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1. The name of the Association shall be the St. Mungo Group of the Riding for the Disabled Association (hereinafter referred to as "the Group").
2. (a) The Object of the Group is to further the objects of the Riding for the Disabled Association (hereinafter referred to as "the Association") that is to say the relief of disabled persons by the provision or assistance in the provision of facilities for riding so that all disabled persons who would benefit in their mental or physical health from riding shall be given the opportunity to do so.
  - (b) In furtherance of the above Object (but not otherwise without the agreement of the Group in general meeting) the Group shall have the following powers:-
    - (i) to provide facilities to the Medical Profession for research into the beneficial effects of riding for all types of disability on terms that the results of all such research shall be made public,
    - (ii) to enlist the co-operation and support of the British Horse Society, Ministries, Local Authorities and all other interested bodies,
    - (iii) to provide horse and pony riding for disabled persons subject to the consent of their medical advisers and so as to promote their social welfare and improve their conditions of life by training recreation and other forms of rehabilitation,
    - (iv) to raise funds for the Object of the Group; provided that the Group shall not engage in any permanent trading activities or provide facilities for any commercially run or profit making operations.
  - (c) The word riding wherever the same appears includes driving, meaning the use of horse or pony drawn vehicles.
3. Membership of the Group shall be open to all persons residing in or having connections with the Group Area and actively interested in furthering the Object of the Group.
4. The Group shall be administered by a Committee of Management constituted as hereinafter provided (hereinafter called "the Committee").

5. Such persons wishing to obtain membership of the Group shall become members by paying to the Honorary Treasurer of the Group such sum as the Committee may determine from time to time (having at all times due regard to the decisions of the Council of the Association in this regard). The annual subscription shall be due on the first day of January in each year and membership shall be renewed on that day. The Committee's decision on new members being admitted shall be final and binding. Members shall cease to be members of the Group if they fail to renew their membership or alternatively, they act in such manner as the Committee by the votes of two-thirds of those members of the Committee present and voting considers to justify their disqualification.
6. The Chairman, the Vice-Chairman the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer of the Group shall be elected by the Annual General Meeting of the Group. The Committee shall have power to appoint such officers for the period until the next Annual General Meeting of the Group if a casual vacancy occurs. These officers shall hold office for a period of one year from their election or re-election.
7. The Committee shall consist of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer of the Group together with such persons not exceeding fifteen in number as the Annual General Meeting of the Group may appoint each year for a period of one year from their election or re-election as the case may be. The Committee shall have power to co-opt such additional persons as it thinks fit. The Committee shall have power to delegate any of its powers, privileges and others to a Sub-committee of its members which may be formed for special purposes or projects as the Committee may from time to time determine.
8. There shall also be appointed an Honorary Medical Adviser and Honorary Legal Adviser to the Committee for such time as the Annual General Meeting of the Group thinks fit.
9. Meetings of the Committee shall be summoned by the Honorary Secretary of the Group by notice not necessarily in writing given at least seven days previously. A quorum will comprise of at least five members of the Committee with at least two out of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer being in attendance. Minutes will be taken of each meeting and approved at the commencement of the next following meeting if practicable. The Chairman shall initial the Minutes approved and once initialled the Minutes will be deemed to be an accurate record of the events at said meeting.
10. The Chairman of the Group shall act as Chairman of the Committee or shall appoint a deputy to preside. The business of the Committee shall be conducted in such a way and in such manner having regard at all times to the decisions and directives of the Council of the Association.

11. Members of the Committee shall vacate such office if they cease either to reside in or have connections with the Group Area or they fail to attend three successive meetings of the Committee without showing to the Committee such reasons as the Committee shall accept as good or if they act in such manner as the Committee by the votes of two-thirds of those members of the Committee present and voting considers to justify their disqualification.
12. The Annual General Meeting of the Group shall be held in the month of September in each year and every member shall receive not less than 28 days written notice of such meeting. Special meetings may be convened by the Honorary Secretary upon a request by the Committee or by ten members of the Group upon a notice to members of not less than 28 days which shall state the business to be considered at the meeting. Said request for a special meeting must be in writing and addressed to the Honorary Secretary and must specify the business to be considered at the meeting, and the Honorary Secretary must send out the notices calling the special meeting within 28 days of receipt of said written request.
13. The Chairman of the Group shall preside at the Annual General Meeting of the Group or shall appoint a deputy to preside.
14. All the members present at the Annual General Meeting shall have one vote. In the case of equality of votes the Chairman of the Group or his deputy acting as Chairman of the Annual General Meeting shall have a second or casting vote. No proxy vote will be allowed to members whatsoever.
15. The Committee and the Annual General Meeting shall approve the accounts of the Group and of the Committee which shall then be submitted to the Council of the Association once in every year within 3 months of the Annual General Meeting.
16. All money collected for the Group shall be handed over to the Honorary Treasurer who shall pay the same into the bank accounts of the Group. Cheques shall be signed by two members of the Committee duly authorised to do so. No more than three members of the Committee shall have such authority at any one time.
17. It shall be the duty of the Honorary Treasurer to keep proper accounts of all sums received and paid by the Group, and to submit such accounts to the Committee, the Annual General Meeting and the Council of the Association as aforesaid.
18. The Honorary Treasurer shall have power to invest and administer in the name of the Group or in name of the Official Custodian for Charities in trust for the Association any funds or monies not required for the immediate purposes of the Group in securities or property in which trust money may by law be invested with power from time to time to vary such investments.
19. Any heritable or leasehold property purchased or otherwise acquired by the Group shall be vested in the name of Trustees to hold said property in trust for the Group.

20. No member of the Group shall receive payment either directly or indirectly for services of the Group; provided that nothing herein will prevent the payment in good faith of reasonable and proper remuneration to any officer or servant of the Group or to any member thereof, in return for services actually rendered to the Group, or reimbursement of expenses incurred, or the payment of interest upon money lent or reasonable rent for premises let or otherwise in the discretion of the Committee as they shall determine.
21. This Constitution and rules other than those contained in this Clause in Clause 2. or 22. hereof may be altered as provided by Clause 28. of the Constitution of the Association, but that only with the consent of the Group.
22. If the Committee at any time shall decide by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting that the Group should be dissolved the Honorary Secretary shall call an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Group of which not less than 21 days' notice in writing shall be given to each member and to the Honorary Secretary of the Association specifying the terms of any resolution to be proposed thereat. If at such special meeting of the Group it is decided by a simple majority of those present and voting that the Group shall be dissolved any assets remaining after the satisfaction of all proper debts or liabilities shall be paid to the Honorary Treasurer of the Association to be held by the Association for its charitable objects.