

Norfolk Poultry Club Constitution 2015

1. That the association be called "The Norfolk Poultry Club".
2. That the objectives of the club be:
 - a. To encourage and improve poultry breeding
 - b. To render every possible assistance to members in connection with breeding poultry
 - c. To arrange poultry classes at shows within East Anglia as required.
3. The officers will consist of a President, six Vice-presidents, Chair, Vice-chair, General Secretary, Show Secretary, Treasurer, Show Awards Manager, two Show Managers, two Show Assistants, Fundraiser and Fundraising Assistant, Auditor, Press Reporter, Catering Officer and Assistant. All officers will be eligible for re-election at the AGM.
4. The election of officers to take place at the AGM. If a position is not filled at the AGM committee have the power to co-opt a member into the role until the next AGM.
5. The committee will consist of the President, Chair, Vice-chair, General Secretary, Show Secretary, Treasurer, Show Managers and assistants, Fundraiser, plus any other elected members. Four to form a quorum, to include at least one of Chair, President or General Secretary.
6. The financial year to commence March 1st and terminate on February last.
7. Any person desirous of becoming a member of the club shall, on receipt by the secretary of his or her application, be deemed to be a member of the club, subject to confirmation at the next committee meeting.
8. The annual subscription shall not be less than the committee agree upon for that particular year. Any member elected to membership after 31 December in any one year shall not be required to pay a further subscription until April of the following year. Any member whose subscription is more than three months in arrears shall cease to be a member of the club.
9. Any member wishing to resign shall notify the secretary on or before 1 April otherwise he/she shall be called upon to pay their subscription for the next financial year.
10. A show shall be held at least once each year at which club prizes will be competed for. The committee are empowered to make all necessary arrangements and to grant any special prizes considered necessary.
11. The AGM of the club shall be held as the committee may determine and due notice being sent and published in the poultry press.

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12. The committee shall have power to expel any member found guilty of dishonourable practices or conduct detrimental to the interests of the club. For this action to take place there must be a two-thirds majority.
13. Members wishing to make suggestions or proposals as to the management of the club shall send the same in writing to the secretary, who shall bring the same before the next committee meeting.
14. Members unable to attend any meeting may empower another to vote for him or her, providing notice in writing of the proxy is given to the secretary in reasonable time.
15. Notice of any business to be brought before the AGM must be given to the secretary at least 14 days before the date of the AGM.
16. A quorum at a General Meeting shall consist of four members or their proxies.
17. The secretary shall have the power to call an emergency committee or General Meeting at any time, and must also call an Emergency General Meeting at any time if requested to do so by not less than four members.
18. Accounts to be audited annually, the auditor to be appointed at the AGM.
19. Members shall be bound by the rules of the club.
20. The committee, whose decision is final, shall deal with any question that arises and is not governed by these rules.
21. In the event of the club ceasing to function as a poultry club the remaining members, whatever the number, will have the power to appoint two trustees, which should include an accountant where possible, with instructions for the existing club assets to be deposited with the Poultry Club of Great Britain to be held for the use of any future Poultry Club that is set up within the local region.

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