

INTERNAL RULES of the BLC  
as adopted at an EGM on 21 April 2010

These rules may only be altered by a properly constituted General Meeting of the Club. However they do not form part of the Club's statutes. This means that they can be altered by a GM at which 5% of the membership is represented.

1. *Financial*

- 1.1 The Club's financial year will run from 1 June each year to the following 31 May.
- 1.2 The annual subscription will be reduced to two-thirds for members who join the Club for the first time in the second half of the financial year. No such reduction will apply to previous members who rejoin at any time in the financial year following a year in which they have been a member.
- 1.3 Members will be informed via the newsletter when their subscriptions are due.
- 1.4 Each Area and each Activity within the Club will be allocated an annual budget to spend as they see fit. Such monies can only be claimed against receipts (except for phone calls, postage and petrol money). The rates for such allocations are given in the Area Reps Guide.
- 1.5 The Club will normally aim to have an operating reserve, at the end of any financial year, excluding the value of capital goods (such as computers), of around EUR 15,000. This reserve will act as a buffer against any unforeseen problems or emergencies.
- 1.6 At discretion of the committee, donations may be made to charity from Club funds, up to a maximum of 10% of the operating reserve at the end of the previous financial year. Members and/or the Committee may donate to charity such additional sums as are raised from events organised specifically for this purpose (e.g. tombolas, the car boot sale).
- 1.7 All Committee and other functions exercised within the remit of the Club are voluntary and will not be remunerated.

2. *Membership*

- 2.1 A Membership Directory listing members' names and contact details will be issued annually to all members who agree to have their details published.
- 2.2 If the Committee decides that a member should be excluded from the Club, the member concerned will not be eligible to attend any meetings of the Club from the moment that the Committee's intention is made known to her in writing until the final decision to exclude or re-admit her is taken by a General Meeting.
- 2.3 Any member who has been excluded from the Club may apply to rejoin in the following year. Any such application must be explicitly accepted or rejected by the Committee.

3. *Club meetings and activities*

- 3.1 Members will receive a monthly newsletter from the Club at the beginning of every month except August, setting out the events the Club is organising and other information of interest to members.
- 3.2 Only paid-up members of the Club and their partners and minor children may participate in free Club activities regularly and free of charge.
- 3.3 Partners of BLC members may attend free meetings free of charge, at the discretion of the organiser.
- 3.4 Guests (friends, visitors etc.) may attend a maximum of three free meetings free of charge without becoming members of the Club.
- 3.5 Partners and guests may be asked to pay an additional fee to attend any meetings and events for which members are charged.
- 3.6 There shall be no smoking at any meetings or events organised by the Club unless the event is specifically advertised in advance in the newsletter as one at which smoking will be permitted.

4. *The Committee*

- 4.1 The Committee will normally meet at least once a month, except in August, to conduct its business.

- 4.2 Committee members with young children may claim babysitting expenses for their attendance at Committee meetings.
  - 4.3 Retiring Committee members will be thanked with a small gift in recognition of their service on the committee.
  - 4.4 Committee members who leave the Committee will not be eligible for re-election until at least a year has elapsed.
  - 4.5 If the Committee decides that one of its members should be removed from office, that member will not be eligible to attend any Committee meetings from the moment of the vote to exclude her until the final decision to appoint or dismiss that member from the Committee is taken by a General Meeting.
5. *Miscellaneous*
- 5.1 If the British Ambassador to Luxembourg is a man, his partner will normally be invited to be the President of the Club. If the Ambassador is a woman, she will normally be invited to be President.
  - 5.2 Retiring Area Reps and group organisers will be thanked with a small gift at the discretion of the committee.

#### NEW LAW REGULATING ASBLs

A new law regulating asbls in Luxembourg is currently under discussion in parliament and among asbls. This law is unlikely to be passed until 2011 or 2012, and asbls have two years after it comes into effect to bring their statutes into line with its provisions. Most of its provisions are already incorporated in our proposed new statutes. However the following changes will have to be made (if the proposals go through as they stand). There may of course be other changes necessary if new proposals are included in the new law.

1. Clause 3.4 will no longer apply (i.e. the list of members will no longer have to be deposited at the Registre). However such a list must be available to any member of the public on request, and the simplest way of complying with this requirement may be to deposit a copy of the Directory with the Registre.
2. The second GM needed to change items of the statutes as described in Clause 7.11(b) may no longer take place immediately after the first meeting. At least two weeks' notice of such a second meeting must be given.
3. The Tribunal d'Arrondissement mentioned in Clause 7.11(d) will no longer have to approve changes to the statutes, and so this clause will no longer be needed.
4. A new requirement to make the accounts for the past financial year and the budget for the new financial year available to members on request at least two weeks before the AGM is proposed. If this goes through, a new clause to this effect will be required. The proposed changes in the financial regulations in the new law are quite contentious, and it will be necessary for the new Committee to read the final version carefully and ensure that the Club's statutes are in full compliance.