



THE SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF JERSEY

Constitution and Rules



- 1 The Society shall be called "The Scottish Society of Jersey".
- 2 The Objects of the Society shall be:
 - a) To promote social and friendly intercourse amongst Members.
 - b) To encourage the study and preservation of the History, Folklore, Language, Literature and Music of Scotland.
 - c) To help Members and other Scots residing in Jersey in times of adversity.
 - d) To render assistance to benevolent or charitable objects which, in the opinion of the General Committee, are worthy of support.
- 3 The Society shall consist of Ordinary Members, Associate Members, Honorary Members and Life Members. Ordinary and Associate Memberships shall comprise Single, Joint, Junior (under 18 years of age on 1st May in year subscription is due payable) and Family categories. Honorary Memberships shall comprise Single and Joint categories, and shall be conferred on those who, in the opinion of the General Committee show a commitment to, and act energetically in furtherance, of both the Objects of the Society and the Society itself.
- 4 Persons eligible for membership:
 - a) Shall be connected to Scotland by birth, descent (at least one grandparent must be of Scottish birth) or marriage. Such persons shall be eligible to be elected Ordinary, Honorary or Life Members subject to the requirements set out in these Rules.
 - b) If not meeting the requirements of clause 4 a), may be elected by the General Committee as Associate Members. Associate Members are entitled to the privileges of the Society, but are not entitled to attend a General Meeting, nor to Propose or Second a candidate for Office.
- 5 Subscriptions:
 - a) The subscriptions for each category of Ordinary Membership, Associate Membership and Life Membership shall be determined from time to time by the General Committee

having cognisance to the financial standing of the Society, and shall be confirmed by the Members in General Meeting;

- b) Subscriptions shall be payable annually in advance on 1st May each year;
 - c) Life Membership may be offered by the General Committee to an individual in recognition of that person's support of the Society over a period of years. The subscription for Life Membership(s) shall be determined from time to time by the General Committee having cognisance to the financial standing of the Society, and shall be confirmed by the Members in General Meeting.
- 6 Candidates for membership must be reviewed and approved by the General Committee in meeting. Three adverse votes at any such meeting shall negate election.
- 7 Candidates for membership shall, until the General Committee have met to review their application, be entitled to the privileges of the Society, but not to attend a General Meeting or to Propose or Second a candidate for Office.
- 8 Any Member whose subscription is two years or more in arrears is deemed to have resigned from the Society, but may rejoin, subject to the agreement of the General Committee, on payment of the arrears.
- 9 Any Member whose conduct is considered by the General Committee to be prejudicial to the well-being of the Society may be excluded from membership: the General Committee's decision shall be final.
- 10 Management and Officers:
- a) The management of the Society shall be vested in the General Committee.
 - b) The General Committee should consist of at least eight people, although if this number is not achieved, there may be a lesser number subject to notification to the Membership of the number of members managing the affairs of the Society. The General Committee shall consist of the Officers of the Society plus ordinary committee members.
 - c) The Officers of the Society shall be the President, Vice-President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Membership Secretary.
 - d) Elections of Officers of the Society shall take place at the Annual General Meeting. Each Officer of the Society shall be elected for a term of two years. Nominations for the Officers shall be submitted, in writing, to the Honorary Secretary not later than one

hour before the start of the Annual General Meeting.

- e) The tenure of a President and of a Vice-President shall not exceed two consecutive years; however, they may be eligible for re-election after a lapse of one year.
 - f) Ordinary members of the General Committee may be elected from time to time by the Officers of the Society. The ordinary members serving on the General Committee will be ratified at the Annual General Meeting in each year. In addition, one or more Past Presidents should be invited to be members of the General Committee to provide guidance to the Committee based upon their experience.
 - g) The General Committee shall meet at least four times each year, and five members, two of whom must be Officers, shall form a Quorum.
- 11 The General Committee may engage in activities of any kind which, in the opinion of the General Committee, will be compatible with the Objects of the Society. The General Committee may form a sub-committee with the power to co-opt a member or members for any specific purpose.
- 12 The General Committee may undertake any actions in pursuit of the Objects of the Society. The General Committee shall have cognisance to the financial affairs of the Society and shall ensure, as far as is possible, that events organised for the Society shall be self-financing. In this respect, the proceeds of any raffle(s) conducted at Society events, may be applied at the General Committee's discretion to the benefit of the Society.
- 13 The General Committee may nominate three of its member, two of whom must be Officers, to investigate and act in any cases of adversity or necessity. This executive group may make payment from the funds of the Society up to a sum determined from time to time by the General Committee, and must report any action taken to the Members at the next General Meeting.
- 14 The General Committee is authorised to make donations to charitable institutions, appeals or causes from time to time. Any such donations must take in to account the financial position of the Society.
- 15 The Honorary Treasurer of the Society shall receive all monies due to the Society and shall pay the same in to the Society's bank account(s). Cheques on the Society's bank account(s) shall be signed by any two Officers of the Society from time to time holding office in accordance with these Rules.
- 16 The Financial Year of the Society shall end on 31st March in each year. As soon as practicable after this date, the Honorary Treasurer will arrange for the Financial Statements

and Accounts of the Society to be made up for the previous Financial Year, and shall arrange for such records to be reviewed by an Honorary Auditor.

- 17 The Annual General Meeting shall be convened for a date as soon as practicable after finalisation of the Financial Report(s). To this meeting shall be presented the Reports by the Officers of the Society and the Financial Accounts of the Society for the preceding year. An Auditor shall be nominated at each Annual General Meeting to audit the financial records for the following year.
- 18 Alterations of, or additions to, these Rules can only be made at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose. Any proposal for alteration or addition to the Rules, must be given in writing, to the Honorary Secretary at least one month in advance; the Honorary Secretary must circulate to the membership not less than ten days before such meeting.
- 19 A Special General Meeting may be called by a requisition in writing, signed by not fewer than twelve members, delivered to the Honorary Secretary at least 14 days before the proposed date of the meeting. The requisition must state the matters to be discussed at the Special General Meeting. Any resolutions proposed at the Special General Meeting must be carried by a majority of at least three quarters of the Members present, and no other business shall be discussed at the meeting.