# Bowmen of the Deans

Affiliated to Archery GB club no. 582

## CONSTITUTION

The Club was established on May 2nd, 1974, and shall be called **Bowmen of the Deans** and hereinafter be referred to as “The Club”.

### Article1:

The aims of The Club will be the promotion and encouragement of Archery and its traditions in all its forms other than Bow Hunting.

### Article 2:

The Club is established under the Shooting Regulations as laid down in the ARCHERY GB Rules of Shooting. Archery GB will be accepted as the governing body in the relevant forms of the sport practiced by The Club and its members.

### Article 3:

Nothing in this constitution shall conflict with the Constitution or rules of Archery GB, nor with the rules of **Bowmen of the Deans** or any other venue The Club may use to continue its activities.

### Article 4:

The postal address of The Club will be that of the Honorary Secretary or as subsequently agreed by the Committee.

### Article 5:

The management of The Club shall be entrusted to the Committee of senior shooting members, which shall consist of the following elected officers:

Chairperson

Honorary Secretary

Honorary Treasurer

Equipment Officer

Tournament Officer

Child Protection Officer

Social Events Officer

Records Officer

Nominations for the above roles to open in the 3rd week of August, preceding the election of officers at the AGM in September.

## Article 6:

Any person having completed a beginner's course and been assessed as competent in the sport of Archery may apply to the Committee to become a shooting member or Associate member.

Applications will be received by the Secretary, and approved by the Chairperson and Secretary once payment of the membership fee has been confirmed.

## Article 7:

There shall be the following categories of members:

(i) Senior shooting members – aged 25 years and over

(ii) Mid Senior members – aged 18 years to 24 years inclusive.

(iii) Junior shooting members – aged up to and including 17years of age

(iv) Associate member without voting rights.

(v) Honorary Life member

## Article 8:

Any person whom The Club may wish to honour may be elected an Honorary member for life at a General Meeting of The Club.

## Article 9:

All members shall accept the jurisdiction of The Club and shall conform to the Constitution as may be determined from time to time.

## Article 10:

All members, as described in paragraph 7, other than Honorary Life members, shall pay the ArcheryGB, Gloucestershire archery society (GAS) and Grand Western Archery Society (GWAS) annual fees, plus the Club fees. Club members who have elected not to affiliate with ArcheryGB, GAS and GWAS shall pay club fees only.

## Article 11:

Annual Subscriptions shall fall due and must be paid by the 15th September in each year. A member who has not paid their subscription by that date shall cease to be a member and ArcheryGB, GAS and GWAS will be advised accordingly.

## Article 12:

The funds and property of The Club shall be vested in the Chairperson, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer for the time being. All funds and property of The Club will remain the property of The Club and the members will have no individual financial interest of the same.

## Article 13:

The committee shall be elected at the AGM, with a floor vote being added to email / postal votes received in advance of the AGM. Non-shooting members may be elected to any position with approval of the club members.

**Article 14:**

The Committee shall have the power to invite any person as necessary for a particular reason to attend one or more committee meetings to act as an advisor. It may also appoint sub-committees and representatives to other committees and may delegate to such committees and representatives' powers

within defined limits.

**Article 15:**

At meetings the Chairperson may have an additional casting vote.

**Article 16:**

The Honorary Treasurer shall prepare and present a balance sheet to the AGM for the preceding year, or part thereof

**Article 17:**

A bank account shall be maintained in the name of The Club at a bank and in a manner to be decided upon by the committee.

There will be 3 names on mandate (Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer)

**Article 18:**

Cheque, card, or internet transactions withdrawing monies from the account may be made by any one of the authorised account holders with oversight and accountability by the Treasurer.

**Article 19:**

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of The Club will take place during the first week of September, or on such other date as may be deemed necessary, at a place to be decided upon by the committee to

transact the following business:

(i) To receive and approve the accounts for the preceding year

(ii) To receive reports from the retiring officers.

(iii) To elect the new committee

(iv) To transact any other business

Not less than 21 days' notice of such meeting shall be sent to each club member.

**Article 20:**

Extraordinary General Meetings (EGM) may be called at any time by the committee, or at the request of four or more senior members. Not less than 21 days' notice of such meetings shall be sent to all club members. Only notice of the proposition will be discussed and voted upon.

**Article 21:**

At all AGM's and EGM's, 8 members or 50% of the membership, whichever is the least, shall form a quorum. Each member shall be entitled to one vote on any matter. The Chairperson shall have a casting vote.

**Article 22:**

In case of any emergency the Chairperson, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall have full powers to act.

**Article 23:**

The Constitution of The Club shall not be altered or amended in any way except at the AGM or at an EGM of The Club.

**Article 24:**

No club member shall have the authority to act on behalf of the club, or to cause any monetary loss to the club, without express permission of the elected committee.

**Article 25:**

All members upon joining, or renewal of membership, will be expected to assist with the day-to-day running of the club, and to assist, when available, at other events or tournaments held by, or for the benefit of, the club.

**Article 26:**

Members wishing to move a proposition to alter or amend the constitution shall submit such proposition - showing the proposer and the seconder, to the Honorary secretary at least 28 days before the meeting at which the proposition is to be considered.

Notice of such proposition shall be circulated to all members not less than 21 days before the meeting.

A majority vote will decide the proposition. Proxy votes will not be allowed. Votes via email or post should be submitted to the Secretary no less than 2 days prior to the meeting.

This Constitution has been amended and accepted at the AGM dated 31st August 2025

Proposed -

Seconded -

Chairperson – Tricia Pillay

Hon Secretary - Chris Docherty

Hon Treasurer - Rik Hall

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