

THE ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS PHILATELIC SOCIETY NEW CONSTITUTION

1. The Society shall be known “THE ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS PHILATELIC SOCIETY”.

2. The objects of the Society shall be the study and promotion of all aspects of philately.

MANAGEMENT

3. (a) The affairs and business of the Society shall be conducted by the Committee.

(b) The Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Packet Secretary, Programme Secretary and Editor.

(c) The Committee may transact its business in any way it sees fit, but shall hold at least one Committee meeting per annum, at which at least three of the Committee shall be required to form a quorum.

(d) The Committee may appoint a member to fill any vacant position should it be necessary.

GENERAL MEETINGS

4. The Annual General Meeting, of which members shall be given at least 14 days' notice, shall be held within two months of the year-end each year, for the purposes of:

(i) Electing the Officers and Committee members for the ensuing year;

(ii) Receiving the Accounts for the previous year;

(iii) Receiving such other reports and statements as may be specified in the Notice of meeting;

(iv) Conducting such other business as is specified in the Notice of Meeting; and

(v) Ratifying the subscriptions for membership for the forthcoming year.

Only members attending may vote at General Meetings, and the President (or in his/her absence the Chairman of the meeting) shall have a second or casting vote in the event of a tie.

For the purposes of these Rules, the issue of the Society's Programme for the following year shall be suitable Notice of the A.G.M. providing it is sent to members at least 14 days prior to the A.G.M.

The Committee may call an Extraordinary General Meeting at any time by giving 21 days' notice. Members who wish to call for an E.G.M. must give at least 21 days' notice which notice shall be signed by at least 10 members. An E.G.M. shall have the power, with a two thirds majority, to alter the Constitution.

FINANCE

5. The Society's financial year shall be from 1st October to the 30th September immediately following.

6. The Treasurer shall keep account of all monies due to and paid by the Society during each financial year and recommend any changes in the level of subscription.

7. The Committee shall appoint an Examiner of Accounts whose duties shall be to

examine and confirm the Annual Accounts to the Society.

8. The Treasurer shall render to the Society an account of all monies received and expended by or on behalf of the Society during each successive financial year and such account shall be circulated stating that they have been formally examined.

9. The Treasurer shall open such bank accounts as he/she thinks fit and the Committee shall agree that choice and provide the necessary resolutions in support thereof. The Treasurer and President shall be sole signatories on the account to a maximum amount of £250 above which two signatories are required.

10. The Treasurer shall, if required, open a "packet account". The sole signatories to which shall be the Treasurer and the Packet Secretary to a maximum of £250 above which both must sign.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

11. (a) The Annual Subscription shall be fixed by the members at the Annual General Meeting and shall be due and payable on the 1st January each year. Membership may be deemed to have lapsed if the member is more than six months in arrears.

(b) Any subscription not received by 28th February shall be subject to an additional surcharge as agreed by the Committee from time to time.

(c) All new members joining after 30th June shall pay the full annual subscription but shall not be required to pay a subscription for their second year of membership.

MEMBERSHIP

12.(a) Membership shall be open to both amateur and professional collectors.

(b) Applicants for membership shall complete the appropriate application form and be proposed by an existing member, or introduced by an officer of another affiliated Society and the Committee shall have the power to confirm or reject such membership.

(c) Members shall abide by the Rules of the Society.

(d) Members violating the Rules of the Society, or whose conduct is considered prejudicial to the interests of the Society, shall be liable, on a majority vote of the Committee, to be suspended, or to be asked to resign their membership, or to have their membership terminated. Any appeal against this decision shall be heard at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society.

13. Honorary Life membership, for services to the Society, may be recommended by the Committee subject to confirmation by the members at the following Annual General Meeting.

14. Meetings of the Society shall be held on such dates and at such venues as the Committee may decide.

15. The Committee shall have the power to deal with any matter not covered by these Rules, and its decision can only be challenged at a General Meeting.

DISSOLUTION

16. The Society shall be wound up if a resolution to that effect is passed by a majority of two thirds of the members attending and voting at a Special General Meeting

called for that purpose. 28 days notice of such meeting shall be given to all members.

17. A Special Committee comprising the President, any Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and two elected members shall be appointed by the Meeting to:

(a) Sell any non-cash assets;

(b) Hold the cash assets of the Society for a period of up to 2 years to assess whether a similar successor Society shall be formed in which case the Committee shall be authorised to distribute the cash assets to that Society; failing which

(c) The Committee shall distribute all cash assets of the Society to any other U.K. Society which has objectives broadly similar to the Society's objectives.

(d) In no event shall any of the Society's assets be distributed to members of the Society.

Following such distribution the Committee shall call a Final Meeting of members at which the Treasurer shall present a statement of the funds raised and distributed by the Special Committee.

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