

CONSTITUTION OF THATTO HEATH CRUSADERS – ST.HELENS SPORTS and COMMUNITY CLUB – Issue Revision 6 14/10/21

CONSTITUTION OF THATTO HEATH CRUSADERS AMATEUR RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB

1) NAME

The Club shall be known as "Thatto Heath Crusaders – St.Helens Sports and Community Club" which herein after will be called "The Club"

2) OBJECTIVES

The objectives of The Club are:

To foster and develop our facilities for the whole community and public at large for use providing a social point and for healthy recreation, other leisure time occupation and sport, particularly Amateur Rugby League, for the whole and local community at all age groups and anyone wishing to become a member, without discrimination against race, disabilities, age or gender as declared in The Club's Equality and Equity policy statements.

To always protect the interests and welfare of young people.

3) Sections of The Club

Rugby Section

New Sections can be created or defined at the discretion of the Executive Committee. If so agreed by the Executive Committee, any new sections will be expected to pay any additional fee's set by the Executive Committee to cover the additional resource used by the section and to ensure the effective running of The Club and The Section.

All equipment used by a Section will always remain the property of The Club. Unless a written agreement from the Executive Committee is agreed beforehand, no property can be removed from site without written permission from the Executive Committee.

4) PERMITTED MEANS OF ADVANCING THE PURPOSES

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee, comprising Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Financial Manager(s) plus one member from RL Committee, shall administer matters pertaining to the sound running of The Club and all its users and are bound by the rules of this constitution.

The Executive Committee is accountable to the RL Committee in so far as its members will only be elected from members of the RL Committee. If no Executive Committee post is filled at the AGM, then the RL Committee shall have the power to appoint a suitable person from within the RL Committee.

The Executive Committee shall meet at least 6 times per year or on the requisition of the Chairman or two thirds of the members of the Executive Committee.

Except as otherwise provided in these Rules every resolution shall be decided by a simple majority of the votes cast on a show of hands. In a case of equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote in the event of a tied vote.

The quorum shall be a third of the members of the Executive Committee.

A copy of each members **Fit and Proper Persons Declaration** is held on file by the Club.

The Chair, Officers and members of the Executive Committee have all read and understood the document **THC Executive Chair and Member Supporting Role Description**

Officers of the Executive Committee

Executive Committee Chairman

The Chairman shall preside at all meetings and keep order and shall give advice to any member who may require it on any matter that concerns The Club. Also, he/she shall make or cause to make all necessary enquiries as to any irregularities that may exist and report the result of such enquiries as to any irregularities to the next Executive Committee Meeting.

He/she shall enforce to the utmost of his ability a strict observance of the rules of The Club. He/she shall have free access to the accounts and books of the Financial Manager and shall sign the minutes of all meetings passed by the Executive Committee.

He/she shall put all motions, which shall have been duly proposed and seconded.

The decision of the majority of those present shall be deemed the decision of the whole body.

The Chairperson's role is to oversee the Management Committee's strategy and direction for the Club and to manage and conflicts of interest in accordance with the Club's Conflicts of Interest policy below.

Conflicts of Interests Policy

- All Management Committee members have a duty to ensure that the integrity of the decision-making process within the Club is maintained by ensuring that they and other members of the Management Committee are free from conflict or potential conflict in their decision making.
- All Management Committee members shall avoid situations in which they may be in a potential conflict of interest or perceived conflict of interest.
- A conflict of interest arises in any situation where a Management Committee member's duty to act solely in the best interests of the Club is compromised or impeded by any other interest, relationship or duty.

Executive Committee Vice-Chairman

The Vice-Chairman shall assist the Chairman in the discharge of the duties of his office and shall perform the duties of the Chairman in his absence.

Executive Committee Financial Manager

The funds of The Club shall be vested in the Financial Manager who shall apply and deal with them in such a manner as the Executive Committee shall from time to time direct.

The Financial Manager shall open a bank or building society account in the name of The Club.

The Executive Committee shall appoint three authorised signatories for any cheques and cheques shall be signed by at least two of the authorised signatories.

The signatories will be different members and not related to one another or residing at the same address.

The Financial Manager shall keep accounts and be responsible for all moneys handed to him/her in connection with The Club. He/she shall keep a cashbook in which shall be entered the receipts and disbursements of The Club. He/she shall after receiving instructions from the Executive Committee discharge payment of all bills and obtain receipts for all moneys paid. He/she must pay in or withdraw from the bank in the name of The Club any amount which the Executive Committee may from time to time determine and shall furnish a receipt at each Executive Committee Meeting of the balance at the bank and in hand and produce all books, vouchers and papers in support thereof.

He/she shall have his books prepared for the Auditors at the time of auditing or any other time the Chairman or Executive Committee deems it necessary. He/she shall also prepare a statement of accounts, which having been declared correct by the Auditors and by them signed shall be submitted to the AGM of the members or at such other meeting as shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

A copy of accounts shall be open on request to any members.

Executive Committee Secretary

The Secretary shall keep a correct register of the names and addresses of every member. He/she shall also supply the Bar Manager with a copy of the name of every member for his/her guidance as

and when required. He/she shall also keep a Minute Book in which shall be recorded the transactions and resolutions of all meetings. He/she shall conduct all correspondence and supply the members with all the necessary information in accordance with these rules.

The Executive Committee primarily has the power to:

To establish working groups to help the Executive Committee to deliver the Aims and Objectives of The Club Development Plan and the Constitution.

Borrow money and give security for the same and open bank accounts.

Buy, lease or licence property, and sell, let or otherwise dispose of the same.

Make grants and loans and give guarantees and provide other benefits.

Set aside funds for special purposes or as reserves.

Invest funds in any lawful manner.

Employ and engage staff and others and provide services.

Acquire and provide grounds and clubhouse.

- Raise funds by appeals, membership fees, loans and charges.
- Do all other things reasonably necessary to advance the purposes?
- Co-operate with or affiliate to firstly any bodies regulating or organising the sport and secondly any club or body involved with it and thirdly with government and related agencies.

Every member of the Executive Committee shall have one vote. In the event of an equality of votes, the Chair of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

Where there is a duplication of interest (*), then the RL Committee holds secondary responsibility and power to work in partnership to further advance the purposes.

The Executive Committee shall from time to time, make, repeal, and amend all such bylaws and regulations (not inconsistent with these rules) as they shall think expedient for the internal management and well-being of The Club. All bylaws and regulations made by the Executive Committee under this rule shall be binding upon the members until repealed by the Executive Committee or set aside by a resolution of a General Meeting of The Club.

All members may attend all general meetings of The Club in person.

Rugby League (RL) Committee

The election of the RL Committee shall be by the RL Members. The Club's policy is that there will be no discrimination regarding age, sex, race, disabilities, gender, religion, or other beliefs. Immediately upon the election of a RL Committee person, they shall be made aware of The Club's Child Protection Policy. The RL Committee will contain 4 Officers. The maximum number of RL Committee members shall be 15 that include the 4 Officers. The minimum number of RL Committee members shall be 4 i.e., the 4 Officers. The RL Committee members shall be those that report directly or indirectly to the RL Chairman (unless through a second party), as described in The Club Organisational Chart.

Role: Subject to these rules, the RL Committee shall have responsibility for the management of the RL Club, its RL funds, RL property, and RL affairs. However, it may choose to form a sub-committee or committees to assist in this role in accordance with The Club rules and bylaws.

The RL Committee primarily has the power to:

- * Acquire and provide equipment, coaching, training, and playing facilities, and transport, medical and related facilities.
- * Provide coaching, training, medical treatment, and related social and other facilities.
- * Take out any insurance for club, employees, contractors, players, guests and third parties.
- * Raise funds by appeals, membership fees.
- * Co-operate with or affiliate to firstly any bodies regulating or organising the sport and secondly any club or body involved with it and thirdly with government and related agencies.

* Do all other things reasonably necessary to advance the purposes.

Where there is a duplication of interest (*), then the Executive Committee holds secondary responsibility and power to work in partnership to further advance the purposes.

NONE of the above powers may be used other than to advance the purposes consistently with the Rules and the general law.

5) PROCEEDINGS OF THE RL COMMITTEE

The Chair or (in his or her absence) the Vice Chair or another member chosen at the meeting shall preside.

The RL Committee will meet regularly, once a month.

The Secretary is to notify all members of meetings giving seven days' notice.

The RL Committee shall also meet on the requisition of the Chairman or two thirds of the members of the RL Committee.

Except as otherwise provided in these Rules every resolution shall be decided by a simple majority of the votes cast on a show of hands. In a case of equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

The quorum shall be a third of the members currently sitting on the RL Committee as described in the RL Club Organisational Chart, plus two Officers.

The RL Committee shall from time to time, make, repeal, and amend all such bylaws and regulations (not inconsistent with these rules) as they shall think expedient for the internal management and well-being of the RL Club. All bylaws and regulations made by the RL Committee under this rule shall be binding upon the members until repealed by the RL Committee or set aside by a resolution of a General Meeting of the RL Club.

All members may attend all general meetings of The Club in person.

Formalities in connection with General Meetings (such as how to put down resolutions) shall be decided by the RL Committee and publicised to Club members.

6) MEMBERSHIP

Membership of The Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion, or other beliefs. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis.

The Club may have different classes of membership and subscription on a non-discriminatory and fair basis. The Club will keep membership fees at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.

The Club RL Committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring The Club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the members.

Categories of Membership shall be: -

Full Voting Member – any person over 18 (non-playing) who wishes to be actively involved and who has an interest in furthering the aims of The Club and demonstrates that commitment by holding a recognised volunteer position at the Club as described in the RL Club Organisational Chart or by appearing in the official Club Volunteer Database for at least 3 years minimum.

Playing Member – A player aged 18 and over, who is up to date with payment of Club membership fees (see MEMBERSHIP FEES).

Junior/Family Member – A player aged 17 and under who is up to date with payment of Club membership fees. (See MEMBERSHIP FEES). **Shall be represented by a Family Member** - A person, who is the parent/guardian of a junior playing member who is up to date with payment of Club membership fees. (See MEMBERSHIP FEES). **Only one person per JUNIOR/FAMILY member is allowed a vote and it must be the Family Member aged 18 or over who represents the Junior Player and not the Junior player aged 17 and under.**

Honorary Member - The Club RL Committee may confer honorary membership on such person or persons they think fit for recognition of his or her efforts in connection with the RL Club, past or present, for the period of membership stated.

Only Full Voting, Playing, Junior/Family members may vote on matters relating to the Club. In all cases where there is a possible duplication of qualifying voting criteria, only one vote is allowed and not multiple votes for each category of criteria.

Visiting Teams and Visitors -

Visiting teams and their supporters are automatic Members of the Club for the duration of their stay. Visiting teams and supporters have no voting rights.

In the event of the misconduct of the visitor, they shall at once be removed from The Club's premises and the member introducing the visitors shall be reported to the Executive Committee.

Intoxicating liquor may be sold by or on behalf of The Club to persons whose admittance is not provided for elsewhere in these rules.

Admittance to the Club is at the discretion of The Club.

7) MEMBERSHIP FEES

All members shall pay such membership fees as determined by the Executive Committee; the RL Committee is to set membership fees for the RL Section.

All annual membership fees are due, in total, on 1st. September or as deemed otherwise by the Executive Committee, the RL Committee can grant reduced membership fees in cases of proven hardship, e.g., instalments, etc., for that coming year and paid to the Financial Manager or Treasurer.

Any member who is in 28 days arrears with their necessary membership fees may result in cancellation of his or her membership at the RL Committee's discretion.

No member, who is entitled to vote, shall be allowed to vote by the membership secretary unless all membership fees as detailed herein have been discharged up to the date of the AGM or any EGM that is called. Furthermore, that member that has not made payment of membership fees or received special dispensation from no other body other than the Executive or for RL Section members, the RL Committee, shall forfeit their right to attend AGM or EGM gatherings.

The relevant committee will treat cases of hardship on an individual and confidential basis.

8) PROPERTY ETC

The property and funds of The Club cannot be used for the direct or indirect private benefit of members other than as reasonably allowed by the Rules and all surplus income or profits are reinvested in the club.

The Club may provide sporting and related social facilities, sporting equipment, coaching, courses, insurance cover, medical treatment, away-match expenses, post-match refreshments and other ordinary benefits of Community Amateur Sports Clubs as provided for in the Finance Act 2002.

The Club may also in connection with the sports purposes of The Club:

Sell and supply food, drink and related sports clothing and equipment.

Employ members (though not for playing) and remunerate them for providing goods and services, on fair terms set by the Executive Committee without the person concerned being present.

Pay for reasonable hospitality for visiting teams and guests.

Indemnify the Executive and RL Committee and members acting properly during the running of The Club against any liability incurred in the proper running of The Club (but only to the extent of its assets).

The Executive and RL Committee will have due regard to the law on disability discrimination and child protection.

9) COMPOSITION

The Executive Committee may from time to time enlist the assistance of expertise from outside The Club, but this outside help will have no voting rights. The RL Committee members may co-opt club members (up to the maximum permitted number) to serve until the end of the next AGM.

Any Executive or RL Committee member may be re-elected or re-co-opted without limit.

Any Executive or RL Committee member ceases to be such if he or she ceases to be a member of the RL Club, resigns by written notice, or is removed by the Executive or RL Committee for good cause after the Member concerned has been given the chance of putting his/her case to the Executive or RL Committee with an appeal to the RL Club members, or is removed by club members at a general meeting. The Executive or RL Committee shall fairly decide time limits and formalities for these steps.

Whenever an Executive or RL Committee member has a personal interest in a matter to be discussed he/she must declare it, withdraw from that part of the meeting (unless asked to stay), not be counted in the quorum for that agenda item and withdraw during the vote and have no vote on the matter concerned.

10) **DISCLOSURE**

Annual Club reports and statements of account must be made available for inspection by any member and any RL Committee member may inspect all club records.

11) **THE OFFICERS OF THE RL CLUB SHALL BE: -**

RL Chairman

The Chairman shall preside at all meetings and keep order and shall give advice to any member who may require it on any matter that concerns The Club. Also, he/she shall make or cause to make all necessary enquiries as to any irregularities that may exist and report the result of such enquiries as to any irregularities to the next RL Committee Meeting.

He/she shall enforce to the utmost of his ability a strict observance of the rules of The Club. He/she shall have free access to the accounts and books of the Treasurer and shall sign the minutes of all meetings passed by the RL Committee.

He/she shall put all motions, which shall have been duly proposed and seconded.

The decision of the majority of those present shall be deemed the decision of the whole body.

The Chairman may vote on any motion or amendment. In a case of equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

The Chairperson's role is to oversee the Management Committee's strategy and direction for the Club and to manage and conflicts of interest in accordance with the Club's Conflicts of Interest policy above.

RL Vice-Chairman

The Vice-Chairman shall assist the Chairman in the discharge of the duties of his office and shall perform the duties of the Chairman in his absence.

RL Treasurer

The Treasurer shall keep accounts and be responsible for all moneys handed to him/her in connection with the RL Club. He/she shall keep a cashbook in which shall be entered the receipts and disbursements of the RL Club. He/she shall after receiving instructions from the RL Committee discharge payment of all bills and obtain receipts for all moneys paid. He/she must pay in or withdraw from the bank in the name of the RL Club any amount which the RL Committee may from time to time determine and shall furnish a receipt at each RL Committee Meeting of the balance at the bank and in hand and produce all books, vouchers and papers in support thereof.

He/she shall have his books prepared for the Auditors at the time of auditing or any other time the Chairman or RL Committee deems it necessary. He/she shall also prepare a statement of accounts, which having been declared correct by the Auditors and by them signed shall be submitted to the AGM of the members or at such other meeting as shall be determined by the RL Committee.

The Treasurer will oversee the finances of the Club on behalf of the Management Committee and will report to the Management Committee at least six times per year on the Club's financial position and its performance against the agreed budget.

RL Secretary

The Secretary shall keep a correct register of the names and addresses of every RL member and maintain an accurate Volunteer Database of volunteers holding a recognised role within the Club. He/she shall also supply the Executive Committee with a copy of the name of every member for their guidance upon request. He/she shall also keep a Minute Book in which shall be recorded the transactions and resolutions of all meetings. He/she shall conduct all correspondence and supply the members with all the necessary information in accordance with these rules.

12) SUB-COMMITTEES

The Executive Committee may delegate any of their functions to sub-committees but must specify the scope of its activity and powers; the extent to which it can commit the funds of The Club; its membership; its duty to report back to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may wind up any sub-committee at any time or to change its mandate and operating terms.

Such sub-committees shall periodically report their proceedings to the Executive or RL Committee (as appropriate) and shall conduct their business in accordance with the direction of the Executive or RL Committee (as appropriate).

13) TIME IN OFFICE

All RL Officers and RL Committee members shall continue to retire annually at the AGM except for the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer who will hold their position for a minimum of two years and shall be eligible for re-election at the AGM. Chairman and Financial Manager shall hold office for a minimum of two years and shall be eligible for re-election at the AGM on even years, whereas the Vice-Chairman and Secretary shall hold office for a minimum of two years and shall be eligible for re-election at the AGM on odd years for the purposes of continuity.

Upon election to the Executive Committee, the Chairman and Financial Manager shall hold office for a minimum of two years and shall be eligible for re-election at the AGM on even years, whereas the Vice-Chairman and Secretary shall hold office for a minimum of two years and shall be eligible for re-election at the AGM on odd years for the purposes of continuity. When elected to the Executive Committee, that member cannot be voted off the RL Committee for the same period as that allowed on the Executive Committee, providing that member is not in breach of The Club rules and byelaws.

Should any member of the RL Committee fail to attend for three consecutive meetings without a satisfactory reason being given, the RL Committee shall have power to declare the position of such member vacant and elect any voting member of the RL Club to fill such position.

The RL Committee shall have the power to elect any member of the RL Club to fill any casual vacancy, which may arise by death or resignation or by reason of any official or member of the RL Committee ceasing during his term of office to be a member of the RL Club.

No member shall be entitled to hold any official position on the RL Committee until he or she shall have been a full member of the RL Club for at least one year.

For the office of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, or Secretary a person must be a member of the RL Club for three consecutive years before he or she can be nominated.

14) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of The Club shall be held annually, ideally in the month of June at such time and place as determined by the RL Committee and not more than 15 months after the last AGM.

At every AGM:

The appropriate Members will elect an Executive and RL Committee and officers of the RL Club to serve until as described under "Time in Office".

The Financial Manager will produce accounts of The Club for the latest financial year audited as the RL Committee shall decide.

The Members will appoint a suitable person to audit the accounts; and

The Members will discuss and vote on any resolution (whether about policy or to change the Rules) and deal with any other business put to the meeting.

28 days' notice shall be given in writing to all voting members.

Those eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting will be as follows: -

- **All Full Voting, Playing, Family/Junior members as set out in the section's headed MEMBERSHIP and MEMBERSHIP FEES.**

A list of The Club's current Committee and sub-committee members and officers will be posted in The Club 28 days before the AGM, which shall indicate who if any are due to stand for re-election, wishes not to be re-elected or any additional vacancies that have been made available.

Any proposals for alterations to rules must be submitted in writing to the Secretary 21 days prior to the AGM.

A list of proposed rule changes will be posted in The Club 14 days before the AGM.

Every candidate for membership of the Executive Committee shall be proposed and seconded by two members of the RL Committee. Such proposals duly signed by each candidate shall be sent to the secretary in writing not less than 14 days before the AGM.

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The name of every candidate, with the names of his or her proposer or seconder, shall be posted in The Club not less than 7 days before the AGM.

Only fully paid-up voting members shall be able to act as proposer or seconder.

At the AGM, the Business Shall Include: -

- Consideration of the Chairman's Annual Report.
- Consideration of the Treasurers Annual Report.
- Executive Committee in accordance with Time in Office.
- Election of RL Club Officers and Committee, in accordance with Time in Office.
- Statement for forthcoming year membership fees.
- Rule changes (having received 14 days' notice). To alter rules at the AGM, two-thirds majority is required from Executive Committee.

The quorum for AGMs will be a minimum of 5 voting members present at AGM.

Motions and/or changes will be voted in by a simple majority of those voting members present at AGM. In a case of equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote in the event of a tied vote.

The Club reserves the right to devise a system and consult the membership electronically and obtain a result by electronic, digital means if the Club so desires.

The Management Committee has the right to call Extraordinary General Meetings (EGMs) outside the AGM. Procedures for EGMs will be the same as for the AGM.

15) **AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**

This should be called upon the request in writing of two thirds of the members or the Chairman. Voting rights shall be the same as those described for Annual General Meeting voting rights.

The Secretary shall call an EGM within 14 days of a request to that effect on the written request of a majority vote of RL committee members signed by them. Such EGM shall be held on not less than 14 nor more than 21 days' notice at a place decided upon by the RL Committee or in default by the Chair.

16) **DISCIPLINE**

With no right of appeal, the Executive Committee may reprimand, suspend for such period as they think fit, or expel from membership any member wilfully disobeying any of these rules, or guilty of any conduct rendering such member unfit in their opinion to be a member of The Club. Provided that before expelling such member, the Executive Committee shall call upon him or her for an explanation of his or her conduct and shall hear what he or she may urge in his or her defence. A member expelled in accordance with this rule shall have no claim on the property of The Club and shall not be eligible for re-election as member during such period as the Executive Committee may decide.

In the event of a RL member coming before the RL Committee who relates to an issue that may possibly result in temporary or absolute expulsion from the RL Club, a Committee shall be formed from the RL Committee excluding three members who would form an appeals committee if required. Those members shall be randomly chosen depending upon the individual who is before the Committee and shall not sit on the original hearing panel. The result of the appeal shall overrule any original decision made by the RL Committee.

17) **GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

All RL members, whether full, playing, voting or a parent of a junior member, will note that if there should be any matters arising with which an individual member is dissatisfied then he/she must bring this to the attention of the RL Committee in writing via the Secretary which will be dealt with at a full RL Committee.

If disagreements shall relate to any matters affecting the RL Section, then this grievance should be put to the RL Committee. Any individual or organisation wishing to make a complaint against a Rugby League Coach or volunteer, should report the matter to the THC Main RL Committee in writing. See **Discipline**

Complaints, which refer to the protection of young people, should be dealt with in accordance with The Rugby Football League Safeguarding Policy.

18) **FINANCIAL YEAR**

The Financial year of The Club shall end on the 31st. day of October in each year to which day the accounts of The Club shall be balanced.

19) **AUDITORS**

The financial accounts of The Club to be audited each half year by a Chartered Accountant.

The Executive Committee shall appoint an Auditor or Auditors for the purposes of auditing all the accounts of The Club and its Sections. The person or persons appointed should be either a professional accountant or accountants or two members of The Club, not being members of the Executive Committee and they shall serve for one year. The accounts of The Club shall be audited not less than fourteen days before the AGM. For this purpose, the Auditor shall have access to all books, deeds, documents and accounts of The Club and its Sections and shall examine the general statement and accounts of receipts and expenditure, funds and effects of The Club and its Sections. They shall then sign the books and accounts as found by them to be correct, duly vouched and in accordance with law or they shall specially report to The Club in what respects they are found to be incorrect, un-vouched or not in accordance with law. A copy of the balance sheet or sheets covering the financial year of The Club with the report of the Auditor shall be posted in The Club at least two days before the AGM.

20) **TRUSTEES**

The number of Trustees shall not be fewer than 2 or more than 4.

The Trustees shall hold office until death, resignation, or removal from office by a resolution of Members.

There shall be vested in the Trustees all the property of The Club other than cash which will be under the control of the Executive Committee.

All the Trustees have read, understood and signed **THC Trustee Code of Conduct and Legal Duties**, copies held by Secretary

The Trustees may deal with the property so vested in them by way of sale, mortgage, charge, and lease or otherwise howsoever as directed by The Club. Such direction shall be given by a resolution of the Members of The Club passed by a majority of the Members present at a duly convened meeting of The Club and when so passed in favour of a purchaser, mortgagee, chargee, lessee, or grantee be binding upon all Members of The Club. A certificate purporting to be signed by the Executive Committee Secretary and two other members of the Executive Committee for the time being of The Club shall in favour of the said persons be conclusive evidence that a direction complying in all respects with the above provisions of this rule was duly given to the Trustees and where it has been agreed by the Executive Committee, such certificates shall be conclusive evidence that the document is binding on The Club and every member thereof.

21) INDEMNITY

The Trustees and members of the Executive and RL Committees shall not be liable (otherwise than as Members) for any loss suffered by as a result of the discharge of their respective duties on its behalf, except such loss as arises from their respective wilful default, and they shall be entitled to an indemnity out of the assets of The Club for all expenses and other liabilities incurred by them in the discharge of their respective duties.

22) INTERPRETATION

The Executive Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of these Rules, and for the interpretation of these rules and of the byelaws and regulations made thereon; and the decision of the Executive Committee upon any question of interpretation, or upon any matter affecting The Club and not provided for by these Rules or by the byelaws and regulations made thereon shall be final and binding.

23) AMENDMENTS

The Club Executive Committee, in consultation with the membership, shall have the power to amend the constitution when and if required, ensuring that the amendments uphold The Club's responsibilities to its members, funders and the community. This should be carried out at the AGM or EGM. Any alterations to these rules shall be notified in writing to the Chief Officer of Police and the Clerk to the Local Authority as required by the Licensing Act 1964.

These Rules may be amended at a general meeting by two-thirds of the votes cast but not (if relevant) to jeopardise The Club's status as a Community Amateur Sports Club as first provided for by the Finance Act 2002 and not in any event to alter its purposes or winding up provisions.

The Club Purposes may be changed to include another eligible sport if the Executive Committee unanimously agree, and the members also agreed the change by a 75% majority of votes cast.

The work of Thatto Heath Crusaders shall not be for the benefit of landfill site operators who may contribute to Thatto Heath Crusaders and claim credit under the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme. Nor shall it be for the benefit of contributing third parties, as defined in the landfill tax regulations.

24) OPENING HOURS AND SUPPLY OF INTOXICANTS

The Club shall be opened and closed at such hours as may from time to time be fixed by the Executive Committee and as posted in The Club.

The Executive Committee shall have the power to fix permitted hours for the supply of intoxicants in The Club and from time to time alter the hours so fixed, provided that The Club always complies with current Licensing Act, Orders made by the Licensing Justices for the District or the Superintendent of Police.

No arrangements shall be made by the Executive Committee for any person to receive at the expenses of The Club any payment or pecuniary benefits for, or with reference to, the purchase of intoxicating liquor for The Club.

25) WINDING UP THE CLUB

The members may vote to wind up The Club if not less than three quarters of those present and voting support that proposal at a properly convened general meeting.

The Executive Committee will then be responsible for the orderly winding up of The Club's affairs.

After settling all liabilities of The Club, the Executive Committee shall dispose of the net assets remaining to one or more of the following:

To another Club with similar sports purposes which is a registered charity and/or

To another Club with similar sports purposes, which is a registered CASC, and/or to the RL Club's governing body for use by them for related community sports.

In the event of Thatto Heath Crusaders disbanding any remaining Landfill Tax Credit Scheme money shall be transferred to any enrolled Environmental Body and not to an organisation of similar objects and status

26) HIRE OF PROPERTY

Any member as defined at section 6 of the constitution above shall be able to rent either the club facilities or barn without limitation, subject to paying the price as advertised for the provision of the same, subject to availability and the requested premises being available at the time requested. All requests should be made to the RL Committee as soon as possible prior to the hire.

Any non-member shall be able to exercise the same rights as above, provided that the income from the same will not cause the Club to exceed the relevant property and trading income for the said accounting period and endanger the Club's status as a CASC. Any request should again be made to the RL Committee as soon as possible.