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(Reviewed and revised May 2025)

1. MEMBERSHIP

a) (a) Membership checks to be carried out on a random basis to be determined by the Committee

b) Entry for the New Year's Eve celebration to be by ticket only. Tickets to be sold on the first day for members to purchase tickets for themselves their partner and their children. Any tickets remaining will be sold on the second day for members to purchase tickets for a maximum of 2 guests The number of tickets to be sold will not exceed 200

c) Employees will not be eligible for membership of the Club due to possible conflicts of interest. If they are members at the time of their employment their membership will be suspended until their employment ends.
During suspension of their membership employees will lose all their membership rights. But as a privilege will when off duty, be able to use the Club socially and sign in two guests. In the event of any misconduct by the employee or their guests the privilege can be withdrawn by the Committee without notice and with no right of appeal.

d) Temporary membership can be provided at the discretion of the Secretary to any person who is on the waiting list for full membership. e.g. residents in Horsecroft Rd, Kingsland Rd & for new players for snooker/darts league teams etc.

e) In considering applications for membership priority will be given to member's children.

2. STAFF

a) Boxmoor Social Club will ask for a reference from a previous employer or a character reference from a non-family member.

b) Staff working (including bar management staff) when the kitchen is open qualify for 50% off hot food. Committee/Officers not classed as staff

3. ADMISSION

a) The admission fee for guests to be £1 on all days accept on Saturday evenings when entertainment is shown the entrance fee from 7pm is £3

b) Members may be refused admission into the club if the Secretary/Committee believes member's health and safety will be put at risk due to overcrowding.

c) From time to time the Committee may decide to charge members and their partners an entrance fee to cover the cost of entertainment. Members will be given at least 14 days notice if this bye law is put into effect.

d) On occasion's member's guests may also have to pay an entrance fee higher than set out in section (a) above.

e) When the club is closed the Management Committee can allow the club to be used for private functions, such as birthday celebrations, wedding anniversaries or wakes. A fee may be charged for this service

4. ELECTIONS TO COMMITTEE

a) No proxy votes are allowed for election to the Committee.

b) Photographs of prospective candidates for Committee may be displayed during the election if requested by members.

c) During elections voting slips and ballot boxes will be available for votes to be cast at specific times, during the evening's and at lunchtimes and evenings at the weekend. The specific hours for voting to be agreed by the Secretary in discussion with the scrutineers.

d) Details of each Committee member's record of attendance at Committee meetings in the previous year will be made available to members voting at an election if requested by members.

5. CHILDREN

a) Members are responsible for keeping their children and any of their guest's children under control at all times. Children must not be allowed to run around the club, stand on seats or furniture or block stairways, entrances or exits. Members and guests do not need to sign in their children or grandchildren or other young relatives providing the children are under 18 years of age If a member wishes to bring a group or more than 4 children into the Club for e.g. a birthday party they should obtain the agreement of the Secretary or a member of the Committee.

b) Members children 14 to 17 year of age will be eligible to represent the club at snooker, darts etc. and enter club competitions.

c) Dominoes, Cards and Darts will not be handed out by the doorman to children under 14. Darts must not be played by children unless they are accompanied by an adult.

d) A common-sense approach must be used by the Committee or in the absence of the Committee the Bar Manager when allowing prams, unfolded pushchairs, buggies and similar children's conveyances in any area of the Club. They must not be allowed to obstruct the bar and exits etc. If the Club is busy or it is deemed to be a safety hazard, we will require the owners to remove such conveyances.

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e) When the music starts on Saturday evenings children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult on the dance floor

f) Children from 14 are not allowed at the bar to purchase soft drinks or sundries

6. SNOOKER

a) Children under 14 are not allowed in the snooker table area.

b) All snooker games other than tournaments and league matches to last a maximum of 45 minutes if someone else is waiting to play.

c) Members wishing to play snooker must unless a table is free, enter their names on the order of play sheets and take their turn..

d) Competitions should not be played on Friday/Saturday evenings.

e) Non-members must play with a member.

f) Names should not be entered on the order of play sheets unless the person is in the club.

g) To avoid damaging the tables, food rolls, crisps etc. must not be handled or consumed in the snooker table area.

h) During league games only one snooker table will be available to members.

i) The TV in the snooker area will not be switched on during the snooker teams League/Cup matches.

j) The snooker area on occasions will be made available for parties/christening celebrations etc. including catering. There will be a reservation charge for this facility. A notice will be posted in the snooker area when reservations have been made.

k) No under 18-year-olds to play on the league match table. (Snooker table located by the snooker room seating area).

7. DRINKING

a) No drinks to be consumed on the dance floor and no drinks to be taken outside

8. BIG SCREEN AND TV

a) When there are sports televised at the same time it will be advertised what will is on the large screen and what will be shown on the smaller screen

9. DRESS CODE

a) The following must not be worn in the club

- Swimwear
- Dirty clothing or footwear
- T Shirts with rude words or messages
- Sleeveless Shirts Vests or Singlets
- Tops must be worn at all times

10. OFF SALES

Off sales may be purchased during opening hours and during drinking up time, but only for consumption off the premises. The off sale of barrels of beer needs to be agreed by the Steward and Secretary.

11. ALCOHOL

a) Alcohol must not be served to or consumed by anyone under the age of 18. If bar staff have any doubts about the age of customers or people in the club drinking alcohol, they should speak to a member of the Committee who may ask the person or the person responsible for them to provide age identity. Failing that they may be asked to leave the club. Severe disciplinary action will be taken against any member responsible for persons under the age of 18 drinking alcohol.

12. RESERVATION OF SEATS

a) There must be no reservation of seats. No coats or other belongings must be left on seats pending the later arrival of other people.

13. ANNIVERSARIES

a) Golden Wedding Anniversaries if the Secretary's notified will be acknowledged and marked by the Committee.

14. RAFFLES AND LOTTERIES

a) Only tickets for raffles or lotteries organised or agreed by the Secretary or Committee can be sold on club premises.

15. COMMITTEE

a) Any committee member on duty for up to one hour can receive one free drink up to two hours or more can receive an additional drink (2 drinks max) which must be recorded in the 'give away' book held by the bar steward

b) Committee members receive free membership as a reward for giving up their time when serving on the Committee.

c) If the partners of Committee members are members of the club they will have their subscriptions reduced by 50%.

d) To serve on the committee for 10 years qualifies as a life member. The years do not have to be consecutive.

16. CASH BACK

a) Cash back limit £50 per transactions

17. CARD SCHOOLS

a) Anyone aged under 18 is not allowed to sit at or take part in adult card schools.

18. EXPENDITURE

a) Members must approve any proposals by the Committee to spend £30k or more on building improvements, repairs or furnishings.

b) If an emergency occurs the Officers can agree to spend up to £5k The details must be then communicated to all other Management Committee members as soon as possible.

19. AMUSEMENT/FRUIT MACHINES

a) No member, associate or guest may allow anyone under the age of 18 to play the amusement/fruit machines. Any breach of this bye law will have severe disciplinary consequences.

b) The counting of all gaming machines & Lotto machine takings must always be carried out by a minimum 2 Committee members. One of the Committee to be an officer of the club.

20. SENIOR CITIZENS

a) Members will be considered to be a senior citizen on reaching 65 years of age.

b) Members who joined the club from 2005 onwards will not receive any Senior Citizen membership fee reduction

c) Members will not be allowed to attend New Year's Eve events/Club trips etc. until 1 year's membership including probation ship has been completed.

21. BINGO/PLAY YOUR CARDS RIGHT

a) Children under 18 even if accompanied by their parents cannot play these games

b) The Bingo Snowball Jackpot prize money will not exceed £500. When the maximum amount is reached, the money taken each week until the Snowball is won will be equally shared.

c) 'Play Your Cards Right' will be played for a maximum of 20 calls. In the case of not being won the prize money will roll over to the following week. If event the prize money reaches £500 the game will be played out on that night until won.

22. SWEARING/BAD LANGUAGE

a) Swearing particularly if it is done loudly is unacceptable behaviour which could lead to disciplinary action.

23. CLUB CHAMPION DEFINITION

a) Committee members assigned to coordinate the results of the club games competitions must be familiar with the process used to determine the club champion.

24. SMOKING

a) Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the club or outside directly underneath the canopy. Any breach of this bye law will have severe disciplinary consequences.

b) E-Cigarettes that produce large plumes of vape are not allowed

25. KEYHOLDERS

a) At least 2 committee members must be assigned as key holders and the Secretary must inform the local Police and Fire Brigade of their names and addresses, which should be displayed in the club.

26. SOCIAL FUND

a) **Social Fund** - 10% (when feasible) to be removed from monies taken from Play Your Cards Right, Bingo & Raffles. With 50% of the proceeds going to the Building Fund
b) **Building Fund** - Meat Raffle (less expenses) 50/50 Draw (less expenses) 50% from Social Fund
c) **Charity Fund** - All proceeds from events run for Charities

All proceeds collected for the Xmas raffle are used for prizes, non is allocated to the other funds

27. DEATH OF A MEMBER

Contributions (usually £25) to a deceased member chosen charity will be considered if the Secretary is provided with the details.

29. HIRING THE SNOOKER AREA AND/OR OTHER CLUB AREAS

a) If a full member wishes to or the use of other general club areas for a special occasion, they must complete in advance, an application/agreement form available from the door person or behind the bar.

b) The form should then be passed (at least 7 calendar days before the planned event) to the Secretary or in their absence the President or Vice President, for approval. The cost of hiring the lounge area and/or other general club areas will be a matter for the Management Committee.

30. FOOD AND DRINK IN THE CLUB

a) Food is not allowed to be brought in and consumed in the club

b) Drink is not allowed to be brought in and consumed in the club.