

WATERFORDMEN'S ASSOCIATION, LONDON.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES
(1956)

(1) Name

The name of the Association shall be "The Waterfordmen's Association, London". The Association shall be non-political and non-sectarian.

(2) Objects.

The objects of the Association shall be the promotion of the interests of Waterford people in London.

(3) Membership.

- (i) Application for membership of the Association shall be open to (a) all persons born in the City and County of Waterford; (b) the husbands or wives of such persons; (c) the children of (a) or (b). Application for membership must be approved by the Committee.
- (ii) Children of Waterford parents as at 1(c) shall be honorary members until their 16th birthday.
- (iii) Members shall pay an annual subscription of 5/-; the first subscription shall be payable with the application for membership and subsequent subscriptions payable during the month of January in each year.
- (iv) A member who has not renewed his or her subscription by 31st ~~March~~ ^{June} of each year shall be deemed to have lapsed membership.
- (v) No member who is in arrear 3 months with payment of subscription shall be entitled to vote at meetings or to enjoy the rights and privileges of the Association.
- (vi) Honorary membership shall be conferred on any person in recognition of outstanding service to Ireland, Waterford or the Association, such conferring to be decided upon by the Committee of the Association and submitted for approval to a General Meeting.

(4) Management.

- (i) There shall be a Committee of the Association. The Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and it shall consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Assistant Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Press Office and eight other members.
- (ii) The Committee may recommend to the Annual General Meeting or to a Special or Extraordinary General Meeting, such other officer or officers to perform such duties and be invested with such powers in the conduct and management of the affairs of the Association as the Committee may think fit.
- (iii) The Committee shall conduct the affairs of the Association in conformity with these rules and shall give effect to any directions or decisions of the Association as resolved at a General Meeting.
- (iv) The Committee may delegate any of their powers to sub-committees, consisting of such persons as they think fit. Any sub-committee so formed shall, in the exercise of the powers so delegated, conform to any terms of reference that may be imposed on it by the Committee and be subject, at all times, to the over-all authority of the Committee.

(5) The Chairman.

The Chairman shall preside at General Meetings of the Association and at Committee meetings. He shall have a casting vote in the case of

equality of voting. No member of the Association shall be eligible as Chairman unless he be a paid-up member for twelve months preceding his election or from the date of the adoption of this Constitution, whichever be the shorter.

(6) Vice-Chairman.

The Vice-Chairman shall sit in the absence of the Chairman and shall have the same powers as the Chairman when so acting.

(7) The Honorary Secretary.

The Honorary Secretary shall carry out such duties as may be assigned to him from time to time and, particularly, he shall be responsible to the Committee for the issue of notices of meetings, the preparation of the agenda, the keeping of minutes and the conducting of correspondence.

(8) The Honorary Assistant Secretary.

The Honorary Assistant Secretary shall carry out such duties as may be assigned to him from time to time by the Committee.

(9) The Honorary Treasurer.

The Honorary Treasurer shall be responsible to the Committee for all moneys received or expended. He shall deposit in the name of the Association with a bank selected by the Committee all sums received by him on behalf of the Association. He shall keep proper accounts of receipts and payments in books for that purpose and shall have his books ready for inspection by the Committee as and when requested. All cheques shall be signed by (1) the Hon. Treasurer and (2) either the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, or the Hon. Secretary.

(10) The Press Officer.

The Press Officer shall keep the Waterford and Irish national newspapers up-to-date with news of the activities of the Association.

(11) Vacating Office.

On vacating office, outgoing officers shall hand over to their successors all papers, books, funds, etc. belonging to the Association of which they have had the custody.

(12) Eligibility for Re-election.

All the Officers whose duties are specified in Articles 5 to 9 and all members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.

(13) Committee Meetings

- (i) The Committee shall meet as often as is necessary for the proper discharge of its duties.
- (ii) The quorum for a meeting shall be seven members.
- (iii) Absence, without reasonable cause, from three consecutive Committee Meetings shall entail disqualification from membership of the Committee.
- (iv) The Committee shall fill any vacancy arising during its term of office by co-option and shall have powers to add to their number if considered necessary.

(14) Annual General Meeting

- (i) The Annual General Meeting shall be held ^{31st} ~~during the month of~~ ^{before Dec.} ~~October of each year~~, the exact date and venue to be decided by the Committee. The Annual General Meeting shall consist of such members of the Association as are present in person.
- (ii) The Agenda of the Annual General Meeting shall be as follows:

- (a) Chairman's address.
- (b) Minutes of last Annual General Meeting.
- (c) The Honorary Secretary's Annual Report.
- (d) Financial Statement.
- (e) Appointment of Tellers.
- (f) Election of Officers and Committee.
- (g) Appointment of Hon. Auditors.
- (h) Alteration of Rules.
- (i) Any other business.

(iii) Nominations for officerships of the Association shall be made in writing, duly proposed and seconded, and must be in the hands of the Hon. Secretary at least 10 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

15. Extraordinary General Meeting.

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association may be convened on the written petition of not less than 20% of the paid-up membership. The reason for the meeting must be specified on the summoning notice and must be read at the beginning of the meeting. The meeting must be held within one calendar month of the date of receipt of the petition. The meeting will consist only of such members of the Association as are present.

16. General Meetings: People attending General Meetings may be called upon to furnish proof that they are paid-up members of the Association.

17. Honorary Auditors.

Two Honorary Auditors shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting whose duties shall be to inspect and certify the accounts of the Association for presentation to the Annual General Meeting. Neither of the two Honorary Auditors shall hold any other office in connection with the Association.

18. Expulsion from the Association.

The Committee shall have the right, by a majority of those present, to expel a member from the Association for conduct prejudicial to the interests of the Association.

19. Standing Orders.

Standing orders may be suspended under special circumstances, if one-fifth of those present so vote. If the motion that "Standing Orders be suspended" is so carried, a meeting may bring forward matters wholly different from those for which the meeting was convened.

20. Alteration of Rules.

These Rules shall not be altered or amended except by the consent of a two-thirds majority of members present at the Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary or Special General Meeting summoned for this purpose. Notice of intention to propose an alteration of Rules must be in writing and in the hands of the Hon. Secretary at least three clear weeks before the date of the General Meeting at which it is intended to propose the alteration.

21. The decision of the Committee on any question of interpretation arising out of these Rules shall be binding on the members.