

SURREY ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS

RULES AND CONSTITUTION

1. TITLE

The organisation shall be called: **THE SURREY ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS.**

2. OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 To foster a greater awareness of the woodturners craft.
- 2.2 To promote woodturning amongst woodturners and the general public.
- 2.3 To provide a forum for communication, exchange of views and information relevant to woodturning.
- 2.4 To provide a members' Newsletter at regular intervals.
- 2.5 Encourage improvement in quality of members work through competitions, critiques and commentaries and learning opportunities.
- 2.6 Encourage members to use wood from sustainable sources.
- 2.7 To encourage young people to take up woodturning.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 The Association shall consist of Members of the following categories:
 - 3.1.1 **Full.** Adult Members over 18 years of age.
 - 3.1.2 **Young people under the age of 18 years** (at the time of application for membership or when subscription renewal is due) and in full time education may be members with the written consent of a parent or guardian and will pay a subscription at the rate of half of the adult subscription.
- 3.2 Application for membership of S.A.W. shall be open to all those with an interest in woodturning.
- 3.3 Members of S.A.W. shall not use the name of S.A.W. for any trade or promotion purposes.
- 3.4 After making application to join and having paid the first subscription of the Association, the Committee shall send to the Member a copy of The Rules and Constitution of S.A.W.
- 3.5 Every Member shall inform the Committee in writing of any change of address (postal or E-mail) and or telephone number and all notices posted to such address shall be considered as being duly served.
- 3.6 Membership of the Association confers the following privileges on Members:
 - 3.6.1 Participation in the monthly meetings of the Association, take part in any raffle, make purchases from the club shop and enter into any other activities taking place during the evening.
 - 3.6.2 Freedom to take part in any social activities, bus trips or seminars organised by the Association after payment of any fees due.
 - 3.6.3 Participation in competitions, exhibitions and outside events.
 - 3.6.4 Voting at Annual General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings (Full Members only).
- 3.7 Members shall conduct themselves in a safe and responsible manner during all S.A.W. events which they take part.

4. MANAGEMENT

- 4.1 The Management of the Association shall be in the hands of the Committee who shall have responsibility for the purchase and disposal of its assets, the general conduct of the Association, the finances of the association and the transactions of any business relating to the Association.

5. OFFICERS

- 5.1 The Officers of the Association shall be:
 - 5.1.1 President
 - 5.1.2 Vice President
 - 5.1.3 Chair
 - 5.1.4 Secretary
 - 5.1.5 Treasurer
- 5.2 The Association President shall be a Life Member.
- 5.3 The retiring Chair shall become Vice President for a maximum period of three years.

- 5.4 The Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting to serve for one year save the President (Life Member), Vice President and Chair who shall both serve for a maximum of three consecutive years but may serve again one year or more after retirement. Nominations for candidates for the officers duly proposed and seconded by individual Members and countersigned by the candidate consenting to serve if elected, shall be sent to the Chair not less than 28 days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting. A list of nominees within each Office shall be available to the Members at the Annual General Meeting.

6. THE COMMITTEE

- 6.1 The Committee shall be constituted as follows:
- 6.1.1 The Officers of the Association.
- 6.1.2 A maximum of eight elected Members who serve for one year. Retiring Committee Members who are willing to serve may stand for re-election.
- 6.2 Nominations in respect of each candidate for membership of the Committee duly proposed and seconded by individual Members and countersigned by the candidate consenting to serve if elected shall be sent to the Chair not later than 28 days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting. A list of the nominees shall be available to the Members at the Annual General Meeting.
- 6.3 Vacancies on the Committee shall be filled by ballot at the Annual General Meeting from the list of Nominees. Should there be more vacancies than nominees the Committee shall fill the remaining vacancies from Members eligible to serve on the Committee. Vacancies occurring during the year shall be filled by the Committee from Members eligible to serve and a Member so appointed shall retain office until the next Annual General Meeting when he or she shall be eligible for re-election.
- 6.4 The Chair or their nominee shall be chair of the Committee. The Chair shall have a casting vote in the event of a drawn vote.
- 6.5 The Committee shall be empowered to appoint sub-committees and co-opt Members as may be required from time to time for any special purpose or purposes.
- 6.6 The Committee shall meet at intervals determined by the business of the Association and a quorum shall be more than half of the current Committee (all serving Officers plus all serving Committee Members) on the day the meeting is held of whom at least two shall be Officers of the Association. Any committee meeting which is not quorate may not transact any business.

7. SUBSCRIPTIONS

- 7.1 The appropriate subscription for each category of membership shall be determined by the Committee and confirmed at the Annual General Meeting. After such confirmation a notice will be placed in the next Newsletter showing the rate for the year.
- 7.2 Subscriptions shall be payable in advance and will be renewable at the close of the Annual General Meeting without demand, the year end for membership shall be on 31st January of each year. A Member having paid his or her subscription shall be deemed to have committed themselves to the Rules of the Association.
- 7.3 Any Member whose subscription is unpaid by 31st March shall cease to exercise any of the privileges of membership.
- 7.4 Any Member, whose membership has lapsed as above, shall be eligible for re-admission upon payment of the appropriate subscription fee.

8. DUTIES OF CHAIR

- 8.1 The Chair shall be responsible for the day to day running of the Association. This responsibility shall include ensuring safe custody of the books and records of the Association, ensuring that full and accurate records of meetings are kept and that all association correspondence is attended to.

9. DUTIES OF TREASURER

- 9.1 The Treasurer shall be responsible for the proper accounting of all monies received by him or her on behalf of the Association, and for the payment of all bills. He or she shall keep the accounts of the Association and together with the Auditor compile the Annual Statement of Accounts Balance Sheet to the 31st December in each year. An abridged version of the accounts shall be available

to the Members at the Annual General Meeting. Cheques shall normally be signed by the Treasurer and either Chair or Secretary. However in the absence of the Treasurer, Chair and Secretary may sign and Report details to the Treasurer at a later date.

10. DUTIES OF SECRETARY

10.1 The Secretary shall be responsible for taking and recording the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, Extraordinary General Meeting and Committee meetings. The Secretary shall also be responsible for attending to any correspondence as may be directed by the Chair from time to time.

11. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

11.1 The Annual General Meeting shall be held in each year as soon as practicable after the close of the Association's financial year on 31st December at such time, date and place as may be decided by the Committee. At least 30 days prior to the Annual General Meeting a notice shall be sent to each Member together with an Agenda of the business to be transacted which shall include the following:

- 11.1.1 Apologies for absence.
- 11.1.2 Acceptance of minutes of last years meeting.
- 11.1.3 Matters arising.
- 11.1.4 Receive and adopt the Chair's report for the previous year.
- 11.1.5 To consider and if approved pass the Association statement of accounts for the previous year.
- 11.1.6 Consider Committee's proposed annual subscription fee and if approved, confirm it for the coming year.
- 11.1.7 Elect the Officers for the coming year.
- 11.1.8 Elect the other members of the Committee for the coming year.
- 11.1.9 To consider any resolution submitted by a member. Any such Resolution shall be sent to the Chair duly proposed and seconded at least 14 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting. Any such Resolution shall be included in a notice Available to Members at the Annual General Meeting.
- 11.2 The Chair or their nominee shall act as Chair. He or she shall have a casting vote in addition to their own vote which casting vote shall in all cases be for the status quo.
- 11.3 A quorum for the Annual General Meeting shall be 20% of the membership. The number constituting a quorum for an AGM shall be calculated based on membership at the date of the notice calling the meeting. In cases resulting in part of a member (eg.25.72 members), then in all cases the part shall be rounded up to a full member.
- 11.4 Only full Members shall vote at the Annual General Meeting. Each adult Member shall have one vote.

12. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

12.1 An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened at any time by the Committee or upon the requisition of any twenty Members signed by the said Members and made in writing to the Chair. Upon receipt of such requisition the Chair shall fix a time, date and place for the meeting and at least 14 days prior to such date shall send notice to all Members of the business to be transacted and a copy of the requisition. A quorum shall be 25% of the membership. Only adult Members shall vote at an Extraordinary General Meeting. Each adult Member shall have one vote. The number constituting a quorum for an EGM shall be calculated based on membership at the date of the notice calling the meeting. In cases resulting in part of a member (e.g. 25.72 members), then in all cases the part shall be rounded up to a full member.

13. ALTERATION TO THE RULES

- 13.1 No new rule shall be made nor shall any rule be altered, amended or repealed except at the Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association.
- 13.2 Notice of any Resolution proposing such new rule, alteration, amendment or repeal shall be included in the notice sent to each Member calling the said Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting. Notice of any amendment to any such resolution must be submitted in writing, duly signed by the Proposer and Seconder, to reach the Chair not less than 14 days prior to the date of the said Annual General Meeting or 7 days prior to the date of the said Extraordinary General Meeting as the case may be. Details of any such proposed amendment to a resolution shall be Available in a notice to the Members at the AGM or EGM at which it is to be considered.
- 13.3 It is the responsibility of Members to ensure that no new rule or amendment to an existing rule shall conflict with other existing rules.
- 13.4 No new rule, nor any alteration, amendment or repeal of any existing rule may be given effect without the approval of at least 60% of those present and voting at an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting.

14. COMPLAINTS

- 14.1 Any complaints shall be made in writing to the Chair. All complaints will then be dealt in accordance with the procedures defined in the "Complaints Manual" a copy of which is available on request to the Chair.

15. ASSETS

- 15.1 If upon winding up or dissolution of the Association there remains, after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property or assets whatsoever, these shall be disposed of as the S.A.W. Committee deem to be appropriate, and may be given or transferred to The Association of Woodturners of Great Britain, or in the event that that organisation has been wound up or dissolved to a charitable organisation.

16. INSURANCE

- 16.1 The Committee shall be responsible for arranging an Insurance Policy suitable to cover the activities and assets of the Association.

17. SALES

- 17.1 The club may run a club shop selling wood turning sundries for the benefit of members. The stock held by the shop will be the property of the club. Stock will be sold at near to cost price with the aim of covering the necessary expenses of running the shop. The member delegated by the committee to run the shop will decide on what stock is required, keep accounts and report to the committee as required by the Chairman.
- 17.2 Any other sales at club events will be at the discretion of the committee. The aim will be to give members opportunities to purchase goods not on sale in the club shop at various times through the year

18. HEALTH and SAFETY

- 18.1 Health and Safety is addressed in a separate document, a copy of which may be obtained from the Secretary.

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