

THE VALLEY BRIDGE CLUB CONSTITUTION

I. NAME

The name of the Club is "The Valley Bridge Club" hereinafter referred to as "the Club".

II. OBJECTS

1. The objects of the Club are to promote and encourage in a friendly and sociable atmosphere, the duplicate form of the game of Contract Bridge.
2. The assets and income of the association shall be applied solely in furtherance of its abovementioned objects and no portion shall be distributed directly or indirectly to the members of the association except as bona fide compensation for services rendered and expenses incurred on behalf of the association.

III. MANAGEMENT AND COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

1. The management of the Club shall be vested in a Management Committee, hereinafter referred to as the "Committee".
2. The Members of the Committee shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Competitions Director and at least three ordinary Committee Members elected by a simple majority vote at the Annual General Meeting.
3. Notwithstanding clause 2, The Committee may appoint a club member to a position on the Committee from time to time as required.
4. The Committee may appoint Sub-committees for special purposes and may co-opt members for such duties.
5. The Committee shall arrange regular bridge sessions, Inter-club and other social bridge functions as may be possible within the resources and financial budget of the Club.
6. The Committee shall meet at least once every three months or whenever the President considers it necessary.

IV. QUORUM

1. Committee Quorum shall be a minimum of three members, one of whom must be an Office Bearer.
2. General, Special or Annual General Meeting Quorums shall be twelve members or a number equal to one third of the financial membership whichever is the lesser.

V. MEMBERSHIP, SUBSCRIPTION, MEETINGS AND FINANCIAL YEAR

1. Membership

1 - 1. A Member

A member is deemed to be a person who has paid the amounts of the joining fee and the annual subscription as decided upon at the Annual General Meeting of members for that current year to be held between 1 March and 1 April.

1 - 2. A Visitor

A visitor is a person who is not a financial member of the Club, has no voting rights and is not eligible for placings or prizes associated with Club competitions.

1 - 3. Life Member

A member, on the recommendation of the Committee, may be elected a life member at any General Meeting of the Club. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting shall be necessary for such an election.

Every Life Member shall be entitled to all the privileges and be subject to all the duties of a member during his/her lifetime subject, nevertheless, to the provisions of Clause 3.3 of this Section, without the payment of further annual subscriptions.

2. Subscriptions

Register of Members

The Club shall keep a Register of Members recording the names and addresses of all members, their date of joining the Club together with the amounts and dates of nomination fees and annual subscriptions paid.

3. Cessation of Membership

3 – 1. Resignation

A member may resign at any time by sending a written notice of resignation to the Honorary Secretary.

3 – 2. Termination

The Committee may terminate the membership of any member who has failed to pay their subscription or other dues within one month of their becoming payable.

3 – 3. Expulsion

The Committee shall have the right to expel any member or visitor.

4. Meetings

The Annual General Meeting shall be held between 1 March and 1 April.
Special General Meetings may be convened by the Secretary at the Direction of the President or upon receipt of a written request signed by at least one quarter of the number of members. Such meeting shall be held within 28 days of the receipt of that request. At least 14 days notice of General Meetings shall be given to members at a regular bridge session.

5. Financial Year

The financial year shall end on the last day of February.

6. Membership Year

Membership Year shall end on the last day of April.

VI THE CONSTITUTION

1. Notice of Constitution

1 – 1. All members of the Club are bound by this constitution and are deemed to have notice of it.

1 – 2. The Secretary shall have a copy available for perusal by members.

2. Amendments to the Constitution

Amendments shall be made at the Annual General Meeting or any Special meeting convened for that purpose and must be carried by a simple majority of financial members present.

VII DISSOLUTION OR WINDING UP OF THE CLUB

1. Should the membership fall below that necessary to elect the Committee of six members then the Club shall cease to exist and may be wound up by those members remaining.

2. In the event of the association being dissolved, the amount that remains after such dissolution and the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall be transferred to any association with similar purposes which is not carried on for the profit or gain of individual members.

----- *B Pearce* -----
President

----- *F Ramsey* -----
Secretary