

# *The Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars Association*

## Purposes & Rules

### 1. DEFINITION

In these rules the term Oxfordshire Yeomanry (OY) refers to any unit of the British Army, past, present or future, incorporating in its title the name Oxfordshire Yeomanry, Oxford Yeomanry or Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars, whether as a full title or as a sobriquet, together with their predecessors and successors.

### 2. PURPOSES

To promote the interests and reputation of any unit or subunit bearing the OY title.

By working with the Oxfordshire Yeomanry Trust (OYT), to assist in providing for the welfare of serving and past members of units bearing the OY title.

To foster and maintain regimental spirit and traditions among members by promoting interest in regimental history and by organising social events.

### 3. FORMATION

The Association is the successor to the Oxfordshire Yeomanry Old Comrades Association and includes in its membership all serving units bearing the OY title from the time they become recognised as 'trained soldiers'.

### 4. MEMBERSHIP

There shall be three classes of membership:

- a. Full membership
- b. Honorary Membership
- c. Associate Membership

**Full Membership** is open to individual persons who are serving or have served in an OY unit as defined above, as Officers or soldiers and who have declared their wish by the submission of a proposal and the membership fee.

**Honorary Membership** is by invitation from the management committee (or a sub-committee delegated for the purpose) on the grounds of particular or special service or contribution to the OY. The invitations will be accepted by the agreement and willingness of the invitee. For this purpose, a Full Member will be granted Honorary Membership on the attainment of 100 years of age.

**Associate Membership** is open to persons having no automatic line of acceptance, i.e. no previous service in any unit bearing the OY title. This includes, though is not restricted to, family members of past or present Full and Honorary Members, persons with a familial or historical interest in the OY and those whose personal or professional connection with the OY may justify such membership. Associate Members must be proposed and seconded by a Full or Honorary Member. Proposals for Associate Membership are to be approved by the management committee of Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars Association (or sub-committee delegated for the purpose).

### 5. VOTING

All members shall be entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting and any Extraordinary General Meeting except that Associate Members are not entitled to vote on proposals to amend the Purposes and Rules. There shall be no proxy voting. In the event of a tied vote the person chairing the meeting shall be entitled to a casting vote.

### 6. MEMBERSHIP FEES

The management committee shall propose fees for the following year at each Annual General Meeting. There may be different fees payable for different classes of membership except that Honorary Membership shall always be free of charge and serving members are also free until they cease to serve, when they may re-join as fee-paying Full Members.

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### **7. MANAGEMENT**

The affairs of the Association will be administered by a management committee of members numbering not more than eleven and not less than seven and they will include: -

- a. *Ex officio* the Chairman for the time-being of the Oxfordshire Yeomanry Trust.
- b. One other Trustee of, and nominated by, the OYT.
- c. *Ex officio* the serving CO or OC, and one senior NCO and one junior NCO or soldier nominated by the OC of the current OY unit.
- d. Not less than three members of the Association who are not currently serving soldiers.
- e. *Ex officio* the Editor of *The Oxfordshire Hussar* newsletter.

The Committee may appoint a President, an Honorary Secretary, and/or an Honorary Treasurer who need not be members of the Association and who will not vote.

A quorum for management committee meetings will be not less than five.

Committee members, other than *ex officio* or appointed members, will serve for two years and 50% will be subject to election or re-election by an Annual General Meeting (AGM) annually to ensure continuity.

The Committee will meet not less than twice a year.

### **8. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

To be held each year at the Annual Dinner/Luncheon.

### **9. ACCOUNTS**

The Committee will maintain accounts that will be audited by an independent examiner and will be subject to approval by the AGM. These may be run in conjunction with the account of the Oxfordshire Yeomanry Trust and be held in a single bank account.

### **10. WINDING-UP**

Should the Association outlive its purpose or should the active membership become less than fifteen, then the Association will be wound up. Any assets existing at the time to be passed to the OYT or, in their absence, to the Yeomanry Benevolent Fund. The decision to Wind-up to be taken at an AGM.

### **11. FINANCIAL YEAR**

The financial year shall end on 31st March.