

**CONSTITUTION**  
for the  
**SQUARE DANCE CALLERS CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN**  
(APPROVED BY THE 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING)

**1. NAME**

The Club's name is "The Square Dance Callers Club of Great Britain" and its address for service shall be the Secretary's home address.

**2. OBJECTS**

To promote and further American Square and Round Dancing by any means considered desirable, including, but not limited to:-

- i. training, assisting and encouraging its members to call and cue;
- ii. creating, researching, workshopping, teaching and publishing square and round dance movements;
- iii. facilitating the exchange of knowledge, information and ideas between members by holding workshop meetings, publishing a newsletter, maintaining a members directory containing appropriate details and other such projects as the council may consider desirable; and
- iv. establishing, reviewing and encouraging a code of professional etiquette and conduct for callers and cuers.

**3. MEMBERSHIP**

i. Any person interested in American Square or Round Dancing may join the Club, subject to the Council's consent and the payment of the appropriate fee. The Council shall classify (and, from time to time, re-classify) members into the following classes:-

- a) Full Membership is open to all those interested in American Square & Round Dancing and Calling/Teaching/Cueing Such members may be accredited in accordance with a Scheme of Accreditation approved by the Council;
- b) Associate membership is open to those who qualify for full membership but are not Club callers/cuers.
- c) Junior Membership is open to Callers and Cuers between the ages of 16 and 20 years (inclusive) at a reduced fee. Junior Members will have the same facilities and benefits as Full Members.
- d) Dancer Membership is available, on a per meeting basis, to those who are graduated Dancers of good standing, and who are not intending to become Callers/Teachers/Cuers..

ii. The Club may by a 2/3 majority at a General Meeting elect any person who has rendered great service to the Club or to the square dance movement to be an Honorary member, who will not pay a joining fee or an annual subscription and will enjoy the same benefits as a Full Member.

iii. The Secretary and the Treasurer shall be deemed to be Honorary members during their tenure, in recognition of the work and responsibility of these posts.

iv. The Council has the power to expel any member at any time (for good reason) (without giving reasons).

v. All members shall by virtue of their membership be deemed to have agreed:-

- a) to be bound by these Articles;
- b) to conduct themselves in such manner as will not bring the Club or the square dance movement into disrepute; and
- c) to pay the prescribed fees and subscriptions during their membership.

iv Associate and Dancer members will not have access to all the facilities and benefits available to Full Members.

**4. ORGANISATION AND ADMINISTRATION**

i. Day-to-day running of the Club's affairs and workshop meetings shall be conducted by the Council.

ii. The Council shall consist of these officers:- President; Vice-President; Secretary; Treasurer; Public Relations Officer; Membership Officer; Round Dance Cuers' Representative and one Ordinary Officer. They shall be competent members who have been nominated and seconded by other members and elected at an A.G.M. to serve until the next A.G.M.

iii. The Council must:-

a) meet as often as it considers necessary and lay down rules for the efficient administration of its own business;

- b) call AGM's in the first convenient weekend in March in each year;
  - c) call Extraordinary General Meetings on petition (incorporating a Notice of Motion) signed by at least 10% of the current membership;
  - d) keep the Club's funds with the National Westminster Bank plc (or such other bank as the Council may by resolution appoint) on terms permitting withdrawal on the signatures of any two officers;
  - e) fix and occasionally review the joining fees, annual subscriptions and meeting fees payable by all classes of members (subject to ratification by the next General Meeting);
  - f) give at least 14 days written notice (incorporating details of the Agenda and of Notices of Motion then received by the Council) of all General Meetings to all members;
  - g) appoint scrutineers to count votes at General Meetings; and
  - h) appoint independent auditors for the Club's accounts.
- iv. The Council may:-
- a) originate, consider and make recommendations to General Meetings on the Club's direction and strategy;
  - b) co-opt members to replace officers who resign or die;
  - c) call Extraordinary General Meetings for good reason;
  - d) appoint sub-committees (of which all Club officers are members ex-officio) for ad hoc purposes; and
  - e) appoint Trustees to hold real or personal property belonging to the Club.

## 5. MEETINGS

i. At an AGM the Agenda shall be:-

1. Call to order
2. Calling of the roll
3. Officers' reports and their adoption
4. Retirement of the present officers
5. Election of new officers
6. Motions of which notice has been given
7. Any other business.

ii. At an EGM the agenda shall be:-

1. Call to order
2. Calling of the roll
3. Motion requiring the meeting
4. Any other business.

iii. Motions pertaining to amendment of these Articles, the dissolution of the Club or the expenditure of more than 50% of the Club's liquid assets may be discussed at General meetings but may not be passed unless at least 14 days written notice of them has been given to all members.

iv. Motions pertaining to the election of Honorary members, amendment of these Articles or the dissolution of the Club may not be passed without a 2/3 majority, in lieu of a simple majority.

v. Procedures at General Meetings shall be subject to the following rules:-

- a) All members may speak, but only Full members may propose and second motions and officers, stand for election as officers, and vote.
- b) Meetings shall be chaired by the President or Vice-President (or in their absence by a Chairman elected from the floor).
- c) The Chairman's decision as to procedural matters which are not expressly covered by these Articles shall be final.
- d) Quorum for a Meeting shall be 20% of the current membership
- e) All motions or proposed officers must be seconded and will be passed or elected by a simple majority (or a 2/3 majority, where appropriate) of those voting.
- f) The President may permit postal or proxy votes on any motion of which 14 days notice has been given to members.
- g) Tied votes shall be resolved by repeated ballots of members present.

## 6. DISSOLUTION

If the Club resolves to dissolve itself its assets shall be liquidated and any residue after payment of all outstanding debts shall be given either to a body existing for the furtherance of the square dance movement or to a registered charity, as the resolution shall specify.

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