MINEHEAD MERLINS GO-RIDE CLUB – CONSTITUTION

1. Name

The club will be called the Minehead Merlins Go-Ride Club.

1. Affiliations and partnerships

The club shall be affiliated to Minehead Cycling Club and to British Cycling as a Go-Ride club **(Go-Ride is British Cycling's development programme for young people)**, and to any other bodies as may be agreed by the Committee.

1. The Purpose of the Club

As a Go-Ride club, its purpose is to provide young riders, who live in Minehead and the surrounding area, with a fun and safe introduction to the world of cycle sport and other cycling activities, and provide a platform to improve bike-handling skills.

The club will:

* + - promote safe cycling
    - provide coaching through the services of British Cycling-accredited coaches
    - encourage all aspects of cycling and provide opportunities to develop skills across a wide range of activities including road cycling, mountain biking, cyclo-cross, track and BMX
    - encourage families of members to join in cycle activities
    - train members and volunteers in leadership
    - provide opportunities for instruction in cycle maintenance and first aid

1. Permitted means of advancing the purpose

The committee may:

* acquire and provide equipment, coaching, training facilities, club house, transport, medical and related facilities
* provide coaching, training, medical equipment, and related social and other facilities
* take out insurances for club, employees, contractors, cyclists, guests and third-parties
* raise funds by appeals and subscriptions
* open bank accounts
* apply for grants for special purposes or for reserves
* deposit or invest funds in any lawful manner
* employ and engage staff and others and provide services
* co-operate with/affiliate to bodies which regulate/organise the sport of cycling and cycling clubs
* do all other things reasonably necessary to advance the purposes

1. Membership

RiderMembership is open to all young people regardless of sex, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. Membership may however be limited in accordance with available coaches/facilities but only on a non-discriminatory basis.

Rider Members will be any such persons who have paid the current membership fee for the year.

Ordinary Members will include elected officers, approved Volunteers including coaches and other helpers, and a parent/guardian for each rider.

1. Club fees

The annual membership fee shall be reviewed at least once each year. The fee will be at a level so as not to pose a significant obstacle to people participating.

1. Discrimination and Inappropriate Behaviour

See Members’ Welcome Pack for details

1. Disciplinary Procedure

See Members’ Welcome Pack for details

1. Safeguarding

See Members’ Welcome Pack for details

1. Committee

The committee shall:

* Meet at least 6 times annually
* be responsible for the management of the Club, its funds, properties and affairs.
* have due regard for the law on disability and discrimination
* have at least 3 and not more than 9 members, of which at least one-third must be members of Minehead Cycling Club

The committee may co-opt members up to the next AGM.

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

1. Committee Meetings

* Other than simply as a parent of a Ride Member, if a committee member has a personal interest in a matter being discussed he/she must declare it, withdraw from 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.
* At least 3 committee members shall be present for the meeting to be valid.
* Meetings shall be held face to face.
* Decisions shall be by a simple majority of those voting.
* The Chair, or whoever else those present choose, shall chair meetings.
* The chair does not have a casting vote.

1. Delegation

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

1. AGM

The club will hold an AGM once in every calendar year and not more than 15 months after the last AGM.

Notice of the AGM will be given by the Club Secretary, with not less than 21 days clear notice to be given to all members.

The quorum for all general meetings is a minimum of 6 members present or 25% of the total membership, whichever shall be the least.

Each AGM will elect from the members and volunteers:

* Chairman/Co-ordinator
* Secretary/Club Contact
* Treasurer
* Membership Secretary
* Welfare Officer
* Volunteer Co-ordinator
* and such others as it considers necessary

The Treasurer will produce accounts of the club for the latest financial year, audited as the committee shall decide.

The committee will present a report on the club’s activities since the previous AGM.

The Ordinary members will appoint a suitable person to audit the accounts.

The Ordinary 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, whether by the committee or by any member. Motions submitted by a member are to be in writing to the Secretary, no less than 48 hours before the meeting.

1. EGM

An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) shall be called by the Secretary within 14 days of a request made from the committee, or on written request of not less than 6 Ordinary members and signed by them. Such EGM shall be with not less than 14 days’ notice, nor more than 21 days, at a place decided by the committee or, in default, by the Chair.

1. Amendments

These rules may be amended at any General Meeting (AGM/EGM) by two-thirds of the votes cast, provided notice of the proposed amendment is made in writing to the Club Secretary. Proposed amendments shall be circulated at least 7 days prior to the General Meeting.

1. Winding up the club

* The Ordinary 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 committee will then be responsible for the orderly winding up of the club’s affairs.
* After settling all liabilities of the Club, the 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 charity,
* To another club with similar sports purposes which is a registered CASC,
* To the club’s national governing body for use by them for related community sports

**Minehead Merlins Go-Ride Club Constitution adopted** **at a meeting held at**: Kildare Lodge Hotel, Townsend Road, Minehead

**On**: 1st October 2014

**Name**: Paul Butcher (Club Co-ordinator)

**Signed:**

**Witnessed by**: Richard Miles

**Signature**:

**Occupation**:

**Witness address:**

**Postcode:**