

SCOTTISH HAWKING CLUB RULES (Revised October 1997)

NAME AND AIMS

1.

A -- The name of the club shall be the **Scottish Hawking Club**

B -- The aims of the club shall be :

To promote falconry and hawk keeping in Scotland and elsewhere.

To assist and educate those with little or no knowledge of falconry and hawk keeping.

To promote the highest code of conduct regarding the art and practice of falconry and raptor husbandry in general.

MEMBERS AND OFFICERS: MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES.

2.

A - (i) - The club shall consist of :- Full, Family, Supporter and Overseas members.

(ii)- FULL members are eligible to one vote and to all club benefits.

(iii) - FAMILY members are eligible for one person to be a Full member, and eligible for one vote only per family.

(iv) - SUPPORTER members are not eligible to vote but are eligible to club benefits, other than members discount.

(v) - OVERSEAS members can apply for any of the above three categories.

B- THE HONORARY PRESIDENT

The honorary president shall be elected from the membership of the club and shall hold office for life. The honorary president will be bound by the rules of the club.

C- THE COMMITTEE

(i) - The committee shall be elected from the full members and will hold office for three years and will then be eligible for re-election. These re-elections, as well as the election of new committee members will be held at the AGM.

(ii) - There will be a minimum of five committee members and a maximum of seven.

(iii)- The committee will include a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer who will hold office for one year and be eligible for re-election annually.

(iv) - The officers of the committee will be appointed, by the committee, at the first committee meeting after the AGM.

(v) - Any office bearer unable to perform their duties ceases to hold office and the committee may appoint another committee member to serve in their place until first committee meeting after the AGM.

(vi) - The committee can co-opt a full member onto the committee, for whatever reason they deem necessary, to serve until the next AGM.

(vii) - Committee meetings will be held at the discretion of the committee.

(viii) - The quorum for the committee meetings will be four.

MEMBERSHIP AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

3.

A - (i) NEW MEMBERS

Prospective members will complete the club application form and send it to the secretary. Their suitability for acceptance into the club will be discussed by at least 50% of the committee, the prospective member will be contacted by the secretary as soon as possible regarding the committees decision. The names of all new members shall be printed in the clubs magazine.

(ii) The committee need give no reason for refusing membership.

(iii) Every new member will pay the annual club subscription plus a joining fee on their acceptance to the club.

B -- SUBSCRIPTIONS

(i) The annual subscription will be the sum determined at the A.G.M.

(ii) Annual subscriptions for the following year will be paid on the first of September.

(iii) Members who do not pay subscriptions by 1st October will cease to be club members and will be required to re apply to join the club as new members.

MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS.

4.

A - VOTING

(i) A club member upon acceptance to the club in whatever membership category will not be eligible to vote at any club business meeting or postal ballots for one year.

(ii) Each eligible voting member including the chair shall be entitled to one vote. In the case of an equality of votes the chair shall have an extra casting vote.

(iii) Voting of all elections and on disciplinary matters will be by secret ballot.

(iv) Voting on any matter of unusual importance may, at the committee's discretion, be conducted by a postal vote involving all members eligible to vote.

B- SPECIAL MEETINGS

A special meeting of the club can be summoned by the committee or by any 20 full members. The request will be in the form of a written request to the secretary and will specify the object of such a meeting. The meeting will take place as soon as practicable following the membership notification. A members vote may only be cast if they are present at the meeting- with the exception of the rule 4 (iv)

DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

5.

A - COMPLAINTS

(i) Any complaints regarding the conduct of a member should be given in writing to the secretary explaining fully the nature of the complaint.

(ii) Any member bringing the club into disrepute or contravening the club rules will be suspended by the full committee. They will have their case discussed and dealt with by the full committee and may be expelled or reinstated upon terms as the full committee decided.

(iii) Any member who faces an accusation in a court of law of an offence committed connected with birds of prey or falconry shall report the matter to the secretary within 7 days of them being informed of the intention to prosecute.

B - SUSPENSION

Members suspended from the club will not attend any functions or meetings run under the auspices of the Scottish Hawking Club.

ALTERATIONS OF RULES

These rules may be altered or added to by a resolution passed at the AGM by 3/4 of the eligible voting members present providing due notice of such rule changes have been given in writing by the secretary 28 days prior to the meeting.