

THE HIGHLAND GUILD OF WEAVERS, SPINNERS AND DYERS

Constitution June 2015

1. NAME : The Highland Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers
2. AIMS
 - (1) To foster a sense of beauty of material, texture, colour and design;
 - (2) to encourage and maintain integrity and excellence of craftsmanship;
 - (3) to provide opportunities for the interchange of information for enlarging knowledge by study courses and lectures; and
 - (4) to co-operate with other Guilds having like aims.
3. COMMITTEE
 - (a) The affairs of the Guild shall be managed by a Committee consisting of a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Workshop Convener, Newsletter Editor and at least two full-time members.
 - (b) The Committee may from time to time co-opt additional members to serve until the next AGM.
 - (c) The Committee shall meet at least three times a year and four shall constitute a quorum.
 - (d) The Chairman shall hold office for three years and shall not be eligible, for a further three years, for re-election as Chairman.
 - (e) The Secretary, Treasurer, Workshop Convenor, Newsletter Editor and ordinary members shall hold office for three years and thereafter by ~~eligible~~ for re-election for a period of one year, annually, to a maximum of ~~two~~ years.
4. SUBSCRIPTION

An annual subscription, the amount of which shall be determined at an AGM shall be payable in advance and be due on first October each year.
5. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
 - (a) There shall be an AGM of members of the Guild at which every full member shall be entitled to speak and vote. The AGM shall be held in November of each year. One fifth of the membership of that year shall form a quorum.
 - (b) The AGM shall:-
 - (i) receive the Chairman's Report;
 - (ii) receive the Treasurer's Report;
 - (iii) make elections to the Committee as necessary;

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- (iv) if necessary, alter the amount of the annual subscription for the year beginning the following November;
 - (v) consider and vote on any resolutions which have been submitted to the Meeting; and
 - (vi) transact any other business by leave of the Chairman of the Meeting.
- (c) No nomination for membership of the Committee shall be made without the previous consent of the person nominated.

6. ACCOUNTS

At the discretion of the Committee the Guild may:-

- (a) reimburse members for reasonable expenses incurred by them in or about the discharge of their duties on behalf of the Guild;
- (b) rent, hire, or purchase equipment and materials for the purpose of the Guild;
- (c) make *ex gratia* payments; and
- (d) make affiliations with other organisations.

7. ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

This Constitution shall not be altered except by a majority resolution carried at the AGM of the Guild. Proposed changes to the Constitution should be submitted to the Secretary at least two weeks before the AGM

8. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

An EGM of the Guild may be called:-

- (a) by a majority decision of the Committee; and
- (b) on requisition to the Secretary signed by 10% of the total membership, such requisition to incorporate all business which is to be the subject of the Meeting so called. Such an Extraordinary Meeting shall be held within one calendar month of its calling.

9. ASSETS

None of the Guild's assets may be distributed or otherwise applied (on being wound up or at any other time) except to further its charitable purposes.

10. DISSOLUTION

If on the winding-up of the Guild any property remains after satisfaction of all Guild's debts and liabilities, such property shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Guild; that property shall instead be transferred to some other charity or charities (whether incorporated or unincorporated) whose objects are similar (wholly or in part) to the objects of the Guild.