

The Whitsters Club

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RULES GOVERNING THE CLUB

1. The Club

- 1.1. The Club will be called the Whitsters Club.
- 1.2. The object of the Club will be to provide an opportunity for members and invited guests to meet and lunch together.

2. Membership

- 2.1 Application for membership to be submitted in writing or by using the appropriate form, to the Honorary Secretary. The Committee will consider each application and provide Members with a list of all new members.
- 2.2 The Committee should endeavour to ascertain the reason for a Member submitting his/her resignation from membership of the Club. A list of members who have left the Club to be circulated to Members for information.
- 2.3 The Club will be open to those who are, or have been, Proprietors, Senior Executives or Managers of Companies and Organisations operating in the following industries:
Domestic, Contract, Healthcare, and Hotel Laundries
Dry Cleaning Units and Textile Rental Services.
Suppliers to above industries.

3. Committee

- 3.1 A Committee elected at the Annual General Meeting to consist of seven members will manage the affairs of the Club, any four members to form a quorum.
- 3.2 The Committee to hold office for one year and will elect one of the number to be the Convenor.
- 3.3 The Committee to elect an Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, each of whom shall hold office sine die.
- 3.4 The Committee will, on an annual basis, appoint two Independent Examiners, which appointment to be formally approved by Members at the Annual General Meeting.
- 3.5 The Committee shall have the right to expend a sum, not exceeding £150.00 in any financial year for charitable donations and gifts, which in their opinion, are considered appropriate and relate to Club Members or related charities
This sum shall be adjusted annually by the difference in the rate of the Retail Price Index (RPI), with the first amendment in accounting year 2014

4. Meetings

- 4.1 The Convenor to arrange suitable dates for luncheon and formal meetings and to advise Members accordingly.
- 4.2 The number of meetings per year to be decided by the Committee but should not be less than four. It is anticipated that all meetings will commence at 12.30 p.m. and finish by 3.00 p.m. Committee Meetings will normally commence at 11 a.m. on the same day/date as the Meeting of Members.
- 4.3 The Convenor to arrange for a Member to act as Chairman for luncheon meetings of the Club, except for the Annual General meeting which will be chaired by the

Convenor. The notice advising Members of details for the meeting should indicate who will chair the meeting. The Chairman for the day will ensure that the business of the Club is at all times conducted in a proper manner.

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- 4.4 The Annual General Meeting to take place in January or at the latest February each year. The AGM will allow Members to deal with, and approve as maybe necessary, all the formal business concerned with the Club's activities.
- 4.5 The Committee to advise members at the Annual General Meeting of the proposed dates for meetings due to take place during the following year. Members to receive at least one month's reminder of forthcoming meetings. They should also receive at the same time, a copy of the agenda and other documents appertaining to the meeting. All documents, including accounts etc., should be forwarded to Members at least seven days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

5. Subscriptions

- 5.1 The level of subscription(s) to be reviewed annually and approved by the Committee. Unless otherwise determined, the amount of subscription will apply for a year or any part of a year ending the 30th November. Any adjustment to the level of subscription to be advised to a full meeting of Members.
- 5.2 Membership of the Club will continue only where payment of subscriptions is made at a date not later than the 30th June in any one year.

6. General

- 6.1 Members are to be encouraged to invite guests to luncheon meetings and, indeed, to introduce new members. The Committee to decide as and when a charge for attendance at Luncheon meetings may be waived.
- 6.2 The Committee may wish to consider honorary membership of the Club. All such recommendations to be formally approved at a full meeting of Members.
- 6.3 The rules as laid down may be amended at an Annual General Meeting by a simple majority of those members present and voting, subject to fourteen days notice of such amendments being advised in writing to Members.
- 6.4 The Committee to explore every means at their disposal to recruit new members from the named industries and associated Companies.
- 6.5 In the event of a serious occurrence or event affecting the Club's good name, the Convenor, after investigating every aspect of the matter, may request that an Extraordinary General Meeting be called.

Whitsters Rules Amended
January 2010