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Update of Articles of Suffolk Horse Society

Special Resolution

The Suffolk Horse Society is proposing to update its governance and improve its administration by updating the existing Articles of Association and adopting and including relevant provisions from the Charity Commission's model Articles of Association.

Certain of the provisions have been introduced specifically following the Covid pandemic so as to enable the smooth running of Suffolk Horse Society when it may not be feasible to hold meetings.

What follows is a summary of the main proposed amendments, but it is not an exhaustive summary of all the changes.

A full copy of the proposed amended Articles of Association is on the Suffolk Horse Society website and you should refer to this document for the detail of the changes. If you require a paper copy please email info@suffolkhorsesociety.org.uk

Memorandum of Association

Following the 2006 Companies Act the contents of the Memorandum of Association are deemed to be incorporated within the articles, such that when a company's articles are amended it is necessary to include the contents of what was the Memorandum in the revised articles. Therefore, Part One of the proposed revision incorporates the 'Objects' which were previously listed in a separate document.

Declarations of Interest

There is a duty on trustees to declare an interest in any transaction of the charity and to absent themselves from any discussion where there may be a conflict between their personal interests and those of the charity. Provision for this is now included in the revised Articles.

Proceedings of Council Members

Provisions have been added in relation to proceedings of Council Members in accordance with the standard Charity Commission model articles.

Election of Councilmen/Trustees

The election process has been clearly defined, by post or electronic format as Council directs. An appointed independent scrutineer receives and counts votes. In the event of a tie the independent scrutineer determines the selection process.

Chair and Vice Chair

The Chair and Vice Chair may be elected for three consecutive years as before, and for a further period of one year at the discretion of the Council.

Delegation

The existing delegation has been largely replicated in a more modern format, clarifying the ability of Council to appoint committees which must adhere to the terms of reference.



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Provisions in relation to general meetings

The ability of trustees to enable virtual meetings of members has been specifically provided for.

Proxy Votes

There was previously no provision in relation to proxy voting in the Articles. This is a statutory right of a member to appoint a proxy and therefore provision has been included in relation to the appointment of proxies in the revised Articles.

Postponement of general meetings

There may be circumstances in which it is appropriate for a general meeting to be postponed and technically this may not be possible if the notice has already been sent out to members. A specific provision has therefore been included to enable the postponement of general meetings.

Safety and Security at general meetings

A specific provision has been included to cover this aspect, including to enable all those attending (whether physically or electronically/virtually) to be identified.

Rules

The Council Members may make rules in relation to the conduct and management of the Society.

Disputes

In the event of a dispute between Members of the Society the parties to the dispute are required to first try in good faith to settle the dispute by mediation before resorting to litigation, in accordance with the Charity Commission model.

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