

The Rococo Players

Constitution

1. The name of the society shall be The Rococo Players (hereafter referred to as 'the society')
2. The objectives of the society shall be to present drama to the highest possible standard to our audience and encourage members to develop their theatre skills to the best of their abilities.
3. The society shall be an equal opportunities organisation in all respects.
4. The administration shall be invested in a Management Committee (hereafter referred to as 'the committee'), which shall consist of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, and, in addition, not more than 4 (four) other ordinary members.
5. The term 'officers' shall apply to the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected at Annual General Meetings (AGMs). Where circumstances dictate, up to two of these roles may be combined.
6. Terms of office for officers and committee members are:
 - a. The officers of the society (Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer) shall be elected or re-elected at the AGM.
 - b. Other society members may be elected or co-opted onto the committee to support particular activities of the society as required on a temporary basis (e.g. to support additional work required for productions).
 - c. If any committee member resigns during their term of office the committee shall be authorised to co-opt other members to fill such vacancy until the next AGM when normal elections can take place in accordance with the constitution.
7. An AGM shall be held in the month of January or February each year. At least 10 days' notice thereof shall be given to each member.
8. Policy shall be determined at the AGM at which amendments of the constitution shall be approved. Such amendments are to be submitted in writing 7 days before the date of the AGM by the proposer and seconder.
9. General membership shall be open to and include all those who regularly support and attend or patronise performances and general meetings. No membership fee shall be payable by the general membership.
10. Production fees shall be levied to cast members to cover rehearsal costs and contribution to scripts and costumes. Such fees shall be decided for each production by the committee, and communicated in advance to potential cast members.
11. Members shall, on request, be supplied with a copy of the society's current constitution.

12. The committee may, at any time, for any special purpose, call a Special General Meeting (SGM). This may be upon receipt of a written request from at least 10 members, stating the purpose for which the meeting is required. At least 7 days notice of an SGM shall be given to the general membership.
13. All voting at an AGM or SGM shall be by show of hands unless a ballot is demanded by not less than one fifth of those present.
14. The quorum at all general meetings shall be 10 (ten). The quorum at committee meetings shall be 3 (three) committee members.
15. Should a member act in a manner prejudicial to the society the committee may decide to exclude them from further involvement with the society and remove them from all contact lists. The member shall have the right of an appeal to a general meeting.
16. In order for the society to be dissolved:
 - a. A majority of the committee must agree to propose to the membership that the society be dissolved.
 - b. An SGM should be held not less than 14 days after a general communication to that effect has been sent to all members.
 - c. The proposed dissolution shall be discussed at the SGM and a vote taken by those present. In order for dissolution to proceed, a vote to do so must be passed by a majority of at least two thirds of the members present.
 - d. In the event of dissolution, and once all the society's liabilities are settled, the balance of any funds and equipment remaining shall be donated to suitable local charities or other amateur drama groups as decided by the committee, but with any suggestions from members being welcomed and considered. A closing statement detailing this shall then be sent to membership.

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