

# **GIRTON TENNIS CLUB**

## **CONSTITUTION**

### **1. Name**

The name of the Club shall be Girton Tennis Club

### **2. Aims of the Club**

- a) The promotion of tennis in Girton
- b) To encourage more people to play tennis
- c) To provide coaching for players and raise the standard of tennis
- d) To employ the funds of the club generally for the above

### **3. Membership**

- a) Membership of the club shall be open to anyone wishing to play Tennis, both adult and junior.
- b) Application for membership shall be made to the Honorary Treasurer.
- c) The acceptance or rejection of any application for membership shall be at the discretion of the Club Committee.
- d) No member of the Club may receive payment for their services save that this clause shall not apply to a club member employed by the Committee as a tennis coach.
- e) The Club Committee may suspend or remove from membership any member by resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.
- f) A member may bring visitors to the Club. However, a visitor may not play tennis at the Club on more than three separate occasions in any one Club year. If the visitor wishes to continue playing tennis at the Club, the visitor may apply for membership in accordance with Clause 3b above.

### **4. Committee and officers**

- a) The affairs of the Club shall be under the management and control of a Committee which shall include a chairman, secretary, treasurer and up to 8 others, plus co-opted members as necessary. All elected members shall be entitled to vote at meetings.
- b) All officers shall act in an honorary capacity and shall retire annually and be eligible for re-election.
- c) The Committee at their first meeting after the AGM in each year shall elect a member of the Committee to be Chairman for the following year who shall hold office until the conclusion of the AGM.
- d) The Committee shall meet a minimum of three times a year.
- e) A quorum shall be four members of the elected Committee.
- f) At a meeting of the Committee, if there be an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second and casting vote.

## **5. Powers of the Committee**

- a) To decide any questions or disputes submitted by members for their decisions and resolve any matters relating to discipline.
- b) To authorise the disbursement of the funds of the Club for the purposes and objects of the Club; to hold or invest any part of such funds; to vary or sell the investments or other assets of the Club on such terms as they decide provided that the purposes come within the scope of the aims of the Club.
- c) To invite for any special purpose any person not being a member of the committee to attend a Committee meeting, but this person shall have no right to vote at the meeting.
- d) To fill any casual vacancies in the officers of the Club but any person chosen only retains office until the conclusion of the next AGM.

## **6. Election of Officers and the members of the Committee**

- a) **Officers**  
A candidate for the office of President (optional), Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer for the ensuing year may be nominated with their consent either by the Committee or by any member of the Club provided another Club member seconds the nomination. All nominations, unless withdrawn, shall be submitted to the decision of the AGM.
- b) **Members of the Committee**  
There shall be up to 8 elected members and co-opted members as necessary.

## **7. General Meetings**

- a) The AGM of the Club shall be held during February/March. The business of the AGM shall be to receive a report from the Committee and an audited statement of receipts and payments for the past financial year; to elect officers for the ensuing year; to elect Committee members; to decide subscriptions and consider motions by the Committee or Club members.
- b) Notice of the AGM shall be sent to all members allowing 14 days notice.
- c) An ordinary General meeting may be held by the request of the President or the Chairman or on written request of 25% of the membership of the club provided that such request states the general nature of the subject of the business which the meeting will be asked to consider and no other business shall be transacted at such meeting.

**8. Subscriptions**

The annual subscription for membership of the Girton Tennis Club will be due on 1st April each year. The rate shall be decided at the AGM and shall be effective for the current year. Any member whose subscription remains unpaid by the end of May shall forfeit all rights and privileges of the Club.

**9. Funds**

- a) The funds of the Club shall be under the control of the Committee. The income and the property of the Club shall be applied solely to its stated aims. In the event of dissolution or winding-up of the Club any assets remaining shall not be capable of being distributed among the members, but shall be applied in furtherance of the stated aims, or transferred to one or more clubs or societies with similar aims, or devoted to a philanthropic or charitable purpose, as the members in the General Meeting shall decide.
- b) An auditor approved by the AGM shall audit the income, expenditure and property of the Club annually.

**10. Alteration of Constitution**

No alteration of this constitution shall be made except at a General Meeting and by a resolution carried by a majority of at least two thirds of the votes cast. Any alterations so made shall take effect as and from 1st April following unless the meeting by the same majority otherwise decide. The Honorary Secretary shall forward a copy of any proposed alteration to all Club members not less than 14 days before the date of the General Meeting.