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## WELSH BRIDGE UNION (EAST WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION) CONSTITUTION

### NAME

1. The organisation shall be known as 'The Welsh Bridge Union (East Wales Bridge Association)' hereinafter called 'The East Wales Bridge Association' (E.W.B.A.)

### PURPOSE

2. The purpose of the organisation and its area of jurisdiction shall be as defined by the constitution of the Welsh Bridge Union.

### MEMBERSHIP

3. Membership of the E W B A is open to any person who has satisfied the conditions of membership laid down by the constitution of the Welsh Bridge Union and who has paid the specified E.W.B.A. subscription for the year.

### E.W.B.A. COMMITTEE

4. The affairs of the E.W.B.A. shall be run by the Committee of the East Wales Bridge Association hereinafter called "the committee".
5. The Committee shall consist of the officers of the E.W.B.A., club representatives and co-opted members.
6. The officers of the E.W.B.A. hereinafter called "the officers" are.
  - (a) The Chairman
  - (b) The Honorary Secretary
  - (c) The Honorary Treasurer
  - (d) The Honorary Tournament Organiser
  - (e) The Honorary Master Points Secretary
7. The officers shall be elected by E.W.B.A. members present and voting at the A.G.M. Nominations with the names of proposer and seconder must be given in writing to the E.W.B.A. secretary at least 14 days before the A.G.M. and clubs informed by the Secretary at least 7 days before the A.G.M.
8. Club representation
  - (a) Club representatives shall be chosen by the Clubs within the E.W.B.A. which are affiliated to the W B U.
  - (b) Each Club with at least 8 WBU members shall be entitled to be represented on the E.W.B.A. committee according to the following scale

8 - 50 WBU members - 1 representative	51 - 100 WBU members - 2 representatives
101 - 150 WBU members - 3 representatives	151 or more WBU members - 4 representatives
  - (c) No representative may represent more than one club.

- (d) Each club entitled to representation shall notify the Secretary annually in writing of their representatives.
  - (e) Any change in such representation shall also be notified in writing to the Secretary.
  - (f) At the discretion of the committee a club may be requested to hold an election of its representatives or forfeit representation.
9. The committee shall have power to co-opt up to four extra members who should have some function within the E.W.B.A..
10. Co-opted members who are not officers of the E.W.B.A. shall cease to be members of the committee at the time of the A G M.
11. Committee meetings.
- (a) The Committee shall meet at least five times a year.
  - (b) The Secretary shall notify all committee members of such a meeting giving at least one week's notice.
  - (c) The quorum for a meeting shall be at least eight of the committee members one of which shall be the Chairman of the E.W.B.A. or a committee member designated by the Chairman to perform the duties of the chair for that meeting.

#### VOTING POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE

12. The officers of the E.W.B.A. and each club representative shall have a vote.
13. Co-opted members who are not officers of the E.W.B.A. shall not have a vote except at the discretion of the other members of the committee.
14. The Chairman shall only use his vote as a casting vote.

#### POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE

15. The committee shall determine the annual subscription of the E.W.B.A. at least one month and not more than three months before the start of each subscription year.
16. The committee shall determine the allocation of the finances of the E.W.B.A.
17. The committee shall appoint other officials of the E.W.B.A. and elect officials of the Welsh Bridge Union as delegated by the W.B.U.
18. The committee shall be responsible for the running of E.W.B.A. events and the organisation of all such matters as delegated to the E.W.B.A. by the Welsh Bridge Union.

## THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE E.W.B.A.

### 19. Time of meeting

The meeting shall be held prior to the 31st May each year.

### 20. Quorum

A quorum shall be 15 E.W.B.A. members one of which shall be the Chairman or an Area Committee member designated by the Chairman to perform the duties of Chairman.

### 21. Notice of meeting

- (a) The Secretary shall give at least twenty eight days notice of the meeting, in writing, to each club in the E.W.B.A. affiliated to the W B U.
- (b) Any member of the E.W.B.A. may request a vote on a particular motion to be taken at the Annual General Meeting, subject to eighteen days notice in writing to the Secretary accompanied by the signatures of five other Area members. The Secretary shall inform all E.W.B.A. clubs of such motions at least eight days prior to the meeting.

### 22. Voting.

- (a) Each member present at the A G M except the Chairman shall have one vote.
- (b) The Chairman shall have the casting vote.

### 23. Agenda.

- (a) The Annual General Meeting shall contain a report from the officers on the previous year, including a proper presentation of the finances and expenditure of the E.W.B.A..
- (b) Any changes to the constitution of the E.W.B.A. shall be effected subject to the approval of two thirds of those members present following which the committee may require, at its discretion, a poll of E.W.B.A. members in which an absolute majority shall be decisive.

## EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

### 24. Such a meeting will be called subject to either;

- (a) A request in writing to the Secretary accompanied by the signatures of at least twenty E.W.B.A. members, or
- (b) A vote of the Committee.

### 25. Subject to the specified requirements the Secretary shall;

- (a) arrange the meeting within twenty-one days of receipt of such notice,
- (b) inform all E.W.B.A. clubs in writing of the meeting at least fourteen days prior to the meeting.