

CONSTITUTION

of the

ABERDEEN PHILATELIC SOCIETY

1. Name and Objects

- (a) The Society shall be known as the 'Aberdeen Philatelic Society'.
- (b) The objects of the Society shall be to promote the study and practice of philately in all its forms.

2. Membership

- (a) Membership is open to any person interested in the objects of the
- (b) Application for membership shall be made to the Secretary.
- (c) The classes of membership shall be as follows:
 - (i) Town member, living within a twenty-five mile radius of Aberdeen.
 - (ii) Country member, living out with a twenty-five mile radius of Aberdeen.
- (d) Members wishing to terminate their membership should submit their resignation in writing to the Secretary.
- (e) Members shall abide by the rules of the Society.
- (f) 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. Notice of the Committee's decision will be given in writing by the Secretary. Members shall have the right of appeal to the Society, by writing to the Secretary within 21 days of receipt of such information. The appeal will be heard at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society.

3. Management

- (a) The affairs and business of the Society shall be conducted by the Committee.
- (b) The Committee shall consist of the President, Senior Vice-President, Junior Vice President, Immediate Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three members elected at the Annual General Meeting.
- (c) The Executive Officers, responsible for the day to day business of the Society, shall be the President, Senior Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- (d) Non-Executive Officers shall normally be the Curator of the Forgery Collection, Librarian, Exchange Packet Secretary, Delegate to the Association of Scottish Philatelic Societies, Newsletter Editor, Postal Auction Secretary, Publicity Officer, and such other officers as shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.
- (e) The Committee may appoint a member to fill a vacant office. Any such appointment must be approved at the next Annual General Meeting.
- (f) The decision of the Committee on all matters affecting the Society, not provided for in the Constitution, shall be final and binding on all members.
- (g) Office-bearers shall carry out their duties in accordance with rules for the conduct of their respective office. Such rules shall be subject to the approval of the Committee.
- (h) The Fellowship Awards Committee shall consider nominations for the award of Fellowship of Aberdeen Philatelic Society and shall consist of three fellows, one of whom shall retire annually at the Annual General Meeting and shall not normally be eligible for re-election until one year has elapsed.
- (i) All office-bearers and the Fellowship Awards Committee shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

4. Meetings

- (a) Meetings of the Society shall normally be held in accordance with the syllabus prepared by the Committee and circulated in advance to all members.

- (b) The President shall normally preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Committee. In the absence of the President, a Vice-President or a Chairman elected by those present shall preside.
- (c) At all General or Committee meetings the President or an elected deputy shall have the casting vote.
- (d) The order of a meeting shall be left to the President or an elected deputy.
- (e) The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held by the last Thursday of April each year, at which time there shall be presented and considered the reports of all the office bearers. Any resolutions for the Annual General Meeting must be notified to the Secretary, in writing, no fewer than 14 days in advance of the meeting.
- (f) The Committee may call an Extraordinary General Meeting by giving 21 days prior notice of same. Members wishing to call for an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society must give 21 days notice and such notice shall be signed by at least 10 members. Such an Extraordinary General Meeting shall confine itself entirely to the business for which the meeting has been called. An Extraordinary General Meeting shall have the power, with a two-thirds majority, to alter the Constitution.
- (g) All Committee meetings require a quorum of five.
- (h) Annual General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings require at least 10 members to be present.
- (i) Visitors and guests of members are welcome at meetings other than the Annual General Meeting.

5. Subscriptions and Finance

- (a) The annual subscription shall become payable at the first meeting in September of each year.
- (b) The level of subscription for each class of membership shall be decided by the members at the Annual General Meeting.
- (c) Payment by a member of the subscription for the current year constitutes membership and entitlement to all rights of membership.
- (d) The signatories to the Society's bank accounts shall be two of the Executive Officers.
- (e) The Treasurer shall present for approval examined annual accounts for the year ended 31st January at the Annual General Meeting.
These accounts shall consist of an Income and Expenditure Account for the year.

6. Account Examiners

- (a) Up to two Account Examiners shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office for one year and may subsequently stand for re-election.
- (b) Only one Account Examiner is required to examine an account.
- (c) An Account Examiner may be a member of the Society but cannot also be a Committee member.
- (d) The Accounts of the Society shall be submitted to an Account Examiner for examination once every year.

7. Non-Profit Distributing Body

- (a) The Society shall be a non-profit distributing body dedicated to the objects of the Society.
- (b) All profits or surpluses generated by Society activities shall be devoted to the continuance and improvement of the Society.
- (c) No profits or surpluses shall at any time be distributed to members.

8. Dissolution

- (a) In order to dissolve the Society a notice of the proposed dissolution shall be sent in writing to the Secretary signed by no fewer than one half of the subscribing members. An Extraordinary General Meeting shall then be convened as in clause 4 (f).
- (b) If at such a meeting a resolution for the dissolution of the Society is passed by a two-thirds majority of the members there present then the

- Executive Officers shall arrange for the winding-up of the Society.
- (c) The Executive Officers shall arrange for all the debts and liabilities of the Society to be discharged and or any books, records or awards to be placed with a suitable philatelic charity as voted by the members to be held for the benefit of any successor society with similar aims and objectives.
 - (d) Subsequent to the discharge of all liabilities any assets remaining shall be donated to such other non-profit-making society or body of persons having the same and similar objects to the Society. No assets may be paid or distributed among the members past or present of the Society.

This Constitution supersedes all previous rules and constitutions of the Society and takes effect from 16 April 2009.

Signed.....**George J M Stephen**...
President

Signed.....**Shiela M. Den**...
Secretary

Date ...16 April 2009....