

RUSU Sport Clubs and Societies Constitution 2008/2009

1. Name

The name of the club shall be the Reading University Students' Union (RUSU) Roller Coaster Appreciation Society hereinafter referred to as Reading University RCAS.

RCAS shall operate in accordance with the Constitution of Reading University Students' Union.

2. Aims and Objectives

2.1 The aims and objectives of RCAS shall be

2.1.1 To provide members with discounts to theme parks and attractions

2.1.2 To organise events, mutually agreed to, by a majority vote from society members

2.1.3 To encourage members to meet new people with similar interests

2.2 In accordance with guidelines/codes of practise/procedures issued by the body stated in section 5 below and attached to this constitution as Appendix A.

3. Powers

For furtherance of these aims and objectives RCAS may

3.1 Raise money in order to pay for RCAS's activities.

3.2 Make such payments as shall be necessary.

3.3 Provide equipment.

3.4 Take such other action as may benefit RCAS.

4. Membership

4.1 Membership shall be in accordance with the RUSU Constitution.

4.2 All members on subscription shall have read this Constitution.

4.3 All members shall have read the attached Codes of Conduct (where appropriate).

5. Affiliation (Where applicable)

(Not Applicable)

6. Meetings

6.1 Minutes shall be kept of all meetings. These minutes are to be made available to any full member of RUSU on request.

6.2 Notice of all meetings shall be posted at least seven days prior to the meeting. Notices must include the date, time, and venue of the meeting and a list of items for the agenda.

Annual/Extraordinary General Meetings

6.3 The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of RCAS shall be held at a time designated by the incumbent committee each year at which the Annual Report and audited accounts for the preceding financial year shall be presented and agreed.

6.4 An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) may be called at any time at the request of the committee or 25% of the club membership.

6.5 The Secretary, or in their absence the Chair/President, shall send a note of the date, time and venue of each AGM and any EGM with a list of items to be discussed to all members at least two weeks before the scheduled date of the meeting.

6.6 Quorum for an AGM or EGM shall be at least 25% of the total membership. If fewer attend, a new date must be set.

7. Committee

7.1 Each Club/Society Committee shall consist of:

7.1.1 Chair/President

7.1.2 Secretary

7.1.3 Treasurer

7.1.4 Not less than four elected members

7.1.5 The club may also require a Safety Officer as outlined in the RUSU Clubs and Societies Bye Laws.

7.2 The Committee shall meet at least twice per term and is responsible for ensuring the compliance of the Society with its Aims and Objectives as outlined in section 2 above.

7.3 The Committee is responsible for overseeing the management and finance of the Society.

7.4 Officers and Committee members shall be elected for one year at the AGM.

7.5 Members may be co-opted on to the Committee at the discretion of the present Committee at any time during the year.

7.6 In the event of death or resignation of an elected officer the vacancy shall be filled by a member appointed by the Committee.

7.7 Officers, elected members and co-opted members shall have one vote each.

7.8 In the event of a tie, the Chair/President has the casting vote.

7.9 Quorum shall be at least 50% of the Committee plus one other, and must include two Officers.

7.10 Two Officers of the Society (or their deputies) shall attend meetings of the Society Convention.

7.11 Failure for the Society to be represented at two consecutive Conventions without an explanation will result in a fine and the status of the Society being reviewed.

8. Finance

8.1 The Treasurer must keep up to date accounts of all financial transactions made by the Society.

8.2 At each meeting the Treasurer (or their deputy) shall present a statement of the Society accounts to the Committee.

8.3 Acceptance of these accounts by the Committee shall be recorded in the minutes.

8.4 All cheques shall be issued by RUSU.

8.5 All accounts will be audited at the end of the financial year by an independent auditor appointed by RUSU. The Society accounts shall be presented to the Society AGM.

8.6 The funds of the Society shall only be used for the purpose of the Society and no payment shall be made to any members except as reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the Society.

8.7 The Society shall not incur debts or liabilities. The members of the Committee may be liable for any such debts or liabilities.

9. Dissolution

9.1 The Society shall be dissolved if:

9.1.1 The membership agrees by democratic vote

9.1.2 The Society has less than thirty members

9.1.3 The Society fails to arrange an AGM.

9.1.4 The Society fails to attend a Convention during the academic year.

9.2 Any funds or equipment remaining after all debts and liabilities have been met shall remain the property of RUSU.

10. Constitutional Changes

This Constitution may be altered only in circumstances whereby:

10.1 There is a two third majority at a quorate AGM

10.2 The alteration is approved by the appropriate RUSU Executive Officer

11. Committee Agreement

The incoming Committee must agree and sign the Constitution at the beginning of their year of office.

This Constitution was approved by the members of the RUSU *Roller Coaster Appreciation Society*.

Date: *Saturday, 24th May, 2008*

<u><i>Alexander Shelley</i></u>	President
<u><i>Hayley Brant</i></u>	Secretary
<u><i>Emma Redman</i></u>	Treasurer
<u><i>Rebecca Johnson</i></u>	Social Rep

Exchange of power from the previous committee was agreed and mutually overseen by *Jason Richards*, the previous committee President