



Constitution for Proud Seagulls

Name.

The name of the Club is **Proud Seagulls** or other such name as the Management Committee may decide.

2. Administration.

Subject to the matters set out below the Club and its property shall be administered and managed in accordance with this constitution by the members of the Management Committee. Constituted by clause 7 of this constitution.

3. Objectives.

The club's objectives and aims are to encourage and engage with those that identify as LGBTQ+ and those Allies, who want to see football inclusive of our community, football for all.

4. Powers.

In furtherance of the objects but not otherwise the Committee may exercise the following powers;

4.1 To raise funds and to invite and to receive contributions provided that in raising funds the Committee shall not undertake any substantial permanent trading activities and shall conform to any relevant requirements of the law.

4.2 To co-operate with the Brighton & Hove Albion, voluntary bodies and statutory authorities engaged in furtherance of the objectives and to exchange information and advice with them.

5. Membership.

5.1 Membership of the Club shall be open to individuals who are interested in furthering the objectives of Proud Seagulls and primarily identify from the LGBTQ+ community, this is not exclusive and membership is encouraged from all communities, who support the objectives, to be known as LGBTQ+ Allies.

5.2 The Committee may unanimously and for good reason terminate the membership of any individual, provided that the individual concerned shall have the right to be heard by the Committee, accompanied by a friend or representative, before the final decision is made.

6. The Committee.

6.1 The Committee shall consist of not less than five members and not more than eleven members being:

a) Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership, Press Officer.

6.2. All members of the Committee must be full current members of the Club in their own right.

6.3 All the members of the Committee shall retire from office together at the end of the annual general meeting next after the date on which they came into office but they may be re- elected or re-appointed.

7. Meetings and Proceedings of the Committee.

7.1 The Committee shall hold at least two ordinary meetings each year. A special meeting may be called at any time by the Chair or by any three members of the Committee upon not less than seven days' notice being given to the other members of the Committee of the matters to be discussed but if the matters include.

All notices must be given in writing.

7.2 The Chair shall act as Chair at meetings of the Committee. If the Chair is absent from any meeting, the Vice- Chair will act as Chair in the Chairs absence.

7.3 There shall be a quorum when at least three members of the Committee are present at the meeting.

7.4 The Committee shall keep minutes.

7.5 The Committee may from time to time make or alter the bye-laws of the Club. Any such addition or alteration to the bye-laws must be laid before the next annual general meeting of the Club for ratification. No bye-law, rule, standing order or other regulation may be made which is inconsistent with this constitution.

7.7 The Management Committee shall ensure that at all times the club and its members shall comply with all legal requirements in force from time to time and any rules appertaining to the conduct of the activities being undertaken.

8. Receipts and Expenditure.

8.1 The funds of the Club, including all donations, contributions and bequests, shall be paid into an account operated by the Committee in the name of the Club at such bank or building society as the Committee shall from time to time decide. The Club may operate more than one bank account. All cheques drawn on the Club's bank account must be signed by two members of the Committee.

8.2 The funds belonging to the Club shall be applied only in furthering the objectives.

9. Annual General Meeting (AGM).

9.1 There shall be an AGM of the Club which shall be held each year.

9.2 Every AGM shall be called by the Committee. The Secretary shall give at least 21 days' notice of the AGM in writing to all the members of the Club. All members of the Club shall be entitled to attend and vote at the meeting.

9.3 The Chair of the Club then in office shall be the Chair of each AGM and ExGM.

9.4 The Committee shall present to each annual general meeting the report and accounts of the Club for the preceding financial year.

10.5 Nominations for election to the Committee must be made by members of the Club in writing and must be in the hands of the Secretary to the Committee at least 14 days before the AGM. The person nominated must confirm in writing their willingness to stand. Should nominees exceed vacancies, election shall be by ballot.

10. Special General Meetings.

The Committee may call a special general meeting of the Club at any time. The Secretary shall call such a meeting, at least 21 days notice must be given. The notice calling the meeting must state the business to be discussed.

11. Procedure at General Meetings.

11.1 The Secretary shall keep a full record of proceedings at every general meeting of the Club.

11.2 There shall be a quorum when at least 20 members of the Club are present at any general meeting.

11.3 If after 30 minutes from the time stated for the commencement of the meeting there are still insufficient members present to form a quorum, the meeting shall be adjourned to another time and place.

11.4 If at the adjourned meeting there are insufficient members present to form a quorum, the meeting will proceed after a delay of 30 minutes unless sufficient members are present before that time to form a quorum.

12. Notices.

Any notice required to be served on any member of the Club shall be in writing and shall be served by the Secretary or the Committee on such member either personally or by post, addressed to the member at their last known address in the United Kingdom, and any letter so sent shall be deemed to have been received within 10 days of posting.

13. Voting.

Every member shall have one vote on any resolution on which they are entitled to vote. Every resolution shall be decided by a majority of votes by those present and entitled to vote on the question but in the case of a tied vote the Chair of the meeting shall have a casting vote. The Chair will act neutral until such time as they have to use their casting vote.

14. Alteration to the Constitution.

The constitution may be altered by a resolution supported by not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting at a general meeting. The notice of the general meeting must include notice of the resolution, setting out the terms of the alteration proposed.

15. Dissolution.

If the 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 supported by two-thirds of those present and voting the 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 institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Club as the members of the Club may determine.

Signatures:

Print Name:

Chair

Vice- Chair

Secretary