

DARLINGTON CYCLING CLUB

CONSTITUTION 2008

1. TITLE

1.1 The club shall be known as DARLINGTON CYCLING CLUB, and hereafter referred to as such, and shall be affiliated to British Cycling and Cycling Time Trials.

2. OBJECTIVES

2.1 To foster and promote the sport of cycling in all disciplines throughout the North East at all levels, providing opportunities for both recreation and competition, and promote the physical benefits of cycling.

3. MEMBERSHIP

3.1 Membership of the club shall be open to any person proposed and seconded by two full members completing a membership application form, and paying the annual membership subscription in full after a vote of all full members present at the next club meeting. The membership subscription shall be as agreed at the previous AGM.

3.2 The club can refuse or revoke membership, on non discriminatory grounds, where the membership or continued membership of the person concerned would be likely to be contrary to the best interests of the sport and the good conduct of the club.

3.3 There shall be a number of classes of membership available, these are:

3.3.1 Full member, who shall be the only class of member to have rights to vote at annual and any other meetings, and shall be regarded as first claim members for the purposes of competition.

3.3.2 Junior membership (under eighteen)

3.3.3 All members shall declare if they intend to race for DCC and will be classified as 1st Claim Members. All members racing for other clubs shall be classified as 2nd Claim Members.

4. OFFICERS

4.1 The executive officers of the club shall be as follows

Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

5.1 All officers shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the club, from, and by, full members of the club.

5.2 All officers are elected for a period of one year, but may be re-elected to the same office or another the following year.

6. GENERAL COMMITTEE

6.1 The affairs of the club shall be controlled by a general committee comprising of the Executive officers of the club and a number of other members elected from, and by, the full

members of the club. The general committee shall meet at agreed intervals and not less than two(2) times in one year.

6.2 The duties of the general committee shall be:

6.2.1 To control the affairs of the club on behalf of the members.

6.2.2 To keep an accurate accounts of the finances of the club through the Treasurer. These should be available for reasonable inspection by members and should be audited before every annual general meeting. The club shall maintain a current bank account and the following officers shall be authorised to sign club cheques: two from the Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary.

6.2.3 To co-opt additional members of the committee as the committee feels this is necessary. Co-opt members shall not be entitled to vote on the committee.

6.2.4 To make decisions on the basis of a simple majority vote. In case of equal votes, the Chairperson shall be entitled to an additional casting vote.

6.2.5 To ensure the annual running of the clubs competitions.

Medals will be awarded to the first three 1st Claim members in each event.

7. GENERAL MEETINGS

7.1 The annual general meeting of the club shall be no later than September of each year. Four (4) weeks notice shall be given to all members of the club by means of an e-mail communication or a club flyer posted to individual addresses of current members. Members must advise the secretary in writing of any business to be moved at the Annual General Meeting one (1) week prior to that meeting. The Secretary shall circulate or give notice of the agenda for the meeting to members no less than one (1) week before the meeting.

7.2 The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be to:

7.2.1 Confirm the minutes of the previous AGM be as read and any meetings held since the last AGM.

7.2.2 Receive the audited accounts for the year from the club Treasurer

7.2.3 Receive the annual report of the club committee from the Secretary.

7.2.4 Elect an Auditor. The auditor may be elected from the members of the club, but shall not be a cheque signatory.

7.2.5 Elect the officers of the club (Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and other General Committee Members).

7.2.6 Review club subscription rates and agree them for the following year aiming to maintain an affordable subscription for all.

7.2.7 Transact such other business received in writing by the club secretary from members of the club and submitted in the time frame outlined in para. 7.1 to the club Secretary and is included on the agenda of the meeting.

7.3 Special general meetings may be convened by the general committee or on receipt by the Secretary of a request in writing from not less than two full members of the club, and at least thirty-one (31) days notice should be given.

7.4 Emergency meetings of the club committee may be called under circumstances in which a matter cannot be delayed in any way, this type of meeting will require telephone contact by two(2) full members of the club, to either the club Secretary or Chairperson and allow a minimum of two (2) days to convene the meeting.

7.5 Nomination of candidates for election of officers shall be made in writing to the Secretary at least two weeks in advance (14 days) of the Annual General Meeting date. Nominations can only be made by full members and must be seconded by another full member.

7.6 At all General meetings, the chair will be taken by the Chairperson or, in his/her absence, by a deputy appointed by the club by full members attending the meeting.

7.7 Decisions made at the General meeting shall be by a simple majority of votes from those full members attending the meeting. In the event of equal votes the chairperson shall be entitled to an additional casting vote.

7.8 A Quorum for a General meeting shall be seven (7) full member and two (2) officers of the club including two (2) from either the Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer or General Committee members.

7.9 Each full member of the club shall be entitled to one(1) vote at the General meetings.

8. ALTERATIONS TO THE CLUB CONSTITUTION

8.1 Any proposed alterations to the club constitution may only be considered at an annual or special General meeting, convened with the required written notice of the proposal. Any alteration or amendment must be proposed by a full member of the club and seconded by another full member. Such alterations shall be passed if supported by not less than two thirds of those full members present at the meeting, assuming that a quorum has been achieved.

9. DISSOLUTION

9.1 If at any General meeting of the club, a resolution be passed for the dissolution of the club, the Secretary shall immediately convene a special General meeting of the club to be held not less than one month thereafter to discuss and vote on the resolution.

9.2 If at that special General meeting, the resolution is carried by at least two thirds of the full members present at the meeting, the General committee shall thereupon, or at such date as shall be specified in the resolution, proceed to realise the assets of the club and discharge all debts and liabilities of the club.

9.3 After discharging all debts and liabilities of the club, the remaining assets shall not be paid or distributed amongst the full members of the club, but shall be given or transferred to a local charity or other voluntary organisation having similar objectives to those of the club for example another local cycle club.

Club Chairperson Club Secretary

Club Treasurer Dated: