



Bradgate Drama Society

Constitution (2013)

This constitution came into force on May 22, 2013.

1. The Society shall be called the Bradgate Drama Society
2. The objectives of the Society will be:-
 - (a) To afford facilities for its Members to study and practise all forms of Dramatic Art, but chiefly the production of plays.
 - (b) To stimulate interest in drama in the area.
 - (c) To provide dramatic entertainment whilst excluding entirely any private or personal profit to its members
3.
 - (a) A register of Members of the Society shall be held by the Secretary. All Members are to complete and sign a Membership form
 - (b) Anyone taking part in a production, either on stage or backstage, will automatically become a registered member of the Society
 - (c) Membership of the Society shall be open to all subject only to the power of the Committee to veto any application and to dismiss any Member should it decide so to do.
 - (d) All Members over the age of 16 are eligible to vote at an Annual or Special General Meeting of the Society
 - (e) The membership fee, if any, will be decided by the Committee and reported to the AGM
4. Officers of the Society shall be:-
 - Chairman
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
5. The Management of the Society shall be vested in a Management Committee comprising the Officers and at least three but not more than six other Members.
6. Management Committee meetings must comprise a quorum of four members of the Committee, including two officers.
7. The Management Committee shall be elected by the Members of the Society at the Annual General Meeting. They shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting when a third of the Committee shall retire, but be eligible for re-election. Those standing for re-election will be decided by Committee with the proviso that no member of the Committee shall serve for more than three years without standing for re-

election. The Committee shall have power to co-opt persons for a particular object but with no power to vote.

8. Once elected the Management Committee shall elect from within itself the Officers of the Society
9. The Committee will meet at least five times a year. The Committee shall be empowered to dismiss any Committee member who fails to attend five consecutive meetings
10. Production shall be in the hands of the Management Committee.
11. The Annual General Meeting shall be held between 1st. and 30th September in each year. The business of such meeting shall be:-
 - (a) To approve the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.
 - (b) To receive the Chairman's report
 - (c) To receive the Secretary's report.
 - (d) To receive the Treasurer's report for the preceding year.
 - (e) To elect the Committee for the ensuing year.
 - (f) To consider any other business
12. The Secretary shall send to every Member, at least two weeks before each Annual General Meeting a notice stating the date, time and place of such meeting.
13. The notice for the Annual General Meeting will include a request for Members to confirm that they wish to remain a Member of the Society. A Member who wishes to retain their membership of the Society shall give written notice to the Secretary.
14. The Secretary shall cause to be held a Special General Meeting within five weeks of his receiving a written request so to do, signed by not less than five Members stating the nature of the business to be considered.
15. It shall be possible for a Member of the Society to be made an Honorary Life Member in recognition of service to the Society and that the appointment of such Honorary Life Membership shall be at the recommendation of the Committee and put to an Annual or Special General Meeting.
16. In the event of the Society closing down, the disposal of its assets is to be decided by a majority vote at an Annual or Special General Meeting
17. Any amendment to these rules can only be made at an Annual or Special General Meeting. Details of proposed Rules shall be sent to the Membership with the notification of the date and time of the meeting.
18. Any Member may propose a change in these Rules to be put before the Annual General Meeting by notifying the Secretary in writing before 1st. August in any year.
19. The Management Committee shall have full power to deal with any urgent matter for which no provision is made in these Rules.