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WATERFORDMEN’S ASSOCIATION, LONDON.

CONFSTITURION 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.

1. Objects.

The objects of the Association shall be the promotion of the

 Interests of Waterford people in London.

1. Membership.
2. Application for membership of the Association shall be open to
3. 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.

1. Children of Waterford parents as at l(c) shall be honorary members

until their 16th birthday.

1. Members shall pay 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.

1. A member who has not renewed his or her subscription by 31st

 *Dec* ~~March~~ of each year shall be deemed to have lapsed membership.

1. No member who is in appear 3 months with payment of subscription

shall be entitled to vote at meetings or to enjoy the rights and

privileges of the Association.

1. 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.

1. Management.
2. 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 member.

1. 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.

1. 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 fir. 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.

1. The Chairman.

The Chairman shall preside at General Meetings of the Association

and at Committee meeting. He shall have a casting vote in the case of

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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.

1. 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.

1. 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.

1. The Honorary Assistant Secretary.

The Honorary Assistant Secretary shall carry out such duties as

 may be assigned to him from time to by the Committee.

1. The Honorary Treasurer.

The Honorary Treasure 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.

1. 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.

1. 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.

1. 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.

1. Committee Meetings.
2. The Committee shall meet as often as is necessary for the proper

discharge of its duties.

1. The quorum for a meeting shall be seven members.
2. Absence, without reasonable cause, from three consecutive

Committee Meetings shall entail disqualification from member-

ship of the Committee.

1. 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.

1. Annual General Meeting *before 31st Dec.*
2. The Annual General Meeting shall be held ~~during the month of~~

~~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.

1. The Agenda of the Annual General Meeting shall be as follows:

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1. Chairman’s address.
2. Minutes of last Annual General Meeting.
3. The Honorary Secretary’s Annual Report.
4. Financial Statement.
5. Appointment of Tellers.
6. Election of Officers and Committee.
7. Appointment of Hon. Auditors.
8. Alteration of Rules.
9. Any other business.

(iii) Nominations for officerships of the Association shall be

 made in writing, duty 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.

1. 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.

1. General Meetings: People attending General Meetings may be

called upon to furnish proof that they are paid-up members of the

Association.

1. 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.

1. 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 pre judicial to the

 interests of the Association.

1. 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.

1. Alteration of Rules.

Those 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.

1. The decision of the Committee on any question of interpretation

arising out of these Rules shall be binding on the members.