

## **THE ALLEYN CLUB RULES**

*As approved at the Annual General Meeting  
held at Dulwich College on Friday 3 November 2017*

### **I. CONSTITUTION AND OBJECTS**

1. The name of the Club is "THE ALLEYN CLUB".
2. Any former pupil of Dulwich College who shall have reached the age of 16 shall be eligible for election to membership.
3. The objects of the Club shall be:
  - (a) to support and foster the provision of recreational, social and sporting activities for the Members and to keep the Members informed of matters of interest to Old Alleynians;
  - (b) to make pecuniary grants for the benefit of Old Alleynians or their dependants;
  - (c) to undertake any acts or activities which will strengthen the links between the Club and Dulwich College, including support for the College's educational purposes by grants and bursaries and similar provisions of a financial nature;

### **II. OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE**

4. The Officers of the Club shall be the President, Vice President, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Assistant Treasurer, and two Hon. Assistant Secretaries and each shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.
5.
  - (a) The Affairs of the Club shall be managed by a Committee consisting of the Officers, the Immediate Past President ex officio, eight ordinary members, four representatives of Old Alleynian recreational, social or sporting organisations, the Master of Dulwich College ex officio and a representative of the Common Room of Dulwich College.
  - (b) The eight ordinary members and the four representatives referred to above shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting and after completing a first period of five years may not stand for election again until a period of one year has expired from a first or subsequent term of five years. If nominations permit, the 8 ordinary members referred to above shall ideally be provided as two persons from the age group from school leaver to 30, two from the age group 31-45, two from the age group 45-60 and two from the age group over 60.
  - (c) The representative of the Common Room shall be elected by those members of the Common Room who are members of the Club or Honorary Staff Members as provided for in paragraph 14(c) hereof.
  - (d) Any casual vacancy may be filled by the Committee.

6. Names of candidates for election as an Officer or member of the Committee, proposed by one member and seconded by another – or, in the case of the 4 representatives of the Old Alleynian sporting, social or recreational organisations referred to above, proposed by the Committee of the organisation concerned – shall be sent to the Secretary, and thereafter the Committee may put forward such other names as it thinks fit. All such nominations shall be included with the notice convening the Annual General Meeting.
7. Elections shall take place in the following order: President; Vice President; Hon. Treasurer; Hon. Assistant Treasurer; two Hon. Assistant Secretaries; other members of the Committee. If in each case nominations exceed the number of places to be filled, election shall be by ballot of Members present.
8. Meetings of the Committee shall be called from time to time as the business of the Club may require; five to form a quorum.
9. A Secretary shall be appointed by the Committee for such term, at such remuneration and upon such conditions as the Committee may think fit and such Secretary shall normally attend all meetings of the Committee. The appointment of the Secretary may be terminated by the Committee with just cause or by mutual agreement.

### **III. TRUSTEES**

10. Trustees, who shall not be less than two nor more than four in number, shall be appointed from time to time as necessary by the members of the Club in General Meeting, having been nominated by the Committee. A Trustee, once appointed, shall hold office until such time as he shall retire, cease to be eligible or be removed from office by a resolution passed by a two thirds majority of those present and voting at a properly constituted General Meeting of the Club. On the death, resignation, removal from office or failure of any General Meeting to appoint a Trustee, the Committee shall as soon as practicable thereafter take all lawful steps to secure the appointment by the Club of a new Trustee instead.
11. The Committee shall have the power to take out such insurance as they deem appropriate to protect the assets of the Club against claims made in respect of action taken or action not taken by any Officer of the Club, Trustee or Committee Member acting in good faith on behalf of the Club.

The Committee will direct the Trustees from time to time as necessary and will appoint all professional advisers from time to time as appropriate.

12. All land owned by the Club shall be vested in the names of the Trustees for the time being in trust for the use and benefit of the Club as a whole. The Trustees shall at all times and in all respects act in regard thereto and shall have the power to sell, pledge, lease, mortgage or otherwise alienate the same, in accordance with the directions of the

Committee but no purchaser, lessee, mortgagee or other successor in title shall be concerned to enquire whether any such direction has been given. All other assets of the Club shall be held in the names of the Trustees for the time being or in the name of a nominee for the Trustees in the case of securities dealt with through the London Stock Exchange in respect of which the Trustees have the power to buy and sell securities for and on behalf of the Club as they in their joint discretion think fit.

The Club shall operate a bank account with Barclays Bank PLC or such other clearing bank as the Committee shall decide. Those authorised to sign cheques shall be the Officers of the Club and the Secretary for the time being and the bank mandate shall provide for any two of those to sign cheques for £2,000 and above and for any one of those to sign cheques for less than £2,000; the similar mandate shall apply to authorise any electronic withdrawals from the accounts of the Club.

13. The Trustees shall, on the direction of the Committee, represent the Club in any dispute whether settled by litigation or any form of alternative dispute resolution and shall be entitled to an indemnity out of the assets of the Club in respect of any action taken by them on the direction of the said Committee.

#### **IV. MEMBERSHIP AND SUBSCRIPTIONS**

14. Categories of Membership and their subscriptions shall be as follows:
  - (a) LIFE MEMBERS shall pay such single amount by way of subscription as the Committee shall from time to time determine.
  - (b) ORDINARY MEMBERS shall pay annually such amount by way of subscription as the Committee shall from time to time determine.
  - (c) Masters, Deputy Masters and, provided they have completed twenty years' service as such or are taking their retirement after fifteen years' service as such, Bursars and members of the staff of Dulwich College shall be eligible for election as **HONORARY STAFF MEMBERS**. In addition a person who is not a former pupil of Dulwich College who shall have done such work or acts of so distinguished a nature as to advance the name of the School shall be eligible for election as **HONORARY MEMBERS**. Honorary Staff Members and Honorary Members shall pay no subscription and shall have no vote at a General Meeting.
15.
  - (a) Candidates for election shall each be proposed by one Member and seconded by another and notified to the Secretary in writing, and a list of such candidates with their addresses and the names of their proposers shall be published in the Alleyn Club Office at the College;
  - (b) election to all categories of membership shall be by a majority of the Committee present and voting;
  - (c) on the election of each new Member, the Secretary shall request him to pay to the Hon. Treasurer the amount (if any) due on his election, and until such amount has been

paid the Member concerned shall not be entitled to participate in any of the advantages or privileges of the Club.

16. (a) Annual subscriptions shall be payable to the Hon. Treasurer on or before January 1<sup>st</sup> each year.  
(b) Subject to the provisions of Rule 19, no Member shall be removed from the list of Membership except by a Resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at a General Meeting.

#### **V. DINNERS AND MEETINGS**

17. There shall be an Annual Dinner of the Club, to take place on a day decided upon by the Committee, which may authorise such other dinners and social events as it thinks fit.
18. (a) The Annual General Meeting shall normally be held on the Date of the Annual Dinner, or some other date not later than December 21<sup>st</sup> as may specially be decided upon by the Committee.  
(b) A Special General Meeting shall be summoned on a requisition signed by not fewer than twenty Members, and be held as soon as practicable after the expiry of seven days from the date of receipt of such requisition by the Secretary on such a date and at such a time and venue as the Committee shall decide. Only propositions contained in such requisition shall be discussed and voted upon at such a meeting.  
(c) All voting at General Meetings (except where expressed otherwise elsewhere in these Rules) and at meetings of the Committee shall be by simple majority on a show of hands, and in the case of equality of voting the Chairman of the Meeting (who shall be the President, or in his absence the Vice President, or in the absence of both of them the most recent holder of the office of President present) shall have a second or casting vote.  
(d) The quorum for a General Meeting of the Club shall be twenty members entitled to vote.
19. (a) Members shall have at least seven days' notice of a General Meeting and of the purposes for which such meeting is called, and in this respect publication of such notice in the 'Dulwich Year Book' or 'News Letter' shall be deemed good and sufficient notice.  
(b) No proposition shall be voted on at the Annual General Meeting unless sufficient notice in writing of such proposition has been given to the Secretary to enable him to include a copy of the same in the notice convening such Meeting.

#### **VI. MEMBERS IN DEFAULT**

20. Any Member who shall have omitted to pay his subscription within three months after it has become due shall have a notice sent to him requesting payment at or before the next

General Meeting. No Member shall be allowed to vote at any General Meeting until his subscription be paid.

21. Any Member who shall have omitted to pay his full subscription within three months after a second year's subscription shall have become due shall be liable (unless the Committee decides otherwise) to be struck off the list of Membership, and shall only be eligible for re-election after payment of all arrears or such part thereof as the Committee shall decide.

#### **VII. EXPENDITURE AND FUNDS**

22. The Committee shall out of the income of the Club pay all proper administrative, overhead and other expenses of the operation and running of the Club and the management of its affairs. In addition, the Committee may make out of the Club's income or capital such donations, grants or other payments towards, or for the purposes of, the objects referred to in Rule 3(a), (b) and (c) as they shall deem appropriate from time to time save that (except only with the prior authority of a resolution of at least two-thirds of Members present and voting at a General Meeting of the Club) in any one financial year of the Club such donations, grants or other payments shall not exceed an amount equivalent to 5% of the market value of the Club's investments at the preceding 31 December as published in the Club's Annual Accounts. Any member of the Committee may present to it a proposal for the making of any such donation, grant or other payment but no such member with a vested or special interest in the intended recipient of any such payment shall take part in any discussion by the Committee of such proposal or vote on the proposal. All such expenditure shall be included in the Annual Accounts presented for approval at the Annual General Meeting following the year of expenditure.
23. The general funds of the Club shall from time to time be invested as the Committee shall think fit.

#### **VIII. ALTERATION OF THE RULES**

24. Subject to Rule 19(b), these Rules may be added to, amended or replaced by resolution of a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at an Annual General Meeting.

#### **IX. DISSOLUTION**

25. If the Club Committee decides that it is necessary or advisable to dissolve the Club, it shall call a meeting of all Members of the Club, of which not less than 21 days' notice (stating the terms of the resolution to be proposed) shall be given. If the proposal is confirmed by a two thirds majority of those present and voting, the Club Committee shall have power to realise any assets held by or on behalf of the Club. Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any proper debts and liabilities shall be given or transferred to such other charitable institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Club as

the Members of the Club may determine, or failing that shall be applied for some other charitable purpose.

*Note: Since 1985, boys leaving Dulwich College having attained the age of 16 have been elected to Life Membership upon the receipt from the College of a Life Subscription collected through the composite termly school fee.*