the same as if they had voted in favour of such resolutions.
- 23.7 The property of the Club, other than cash at the bank, shall be vested in Trustees. They shall deal with the property as directed by resolution of the Committee and entry in the minutes shall be conclusive evidence of such a resolution.

#### **24. Alteration of the Rules**

These Rules may be altered by resolution at an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting provided that the resolution shall not be passed unless carried by a majority of at least two-thirds of the Members present and voting.

As soon as possible and in any case within twenty-eight days after the making of any alteration or addition to these Rules the Secretary must give written notice of the alteration or addition to the proper Licencing Authority.

#### **25. Dissolution**

A resolution to dissolve the Club shall be proposed only at an Extraordinary General Meeting and shall be passed only if carried by a majority of at least three-quarters of the Members present and voting.

The dissolution shall take effect from the date of the resolution and the Members of the Committee shall be responsible for the winding-up of the assets and liabilities of the Club.

Any property remaining on a winding-up or dissolution of the Club after the discharge of any debts or liabilities of the Club shall not be paid to or distributed among the Members of the Club, but shall be given or transferred to one or more of the following sporting or charitable bodies:

- (i) The LTA for use in community related initiatives for the game; or
- (ii) another registered community amateur sports club for the game; or
- (iii) a registered charitable organisation.

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