

## **SACS Constitution 2019**

### **Title:**

The name of the Society shall be Steeple Aston Choral Society, hereinafter referred to as the Society.

### **Objects:**

The object of the Society shall be to promote, improve, develop and maintain public education in and appreciation of the art and science of music in all its aspects by the presentation of public concerts and recitals and by other such ways as the Society through the Committee shall determine from time to time.

### **Membership:**

- a) The members of the Society shall be those who pay the termly subscription at the appropriate rate, or rates, as shall be determined by the Committee, all subscriptions being payable in advance and (in the case of performing members) who shall provide such evidence of musical ability as the Committee shall require.
- b) A General Meeting of the Society may appoint as patron or honorary members people whom the Society wishes to acknowledge because of their active interest in the Society. Honorary members shall not be required to pay an annual subscription and shall not have the power to vote at a General Meeting.
- c) The terms 'member' and 'membership' shall be understood to refer only to ordinary members unless otherwise indicated.
- d) The Committee may expel any member who offends against the rules of the Society or whose conduct in their opinion renders him/her unfit for continued membership. Before any such expulsion the Secretary must give seven days' written notice to meet with the Committee and be informed of any complaints against him/her. No member may be expelled unless they are given a fair opportunity to answer to the Committee and answer any complaints made against them, and at least two-thirds of the Committee then present vote in favour of expulsion.

### **Officers and Committee:**

- a) The management of the Society shall be in the hands of a Committee consisting of a Chairman, a Secretary, a Treasurer and a Librarian (the Officers) and three other members. The Officers and other Committee members shall be elected by and out of the Society's members at the Annual General Meeting. They shall hold office for one year and be eligible for re-election. The Musical Director and the Accompanist may also be ex officio non-voting members of the Committee if they and the Committee agree.
- b) The Committee may co-opt additional members during the year. If an Officer resigns during the year a replacement Officer may be elected at a Special General Meeting.
- c) The Committee shall meet at least three times a year. The quorum at any Committee meeting shall be four voting members of the Committee of whom at least two must be Officers.

### **Management:**

- a) The Society's members shall decide at a General Meeting of the Society on the appointment and termination of appointment of the Musical Director and the Accompanist.
- b) All the arrangements for the concerts and other events, and the control of finance shall be in the hands of the Committee.

### **Finance:**

- a) The financial year shall end on August 31st.

- b) A banking account shall be opened in the name of the Society and cheques shall be signed by any of the two of the four Officers of the Society.
- c) The Society may receive donations, grants in aid and financial guarantees, and tickets for all of its concerts and other events shall be offered for sale to the general public.
- d) The income and property of the Society shall be applied solely towards promoting the objects of the Society as set forth above and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred either directly, or indirectly, to any members of the Society except in payment of legitimate expenses incurred on behalf of the Society.

#### **General Meetings:**

- a) A written notice of any Annual General Meeting (AGM) or Special General Meeting (SGM) including an agenda shall be sent to all members at least fourteen days before the date of the meeting.
- b) The quorum for all General Meetings including the AGM will be six members or one quarter of the membership, (being the number of members who have paid their subscription for that term) whichever is the greater.
- c) Within eight weeks of the end of each financial year the members shall be summoned to an AGM.
- d) A SGM can be called by the Secretary at the request of the Committee or by at least six members.

#### **Accounts:**

The financial accounts shall be submitted to the members at the AGM.

#### **Amendments:**

The constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the members present at any General Meeting, provided that fourteen days' written notice of the proposed amendment has been sent to all members and provided that nothing herein contained shall authorise any amendment which shall have the effect of the Society ceasing to be a non- profit-making organisation.

#### **Dissolution:**

The Society can only be wound up by a vote at the AGM or an SGM. If the proposal to wind up the Society is passed, and after settling all proper debts and liabilities, any assets remaining shall be transferred to such local charitable institution, or institutions as the meeting which votes for dissolution shall decide.

#### **Notices:**

Any notice in writing required to be given under this constitution may be given by email, by hand, or by post.

Approved at AGM on 23.09.2019.  
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