

# BEARSDEN LAWN TENNIS CLUB

## CONSTITUTION (reprinted 2016)

I The Club shall be called “**The Bearsden Lawn Tennis Club**” and its membership shall consist of:

- (1) Honorary Life Members
- (2) Senior members
- (3) Junior members, under 17 years of age
- (4) Day members
- (5) Family members (consisting of Senior and Junior members)
- (6) Distant members
- (7) Non-playing members
- (8) Non-playing life members.

Senior Members and Senior Family Members shall have a voice in the management of the affairs of the club.

II The objects of the Club are to provide facilities for, and promote participation of the whole community in, the sport of Lawn Tennis.

III The office-bearers of the club shall be an Honorary President, President, Honorary Vice President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer and they along with six other Senior or Senior Family Members shall form the committee of the club.

IV The whole affairs of the club shall be managed by the committee. Four shall form a quorum. Members of the committee shall retire from office each year at the Annual General Meeting, but shall be eligible for re-election. Should any vacancy occur between the Annual General Meetings, the committee shall have the power to fill up such vacancy, and the member so elected shall continue to act until the next Annual General Meeting.

V The committee shall have power to form sub-committees from their own number, and from other members of the Club, if they think proper, for special purposes. Of these sub-committees a majority shall form a quorum. Meetings of the committee shall be called by the secretary, by notice posted on the notice board, or by circular, at such times as he/she shall think advisable, or when requested in writing by three members of the committee. Meetings of sub-committees shall be called by circular, by their respective convenors, who shall be appointed by the sub-committees.

VI The committee shall have power to frame, alter and annul Byelaws for the management and regulation of the courts and the whole business of the club.

VII Membership of the Club shall be open to all persons irrespective of ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or beliefs, or of age, sex or disability except as a necessary consequence of the requirements of Lawn Tennis as a particular sport. Candidates for admission to the club shall complete an application form and submit it to the Secretary. The committee may refuse membership or expel from membership only for good and sufficient cause, such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against such a decision may be made to the Club’s members and decided by a majority vote.

VIII The annual subscriptions (due on 1<sup>st</sup> April each year) and entrance fees shall be fixed at the AGM of the club for the ensuing year, the proposed subscriptions and entrance fees having been included in the agenda for that meeting. Junior members may be admitted as ordinary members without further entrance fees, provided they have paid subscriptions for the previous two years. Day members must pay the full entrance fee on becoming Senior or Senior Family Members.

IX The Annual General meeting of the club shall be held before 15<sup>th</sup> November. At this meeting the Treasurer shall submit a statement of the revenue and expenditure of the club for the preceding year brought down to the last day in September duly audited by two ordinary members of the club, or other suitably qualified persons, appointed at the preceding AGM. The Secretary shall submit a report of the proceedings of the past year, and the Office-bearers and other members forming the committee as well as the auditors for the ensuing year, shall so far as is necessary, be elected; and any other business may be transacted. The Secretary will give notice to each and every member of the day, place and time of the AGM, on a date not later than fourteen days prior to the date of the said AGM.

X At all club and committee meetings the chairman shall have a deliberative as well as a casting vote.

XI Friends of members, temporarily residing in the district, may be admitted as monthly members to the same privileges as regards play only, as Junior or Senior Members, upon such conditions as the committee may from time to time fix in the Bye-laws. Application must be made to the Secretary for permission to propose a monthly member.

XII Members who wish to resign from the club must give notice, in writing, to that effect to the Secretary, before the start of the season, and all members failing to give such notice shall be liable for their subscriptions for the ensuing year.

XIII All members of the club, by virtue of their membership, shall be bound in all respects by this constitution, and by the Bye-laws made or to be made by the committee, as provided in Article VI.

XIV The Secretary shall be bound, when instructed by the committee, or on receipt of a written request signed by seven Senior or Senior Family Members of the club, to call a Special general meeting of the club; and all meetings of the club shall be called by the Secretary, by circular, stating the object of the meeting, posted to each member at least fourteen days before the date of such meeting. At all such meetings seven shall form a quorum.

XV Any member not conforming to the rules of the club, or whose conduct shall be in any way objectionable, shall upon proof thereof to the satisfaction of the committee, be liable to be expelled from the club. The motion for expulsion shall be brought up by the committee at a special meeting of the club, called in terms of article XIII, and shall not be carried unless supported by the votes of two-thirds of the members present.

XVI Alterations on, or addition to, the foregoing constitution may only be made at the AGM or at a special general meeting of the club called for that purpose, provided that notice of such proposed alterations or additions shall have been given to the secretary, in writing, at least fourteen days before such meeting. These alterations shall not be carried unless supported by two-thirds of the members present.

XVII In the event of the dissolution of the club, the assets of the club shall, following payment of all liabilities and debts due by the club, be assigned to another body or organisation formed for the purpose of playing Lawn Tennis within the area of East Dunbartonshire. Such organisation must be another registered CASC or registered charity. Such organisation shall be nominated by the members of the club at a special general meeting of the club immediately prior to the dissolution, and failing such organisation being nominated as aforesaid, the president of Tennis Scotland for the time being shall be invited to nominate an appropriate organisation to whom the assets of the club shall be transferred.

XVIII. All surplus income or profits shall be re-invested in the club. No surpluses or assets shall be distributed to members or third parties.

December 2016

Josie Beeley, President

Keith Wright, Treasurer