

# Bramley Mermaids Club

## Constitution

July 2018

### 1. Name of Club

The club will be called Bramley Mermaids Club (hereinafter referred to as the club) and may also be known as Bramley Mermaids or by the initials BMC.

### 2. Aims

The club aims to:

- 2.1. Improve health and wellbeing through the swimming and dance activity referred to as “Mermaiding”.
- 2.2. Provide a welcoming environment to boost self esteem and build friendships.
- 2.3. Ensure its activities remain affordable, accessible and enjoyable.
- 2.4. Promote Mermaiding as a non-competitive, collaborative and creative fitness activity.

### 3. Objectives

To fulfill its aims, the club will:

- 3.1. Offer regular mermaid classes open to both members and non-members, subject to venue or event restrictions.
- 3.2. Raise money, source funding and receive contributions in order to finance club activities.
- 3.3. Organise social events and additional activities that are in the interests of members.
- 3.4. Keep members and interested parties informed about the club through social media, mailing lists and other methods.
- 3.5. Promote the club and Mermaiding through social media and traditional media outlets, online and elsewhere.
- 3.6. Act in a lawful and fair way to fulfil its aims.

## **4. Membership**

- 4.1. Membership of the club is open to anyone interested in supporting the club, regardless of gender, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs.
- 4.2. Members may be asked to:
  - 4.2.1. Demonstrate that they have a connection to the club
  - 4.2.2. Declare that they want to support the club
  - 4.2.3. Agree that the club may hold relevant information on them
  - 4.2.4. Agree to be contacted by the club with relevant information
  - 4.2.5. Agree to pay annual subscription fee as agreed at AGM
- 4.3. All members will be subject to the regulations of the constitution and by joining the club will be deemed to accept these regulations and any other codes of practice that the club has adopted.
- 4.4. All members will be eligible to vote at general meetings.

## **5. Committee**

- 5.1. The affairs of the club will be conducted by a committee which shall consist of at least three members: Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary, who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
- 5.2. If required, the committee may decided to add additional committee member roles or to set up working groups to assist in the running of the club.
- 5.3. All committee members must be members of the club.
- 5.4. The term of office shall be for one year, and members will be eligible for re-election.
- 5.5. If the post of any committee member should fall vacant after such an election, the committee will have the power to fill the vacancy until the succeeding Annual General Meeting.
- 5.6. The committee will be responsible for:
  - 5.6.1. Assisting the club in meeting its objectives
  - 5.6.2. Adopting new policy, codes of practice and rules that affect the organisation of the club.
  - 5.6.3. Ensuring members adhere to the rules, regulations and codes of practice that the club has adopted.
  - 5.6.4. Addressing any matters relating to the club not otherwise listed.
- 5.7. The committee meetings shall be held no less than four times per year.
- 5.8. The quorum required for business to be agreed at committee meetings will be three.
- 5.9. The Chair of the club shall hold a casting vote at committee meetings.

## **6. Finances**

- 6.1. The club committee will be responsible for the finances of the club.
- 6.2. All club monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the club.
- 6.3. A statement of annual accounts will be presented by the treasurer at the Annual General Meeting.
- 6.4. Any cheques drawn against club funds should hold the signatures of two of the committee.

## **7. Annual and Extraordinary General Meetings**

- 7.1. The club shall hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) once a year to:
  - 7.1.1. Approve the minutes of the previous year's AGM.
  - 7.1.2. Receive any reports from the committee and approve the annual accounts.
  - 7.1.3. Elect the officers on the committee.
  - 7.1.4. Agree membership fees (if any) for the following year.
  - 7.1.5. Consider any proposed changes to the Constitution.
  - 7.1.6. Deal with other relevant business.
- 7.2. An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) shall be called by an application in writing to the committee supported by a minimum of five members of the club. The committee shall also have the power to call an EGM by decision of a simple majority of the committee members.
- 7.3. Notice of a general meeting (AGM or EGM) will be given by the committee, with at least a month's notice to be given to all members where possible.
- 7.4. All members have the right to vote at general meeting.
- 7.5. The quorum for a general meeting will be the committee plus a minimum of five other members.
- 7.6. The Chair of the club shall hold a casting vote at general meetings.

## **8. Amendments to the constitution**

The constitution can only be changed through agreement by majority vote at an AGM or EGM.

## **9. Dissolution**

- 9.1. A resolution to dissolve the club can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through a majority vote of the membership.
- 9.2. In the event of dissolution, all debts should be cleared with any clubs funds. Any assets of the club that remain following this will become the property of another club with similar aims.

**10. Declaration**

Bramley Mermaids Club hereby adopts and accepts this constitution as a current operating guide regulating the actions of members.

Signed by the committee on behalf of the members at the first AGM on 17th July 2018.



Chair: Emma Sykes



Secretary: Diane Law



Treasurer: Becky Smith