

NABHO

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BEACH HUT OWNERS

CONSTITUTION

1. The name of the Association shall be the National Association of Beach Hut Owners*
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2. The mission of the National Association of Beach Hut Owners is to provide a forum for councils which control the provision of facilities for beach hut ownership or rental, and owners, to discuss any issues, be they local and national, involving beach huts. Further, the Association will provide guidance and advice on all aspects of beach hut ownership, including such issues as, for example, insurance, legal problems and maintenance. And, finally, the Association will seek to suggest to such owners and tenants of beach huts as may be interested, ways to maximise the pleasures of beach hut ownership. The scale of the activities of the Association is of a complexity such that the executive committee of the association may, subject to the approval of the membership, contract out all or part of the management its activities, for example the production of its annual publication, the creation of databases and the negotiation concessions, fees for these contracted out services being met from subscription income.

3. Membership of the Association shall be open without restriction to any member of the public who owns or is interested in beach huts. Membership shall become effective on payment of the first year's annual subscription. (See 4.)

4. Each member shall pay a minimum annual subscription as shall from time to time be determined at a General Meeting of the Association. This subscription shall fall due on the 1st January. Subscriptions commencing during September, October, November and December will pay the full subscription rate but membership will extend to the 31st December the following year.

5. Any member whose subscription has not been paid within three months of the date on which it fell due shall cease to be a member of the Association. Upon payment of all arrears, any such member may be

reinstated at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

6. Persons who are under the age of 18 or who are full-time students, unwaged or over 65 may be admitted to membership of the Association on payment of such a reduced rate as the Association may determine.

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- a) The business of the Association shall be managed by an Executive Committee of five 'Honorary Officials' :President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Publicity Secretary, and five 'Ordinary Members'
 - b) At any meeting of the Committee, four in attendance shall form a quorum;
 - c) Any vacancy on the Committee - other than that of President - taking place between Annual General Meetings of the Association may be filled by the Committee electing another Member of the Association to complete the remaining term only and functions of the vacated position;
 - d) In the event of the office of President becoming vacant for any cause, the Vice President shall assume that office immediately. If this should be for a period of three months or more before the next Annual General Meeting of the Association, an Extra Ordinary General Meeting shall be called at not less than 14 days' notice to all Members of the Association to elect a Member as Vice President for the vacated remaining term of office.
 - e) If the office of President becomes vacant less than three months before the next Annual General Meeting of the Association, the office of Vice-President will remain vacant until the said Meeting.
 - f) Distinguished persons in the public domain may be invited by the Committee to become Patrons of the Association either in their own right or in their official capacity during their term of office (e.g. The Mayor of Aldeburgh).

8. A General Meeting of the Association shall take place in May of each year after not less than 14 days' notice to Members of the Association. At the Annual General Meeting Members shall make the following elections are required:

Honorary Officials of the Committee:

- a) Vice-President for a year from the date of the Meeting, or the period of time between that year's AGM and the following year's AGM. At the end of that year's Vice-Presidency, he or she will assume the position of President for the following two years,

after which he or she will, as immediate past-President, act as Vice-President for a further year(see 7d)).

b) 'Other' Honorary Officials for one year from the date of the Meeting or the period of time between that year's AGM and the following year's AGM: Hon. Secretary; Hon. Treasurer; Publicity Secretary;

c) Five 'Ordinary Committee Members' of whom two, by rotation, will not be eligible for re-election to the Committee at the following AGM unless nominated for and elected as an 'Honorary Official'.

d) Two Honorary Auditors.

These elections will be confirmed in a postal ballot of all Members. Nomination forms will be sent out in February to be returned by the end of that month. Nomination papers must contain the names and signatures of the proposer, seconder and nominee. Ballot papers will be sent out one month before the Annual General Meeting, to be returned one week before the Meeting.

9. The income or property of the Association shall be applied solely to the promotion of the objects in Paragraph 2 and no payment or transfer of any such income or property shall be made to or for the benefit of any member of the Association. Provided that nothing shall prohibit any payment in good faith by the Association of reasonable and proper remuneration of any member of the Association not being a member of the Committee for any services rendered to the Association, or to any of its Officers of out-of-pocket expenses.

10. If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Association, there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to nor distributed amongst the members of the Association, but shall be given or transferred to some other charitable institution having objectivess similar to those of the Association.

11. These rules shall not be altered nor added to except by Resolution at a General Meeting of which 14 days' notice shall be given to the members, and no alteration shall be made which would cause the Association to cease to be a charity at law.

12. Any member of the Association is entitled to demand and receive a copy of these rules.

Notes: "Association" taken in text is to be read as "The National Association of Beach Hut Owners."