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1. The club shall be called ‘ The Goring & District Riding Club’
2. The objects of the club shall be: -
 - To encourage riding as a sport and recreation. To promise good fellowship amongst riders and to improve and maintain the standard of riding and horsemanship
 - To organise instructional meetings, lectures and competitive events and other activities deemed to further the objects.
 - To be affiliated to the British Horse Society and to support and to co-operate with recognised organisations interested in the breeding and use of all breeds and types of horses and ponies.
 - To investigate the subject of bridle tracks and rights of way with the view to opening those that have been closed and maintaining and more clearly defining those that are in existence.
 - To concern itself with any object which will benefit the horse and horse-user in the district.
3. The Club shall be managed by a Committee of members and shall consist of the following Officers: - Chairman Hon. Secretary, Hon Treasurer and of not less than three nor more than seven other members.
 - The Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon Treasurer and the committee shall be elected at the Annual General meeting and subject to termination of office by resignation or otherwise shall remain in office until their successors are appointed at the Annual General meeting following their election.
 - The Committee shall have power to fill any vacancy that may occur but any person so co-opted shall retain office only until the next following Annual General meeting and shall then be eligible for re-election. The retiring members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election.
 - The decision of the Committee shall be final unless overruled at a General meeting.
 - The Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of the rules or for anything relating to the Club, not provided for therein, and their decision shall be final and binding on the Club.
4. There will be an annual subscription for all members and it shall be subject to an annual review.

5. The Committee upon any persons deemed by them to have rendered notable service to the Club may confer honorary membership.
6. Subscriptions shall be due on the First day of January in every year. Any member whose subscription is more than three months in arrears and who neglects to comply with a written request for payment within seven days, after the same shall have been sent to him, shall have his or her name removed from the membership list unless a reason satisfactory to the Committee shall be given for the delay. Any member joining the Club on or after the first day of October shall be deemed to have paid the subscription for the ensuing year.
7. Every candidate for membership shall fill out the nominated form with the fee and send to the membership secretary. Membership will be at the discretion of the Committee.
8. Any member participating in any mounted event organised by the Club **MUST WEAR CORRECT DRESS AT ALL TIMES AND WEAR PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR CONFORMING TO PAS 015 OR BS EN 1384 OR THE LATEST REGULATION SAFETY AT THE TIME OF EVENT.**
9. Any member of the Club may join other Riding Clubs in the area but may only represent one club in any year for competitions.
10. In the running of open shows, entrants who are not Goring & District full members are admitted as Associate Members for the duration of the show only, by way of an additional entry fee and are subject to the Rules of the Club but do not acquire any voting rights.
11. Whilst the Club is running such events they will be run in conjunction with all current Health & Safety guidelines and as such risk assessments will be made before all such events take place.
12. The Committee may expel from membership of the Club any members who have wilfully disobeyed any of the rules of the club, or who in the opinion of the Committee has been guilty of conduct derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interests of the Club, provided that, before such expulsion, the Committee may call upon the member for an explanation for the conduct referred to and shall bear whatever may be urged in defence of the member.
13. These rules may be added to repealed or amended by resolution at any Annual or Special General Meeting, provided that no such resolution shall be deemed to have been passed unless carried by a majority of at least two-thirds of the members present and voting thereon. Ten days notice must be given to all members prior to any such meeting.

14. The Committee may formulate byelaws for the detailed running of the club and elect sub-committees for any special activities of the Club with which the Committee may authorise.
15. Financial year of the Club shall commence on the first day of January in each year.
16. The Committee may appoint annually a President and Vice-President these shall not by virtue only of such appointment become members of the Committee.
17. A General Meeting of the Club shall be held in every year not later than the Thirteenth day of February to transact the following business: -
 - To receive and if approved, to adopt a statement of the Clubs accounts to the end of the preceding year.
 - To consider and if approved, sanction and duly made alteration of the rules
 - To appoint the Officers and other members of the committee
 - To deal with any special matters which the Committee desires to bring before the members and to receive suggestions from the members for consideration by the Committee.
 - Notice convening the General Meeting shall be sent to the members not less than ten days before the meeting and shall specify the matters to be dealt with.
18. A special General Meeting may be called by the Committee, or by a request signed by not less than five members of the club specifying the matter(s) to be discussed.
19. Notice may be given to any member by sending it by post to that member at the address registered in the club records. If any member has no address in the UK such member shall not be entitled to receive any notice. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting or to the non-receipt of a notice by any member shall not invalidate that meeting.
20. At Committee meeting four shall form a quorum. At General Meetings eight shall form a quorum. Junior members may attend General Meetings, but they shall not be entitled to vote and they shall not be counted as part of the necessary quorum.
21. The Club its Committee or persons acting on their behalf shall not be held responsible for any accident or injury to any person or property howsoever caused.