

OA Club Constitution and Rules

RULES OF THE CLUB (REVISED 2002 AND AMENDED 2015)

1. The Club shall be called the Old Aluredian Club ("the Club").
2. The objects of the Club shall be:
 - o The Club is an independent body which works hand-in-hand with the School, the School's Development Office and the Friends of King's to further the interests of King's College, Taunton ("KCT") and its past and present pupils.
 - o To provide a framework that will ensure that the former pupils of KCT may remain in contact with both KCT and each other.
 - o To arrange sporting and social functions.
3. The administration of the Club shall be entrusted to a General Management Committee ("the GMC").

The GMC shall comprise the Officers of the Club who will be elected or re-elected at each Annual General Meeting. The upper limit to the number of Members comprising the GMC shall be as recommended by the Chairman for the time being of the Club and approved by resolution of the members of the GMC.

The Auditor of the Club may, at the invitation of the Chairman of the Club, attend at meetings of the GMC in an advisory capacity but shall not be entitled to vote.

The GMC shall meet not less than three times in each year. Five Members, whose number shall include the Chairman of the Club, will constitute a quorum for meetings of the GMC. The number of Members comprising the quorum may be varied from time to time by resolution of the GMC.

The GMC may elect any Ordinary Member of the Club to fill any vacancy on the GMC or to elect additional Members to the GMC.

The GMC shall have power generally to manage the affairs of the Club in accordance with these Rules and to authorise, by resolution, the expenditure of monies to further the objects of the Club as stated in Rule 2.

The GMC may, on the recommendation of the Treasurer and the nominated Stock Broker to the Club, authorise the investment of Club Funds in accordance with the recommendations given.

4. Election of Members:

Membership of the Club shall comprise both "Ordinary" and "Honorary" members. Former pupils may be elected as Ordinary Members of the Club and Honorary Members, who may be present and past members of staff of KCT or others as the Chairman of the Club shall recommend, including the Provost, members of the School Council and members of the Western Division of the Woodard Corporation, may be elected when so recommended by the Chairman of the Club and approved by a resolution of the General Management Committee.

The GMC may, in its absolute discretion, and on the recommendation of the Headmaster for the time being of KCT and the Chairman for the time being of the Club, withhold ordinary membership of the Club from former pupils.

5. Officers of the Club:

The Officers of the Club shall comprise:

The President who shall be as recommended by the Chairman for the time being of the Club and endorsed by resolution of the GMC.

The Vice President who shall be ex officio the Headmaster of KCT.

The Chairman of the Club.

In addition, the Members of the Club shall, at the Annual General Meeting of the Club, elect or re-elect Members to hold the posts of Treasurer, General Secretary and King's Secretary.

The General Management Committee shall be made up of those persons duly elected by the Ordinary and Honorary members of the Club at the A.G.M. and shall include the Director of Finance.

An Auditor will be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

6. Appointment of Sub Committees:

The GMC may have powers to appoint, from the GMC, sub committees, to decide on matters of "special purpose", as may be decided by the Chairman for the time being of the Club and approved by the GMC.

7. Branches:

The Committee shall have power to establish Branches to provide for local activities among Members. These Branches may have powers to provide funding, subject to the approval of the GMC, for their own local activities.

Each Branch may have power to organise its own activities and maintain a register of its own Members to further the causes of that Branch.

The GMC shall have powers to decide upon the Rules and to provide for the election of Committees of such Branches and for the conduct of their affairs.

8. Annual and Life Membership – subscription rates:

The annual and life subscription rates shall be as determined by the Members of the Club in Annual General Meeting, notwithstanding that the GMC has powers, in its absolute discretion, to waive part or all of the subscription in relation to a particular candidate.

At the date of the adoption of these Rules or otherwise varied, the subscription rate shall be £135, which will include a Life Membership subscription of which £45 will be transferred to the Benefit Fund of the Club or such other rate as the GMC shall determine.

At the discretion of the GMC, subscription rates shall be altered to be brought in line with inflation.

9. Annual General Meeting:

A General Meeting of the Members of the Club shall be held every year. At the Annual General Meeting the Treasurer shall present the Accounts of the Club, as audited by the Auditor for the period to 31 August of the previous year.

The Committee will report on its activities to 31 December of the previous year.

Officers and Committee Members shall be elected for the following year and such other business will be conducted in accordance with the "Notice of Meeting".

10. Rule Amendments:

The Rules as set out above may be repealed or amended, or new rules substituted by a resolution passed by Members present and voting at a General Meeting of the Club, provided that fourteen days notice shall have been given to the General Secretary.

11. Winding Up:

All matters relating to a possible winding up of the Club will be referred to the next Annual General Meeting of the Club.

The above mentioned Rules of the Club were duly considered and adopted by a resolution passed in the Annual General Meeting dated 9th November 2002.

Chairman