

Constitution

Name

1. The name of the Association shall be Mid-Anglia Naturist Swimming Club. Where abbreviation is necessary the name MNSC should be used.

Objects

2. The object of the Association shall be to promote health and well-being by providing facilities for naturist sport and recreation to anybody who is eligible for membership.

3. The affairs of the Association shall be conducted as far as practicable as if it is a charity.

Membership

4. Any adult may apply for membership. Membership is not available to registered sex offenders. Anyone who has had membership or attendance of a naturist event, club or organisation revoked or refused may only join at the discretion of the Committee. Eligible persons become members by completing the membership application form, and paying the membership fee. The membership is not complete until identification requirements (if any) have been met. A junior membership scheme may be offered, but junior members can not vote or be Committee members. The membership fee and structure is determined by a General Meeting.

5. Membership may be terminated by:

(1) The resignation or death of the member or by implication i.e. lapsed membership payment.

(2) Membership may be suspended, and the membership card retained, at the discretion of any officer or the person nominated by the Committee to officiate at a swim. It must be reviewed at the next meeting of the Committee and the individual concerned has the right to be heard, accompanied by a friend if necessary, before a decision is made about permanent exclusion. If the exclusion is confirmed, then they will be added to the lists of people unwelcome at naturist events. Organisers of other naturist events and British Naturism may be informed at any stage in this process.

6. Members must comply with the code of conduct and safeguarding requirements.

Committee

7. The Committee is elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall comprise Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and up to four ordinary members. Additional non-voting members may be co-opted. They take office, and the previous Committee leaves office, at the end of the meeting. If a post becomes vacant for any reason then a replacement may be co-opted by the Committee.

8. The Chair has a casting vote at both Committee and general meetings in addition to his ordinary vote.

9. Committee meetings can be called by the Chair or any two members of the Committee, giving at least two weeks notice, or less if all Committee members consent. The quorum is two or one-third of the Committee members, whichever is greater.

Minutes and accounts

10. Minutes will be kept of all General and Committee meetings. As a minimum, the agenda and the result of all votes will be recorded.

11. The Committee shall ensure that adequate accounts are kept and a statement of account presented to the Annual General Meeting. The accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011, relevant to the income/expenditure level of the Association, shall be used as guidance.

12. The accounts shall be examined. The Examiner may be a member of the Association but not the Committee.

13. The minutes, accounts and Examiner's report shall be open to inspection by any club member. However, a copy redacted where essential to maintain confidentiality can be supplied.

Bank account(s)

14. Any bank account(s) in which any assets of the Association are deposited shall be operated by the Committee and shall be held in the name of the Association.

15. All cheques and orders for the payment of money from such account shall be signed by at least two designated account signatories, appointed and authorised by the Committee.

Annual and Special General Meetings

16. Special General Meetings will be called by the Committee at the request of one-third of the membership or ten members whichever is smaller, or at the discretion of the Committee.

17. Annual General Meetings will be called by the Committee at intervals not exceeding fifteen months.

18. Members shall be invited to submit motions at least five weeks before the Annual General Meeting. At least three weeks notice of the agenda, including motions, must be given to all members. Other business may be considered, and a vote taken, but the result is only advisory. Notice may be delivered by hand, by post, or electronically to the last recorded address.

19. The quorum shall be five members, or one-tenth of all the current members, whichever is more.

20. All adult members have voting rights. A simple majority of the members present and voting is required for ordinary resolutions to be carried.

21. A report will be provided to the Annual General Meeting by the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.

Affiliation

22. The Association shall be a member club of British Naturism. The Association will be dissolved if it ceases to qualify for membership.

Amending the Constitution

23. This Constitution can be amended by a resolution of a General Meeting that is carried by two-thirds majority of the members present and voting.

Dissolution

24. A General Meeting shall be called to consider dissolution of the Association. If the proposal is confirmed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting, then the Committee shall have power to realise any assets held by or on behalf of the Association. Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any proper debts and liabilities shall be distributed to British Naturism and/or club(s) affiliated to British Naturism.

25. If the Association ceases to function to the extent that the above procedure cannot be followed then all assets shall be given to British Naturism, or if that can not be done to some other good cause with similar objectives.

Adopted:

Signed and dated

Changes

The original name of the Association was Mildenhall Naturist Swimming Club but the change was agreed at the 2023 Annual General Meeting.

References to 'trustees' was removed as the club does not hold property and has no requirements for trust arrangements.