

RULES OF STEYNING ARTS (a society)

1. NAME

The society shall be called STEYNING ARTS

2. OBJECTS

The objects of the society shall be to foster arts and crafts in the Steyning and surrounding areas for the benefit and education of artists and crafts people and the community. Steyning Arts is a secular and non political organisation.

3. STATUS OF RULES

These objects form a binding agreement between the members of the Society.

4. POWERS

In furtherance of the objects the Management Committee may exercise such reasonable powers as will further the objects of the Society.

5. SOCIETY YEAR

The Society's year for the purposes of membership shall be 1st January to 31st December.

6. MEMBERSHIP

- a) The members of the Society from time to time shall be those members whose names are listed in the membership register.
- b) Membership shall be open to anyone who has an interest in assisting the society to achieve its objects and is willing to adhere to the rules of the society.
- c) Where it is considered membership would be detrimental to the aims and activities of the society, the Committee may refuse membership, or may by resolution terminate or suspend the membership of any member. Members shall have the right to appeal against termination or suspension via an independent adjudicator determined by mutual agreement.
- d) The Society will not discriminate in its admission of members on the grounds of gender, race, colour, ethnic or national origin, sexuality, disability, religious or political belief, marital status or age.
- e) An annual subscription as determined from time to time by the Committee shall be payable on a successful application for membership and annually by each member. Subscriptions shall not be repayable.

7. THE COMMITTEE

- a) The society shall be administered by a committee of not less than three (3) people, who must be at least 18 years of age.
- b) The Committee shall consist of the following Officers or such of them as shall have been appointed: Chair Person, Vice Chair Person, Treasurer, Secretary and such further members as are elected at the Annual General Meeting of members.
- c) Each Officer and Committee Member shall hold office from the date of appointment until the next Annual General Meeting (“AGM”) unless otherwise resolved at an Extraordinary General Meeting (“EGM”) and may stand for re-election. The Committee shall be responsible for the management of all the affairs of the Society.
- d) All meetings shall be chaired by the Chair person or such other person elected by the Committee. All meetings must be minuted and decisions of the Committee shall be made by a simple majority of those attending the Committee meeting. The Chair Person shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie. The quorum for the transaction of business of the Committee shall be three.
- e) Any member of the Committee may call a meeting of the Committee by giving not less than seven days notice to all members of the Committee.

8. ANNUAL AND EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS.

- a) An AGM shall be held annually (not more than 15 months apart) to receive a report of the Society’s activities for the year, a financial report for the year, to elect Committee Members and to consider any other business.
- b) An EGM may be called at any time by the Committee or by a member on 21 days of notice to the Secretary stating the reason therefor.
- c) The quorum for a General Meeting shall be three.
- d) The Chair Person or such other person agreed by the Committee shall take the chair. Each member attending shall have one vote and resolutions may be passed by simple majority. The Chair Person of the meeting shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie. The meeting shall be minuted.

9. FINANCES

- a) The Committee shall approve Financial Rules to govern the finances of the Society.
- b) A bank account shall be opened and maintained in the name of the Society.
- c) The Committee shall approve the members who will have access to the bank accounts.
- d) The Society’s property shall be applied only in furtherance of the objects of the Society.

- e) The Committee shall have the power to authorise the payment of remuneration and expenses to any member of the Society.

10. DISSOLUTION

The Group may be dissolved if deemed necessary by the members in a majority vote at an EGM. Any assets or remaining funds after debts have been paid shall be transferred to local charities or similar groups at the discretion of the Committee.

11. AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES

Amendments to the Rules may only be made at the AGM or an EGM. Any proposal to amend the Rules must be given to the Secretary in writing. The proposal must then be circulated with the notice of meeting. Any proposal to amend the Rules will require a two thirds majority of those present and entitled to vote.

These Rules were adopted at an AGM held at :
The Steyning Centre on 29th January 2015

by:

Signed: Chairperson : J Corballis

Signed: Treasurer : F Bull

Signed: Secretary : E Harden

Signed: Member : K Lawrie

Signed: Member : S Duffield