

AUCHTERMUCHTY THEATRE GROUP

CONSTITUTION

TITLE

1. The Group shall be called the “Auchtermuchty Theatre Group”

OBJECTS

2. The Object of the Group is to educate the public in the dramatic and operatic arts to further the development of public appreciation and taste in the said arts, to assist and further such charitable institutions and charitable purposes as the Committee shall from time to time determine; and in furtherance of this Object, but not otherwise the Group shall have the following powers:
 - a) To promote plays, drama, comedies, operas, operettas and other dramatic and operatic works of educative value.
 - b) To purchase, acquire and obtain interests in the copyright of or the right to perform or show any such dramatic or operatic works.
 - c) To purchase or otherwise acquire plant, machinery, furniture, fixtures, fittings, scenery and all other necessary effects.
 - d) To raise funds and invite and receive contributions from any person or persons whatsoever by way of subscription, donation and otherwise; provided that the Group shall not undertake any permanent trading activities in raising funds.
 - e) To do all such other things as shall further the Object of the Group.

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3. The Group shall consist of Members and may also include as Life Members, persons such as shall have rendered special services to the Society.

MANAGEMENT

4. The Group shall be managed by a Committee consisting of the following Officers – Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and five Members shall manage the group.

MEMBERSHIP

5. Membership shall be open to all those having sympathy with the object of the Group and desiring actively to further it and to pay the annual subscription prescribed by the Rules. Non-Members shall be allowed to participate in the activities of the Group but shall not be entitled to vote at a General Meeting of the Group.

SUBSCRIPTION

6. The annual subscription charge shall be at the discretion of the committee and shall become due on 1st April in each year and shall be paid to the Treasurer.

LIFE MEMEBERS

7. Life Members may, on the nomination and recommendation of the Committee only, be elected on such terms as the Members of the Group at an Annual General Meeting may decide.

FINANCE

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 - a) The funds of the Group shall be applied solely to the stated Objects of the Group.
 - b) No Member of the Group shall receive payment directly or indirectly for services to the Group or for other than legitimate expenses incurred in its work.

FINANCIAL YEAR

9. The financial year of the Group shall commence on 1st February and an annual profit and loss account and balance sheet shall be prepared within two calendar months of the start of the financial year.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

10. The Annual General Meeting of the Group shall be held in the month of April, when the report of the Committee and the accounts for the past year, duly independently examined shall be presented, the Officers, other Members of the Committee and an Independent Examiner, for the ensuing year, and Life Members, if any elected, and all general business transacted.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

11. An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Group may be called at any time at the discretion of the Committee and shall be called within 21 days after the receipt by the Secretary of a requisition in writing to that effect signed by at least 12 Members. Every such requisition shall specify the business for which the Meeting is to be convened and no other business shall be transacted at such meeting.

QUORUM at GENERAL MEETING

12. No business other than the formal adjournment of the Meeting shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a Quorum be present and such Quorum shall consist of not less than 15 person present and entitled to vote.

RESOLUTION at GENERAL MEETING

13. Unless otherwise provided by these Rules all resolutions brought forward at a General Meeting shall be decided by a bare majority of the votes properly recorded at such Meeting and in the case of an equality of the votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

RETIREMENT of OFFICERS and COMMITTEE

14. The Committee, including the Officers, and the Independent Examiner shall retire annually but shall be eligible for re-election. If more names are proposed than the number required to fill the vacancies, the election shall be by ballot. If all the before-mentioned positions shall not be filled at such Meeting or any casual vacancy shall therefore occur the same shall be filled by the remaining Members of the Committee.

NOTICE of GENERAL MEETING

15. Notice of every General Meeting shall be publicised at least 14 days prior to the day fixed for such meeting.

APPOINTMENT of SUB-COMMITTEE

16. The Committee shall have power to appoint Sub-Committees, to delegate to such Sub-Committee all or any of its powers and shall continue to hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting.

PRODUCER

17. The Committee shall appoint a Producer for each work the Group undertakes.

SELECTION of WORK

18. The Committee, with the Producer, shall select the works to be undertaken by the Group.

SELECTION of CAST

19. The Cast of any production shall be selected by the Committee or by Sub-Committee appointed by the Committee and consisting of not less than three Members and the Producer. Auditions may be held.

PRODUCTION MONEY

20. All Money due to and from Members in connection with the production and performance of any work, shall be accounted for, and paid to or by the Treasurer within 21 days after the conclusion of the final performance.

PRODUCTION ACCOUNT

21. Within three calendar months of the final performance of any work produced by the Group, the Committee shall prepare or cause to be prepared a full statement of the receipts and the expenses of each production and place as the Committee shall from time to time decide.

RECOVERING MONEY DUE to the GROUP

22. All Moneys due and owing to the Group including subscriptions of Members, shall be recoverable at law in the name of the Secretary.

MEETING of COMMITTEE

23. All meeting of the Committee shall be called by the Secretary in accordance with any resolution to that effect passed by the Committee and failing any such resolution at the discretion of the Chairman and Secretary. Five shall form a Quorum and the Chairman shall, in the cause of an equality of votes, have the second or casting vote.

COMMITTEE'S POWERS

24. The Committee shall have power to decide any question arising out of these Rules and all other matters connected with the Group, other than and except those which can only be dealt with by the Society in General Meeting, and make and maintain and publish all necessary orders, regulations and bye-laws in connection therewith.

DISSOLUTION of GROUP

25. The Group shall only be dissolved by resolution passed by a majority of at least five sixth of the Members present and voting at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose of considering such dissolution. In the event of dissolution any balance of cash remaining in hand after realisation of assets and payment of debts shall not be distributed among the Members of the Group, but shall be applied for such charitable purpose similar to those of the Group or to be paid distributing or transferred to such charitable institutions or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Group as the Committee with the consent of the Meeting shall determine.

ALTERATION of RULES

26. a) No alteration to these Rules shall be made except at a General Meeting nor unless 21 days prior to such Meeting a written notice of the proposed alteration or of one substantially to the like effect shall have been given to the Secretary who shall give 14 days notice thereof to the Members and the resolution embodying such proposed alteration shall be carried by a majority of at least two thirds of the votes recorded thereon at the Meeting.
- b) No alteration may be made to Rules 2, 25 and 26 with the approval of the authority having charitable jurisdiction from time to time.

These Rules, as amended, were approved at the Annual General Meeting of the Group at Auchtermuchty on 4th June 2008.