

1. NAME

The name of the organisation shall be the

Blyth Spartans AFC Official Supporters Club

hereafter referred to as The Supporters Club

2. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of The Supporters Club shall be

- a) To represent and campaign on behalf of Blyth Spartans AFC supporters , on issues decided by the AGM and/or the Committee of The Supporters Club and present the views of members to the Board of Directors and Management of Blyth Spartans AFC
- b) To organise high quality services for The Supporters Club members
- c) To promote, maintain and value the history of Blyth Spartans AFC
- d) To encourage the Directors and Management of Blyth Spartans AFC to appreciate, welcome and value the support and participation of all Blyth Spartans AFC fans and ensure that equal opportunities are promoted for all supporters
- e) To work in a fundraising capacity, predominantly for, but not restricted to Blyth Spartans AFC. Profits of which may be donated at intervals decided by the Committee to Blyth Spartans AFC, for equipment directly benefiting the football club.
- f) To organise social functions and promote Blyth Spartans AFC Social Club
- g) To organise supporters buses for away fixtures as and when numbers dictate

3. MEMBERSHIP

- a) Membership of The Supporters Club shall be open to all supporters of Blyth Spartans AFC, on payment of the appropriate annual membership fee
- b) Applications shall be made on a designated form and will include a statement agreeing to accept and abide by the rules of The Supporters Club
- c) Membership fees for the following season shall be determined by the Committee and must be confirmed by a vote of members at the following Annual General Meeting (AGM)
- d) All applications for membership shall be reported at the following Committee meeting by the Secretary and membership rights shall start immediately.
- e) Membership shall be renewable on the 1st August each year
- f) All members are entitled to attend and fully participate and vote at a General Meeting

- g) Members may attend Committee meetings and may participate in these at the discretion of the Chair
- h) Any members infringing The Supporters Club rules, and/or bringing The Supporters Club into disrepute shall render themselves to expulsion. A member may be suspended and recommended for expulsion by a majority vote of the Committee but shall not be expelled until they have received a full hearing before a disciplinary panel established by the Committee. The member shall have a full opportunity to answer all allegations against them before a decision on expulsion is taken by the panel. Any member expelled shall have the right of appeal to the following AGM
- i) Member's personal details shall be securely stored in documentary and/or electronic form and shall not be passed to a third party without the member's written consent, unless there is a legal requirement for The Supporters Club to do so.
- j) Membership records shall be kept by the Secretary, on behalf of The Supporters Club and shall be available to all members of the Committee

4. OFFICERS and COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

- a) The period of office for Officers and other Committee members shall be from the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting at which the Committee is declared as elected, to the conclusion of the AGM the following year
- b) All Officers shall be members of the Committee with full voting rights. In addition there shall be elected at the AGM delegates to other bodies and a maximum of ten other Committee members, all of whom shall have full voting rights
- c) All members shall be entitled to stand for election for any Officer or Committee member position
- d) The Committee shall be entitled to co-opt members to the Committee and shall ensure any such co-options are reported to the next AGM
- e) The Committee shall be entitled to fill any casual vacancy occurring during the year and shall ensure any such co-options are reported to the next AGM
- f) The Officers of The Supporters Club shall be Chair, Vice Chair Secretary and Treasurer
- g) The Officers shall collectively take decisions and actions on matters between AGM and Committee meetings, such as public statements and attendance at meetings.

5. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

- a) The Secretary shall ensure that all members are sent notification of the date and time for the AGM not less than twenty one days before it is due to take place
- b) Any items of business that a member wishes to discuss at the AGM must be communicated in writing to the Secretary no later than fourteen days before the date of the AGM
- c) To stand for position of office, a member must have a minimum of six months membership.

- d) Nominations for election of new Committee members must be communicated in writing to the Secretary, with the name of a proposer and seconder to the Secretary no later than seven days before the AGM
- e) The Secretary shall issue to all members a copy of the agenda for the AGM no later than seven days before the date of the meeting
- f) The Secretary shall ensure that copies of the Minutes of the previous AGM and the The Supporters Club Annual Report are available at the AGM
- g) The Annual Report shall contain statements from the Officers and other Committee members of their work during the previous year
- h) The Treasurer will ensure that a balance sheet and income and expenditure account is provided in writing to the AGM in the year following that to which the accounts relate
- i) The quorum for and AGM shall be five members
- j) The AGM will be held by 31st August

6. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- a) The Committee shall consist of all Officers and Committee Members, whether elected at the AGM or subsequently co-opted
- b) At least four Committee meetings shall be held each year
- c) The Supporters Club policy shall be determined at Committee meetings.
- d) In cases of urgency, the Officers may decide policy by majority decision and shall report all such decisions to the next Committee meeting
- e) The quorum for Committee meetings shall be four elected members of the Committee, one of whom must be an officer
- f) It is the duty of all Officers present to ensure that the views of members not present but communicated to the officer prior to the meeting are reported accordingly.
- g) All Committee members shall be entitled to vote on all matters before the Committee. The Chair of the meeting shall have an additional vote in the event of a tie. Votes will normally be an open show of hands. A secret ballot will be held if requested by at least one-third of the Committee members present
- h) The Committee shall strive to ensure that The Supporters Club's structures, meetings, communications mechanisms and policies respect and promote the concept of equal opportunities
- i) The Committee shall establish such sub-committees as it considers necessary. Each sub-committee shall appoint a Committee member as Chair, to report the activities and decisions of the sub-committee. Sub-committee decisions must be endorsed by the Committee before they are acted upon
- j) The Committee shall employ such staff as is necessary to properly pursue the objects of The Supporters Club
- k) The Committee shall establish or support charitable trusts, associations or institutions in line with the objects of The Supporters Club
- l) The Committee has the power to do all such lawful things as are necessary for the achievement of the objects
- m) Minutes shall be kept of all decisions taken by the Committee, to be agreed at the following Committee meeting after which they shall be available to all members upon request

7. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS (EGM)

- a) An EGM may be called by
 - I. Resolution of the majority of the Committee
 - II. By members constituting at least 30% of the total number of members submitting written notice to the Secretary of their desire for such a meeting
- b) The Secretary shall convene an EGM within six weeks of receipt of such a requisition, unless agreed otherwise with the requisitioners.
- k) The Secretary shall ensure that all members are sent notification of the date and time for the EGM not less than twenty one days before it is due to take place
- l) The Secretary shall issue to all members a copy of the agenda for the EGM no later than seven days before the date of the meeting
- m) The quorum for an EGM shall be five members
- n) With the exception of dissolution (see below), resolutions may be passed at an EGM with the approval of the majority of members in attendance

8. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

- a) Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by the Committee or by any member
- b) Any proposed amendment from a member shall be submitted to the Secretary in writing not less than fourteen days prior to the date of the AGM or EGM called for the purpose
- c) An amendment to the Constitution shall require a two-thirds majority of members present at that General Meeting

9. DISSOLUTION

- a) A motion to dissolve The Supporters Club shall only be considered at a General Meeting called specifically for this purpose
- b) A motion to dissolve The Supporters Club may be proposed by
 - I. Resolution of the majority of the Committee
 - II. By members constituting at least 50% of the total number of members submitting written notice to the Secretary of their desire for such a motion
- c) The Secretary shall convene an EGM within four weeks of receipt of such a motion.
- d) The Secretary shall ensure that all members are sent notification of the date and time for the EGM not less than twenty one days before it is due to take place

- e) The Secretary shall issue notice to all members of the motion to dissolve The Supporters Club no later than seven days before the date of the meeting
- f) The quorum for an EGM with a notice of dissolution shall be ten members or 60% of all members, whichever is least
- g) To dissolve The Supporters Club, at least three-quarters of the members present must vote in favour of a resolution proposing dissolution
- h) On the dissolution of the organisation, once any debts have been settled, any outstanding monies or property shall be transferred to
 - I. Blyth Spartans AFC
 - II. If this club is no longer in existence, then Blyth Spartans Juniors
 - III. If either of these clubs are no longer in existence, then assets will be donated to a grassroots football club based in the NE24 postcode area. This club shall be decided by the Committee
- i) It will be the responsibility of the former officers of The Supporters Club to dissolve the organisation in line with the wishes expressed at the General Meeting

Signed



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Date 15st August 2014

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Date 15st August 2014

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