

WIGHT WOODTURNERS CONSTITUTION

Wight Woodturners herein after referred to as the Club

Aims

1. To foster a general awareness of the Turners Craft and Art.
2. To provide a Forum to encourage communication and discussion amongst all Turners and the general public.
3. To encourage all Turners to produce quality turning by way of meetings, exhibitions/demonstrations and club competitions.

Membership

1. Membership shall be open to all following completion of the current application form. Following a three-month familiarisation period payment of the Annual Subscription (or pro rata commencing from the application date) will become due.
2. Members under 18 shall be Junior Members and pay reduced subscriptions and fees as may be decided.
3. Members shall be entitled to use the name of the Club for appropriate purposes as maybe approved by the Committee from time to time.

Constitution of the Committee

- A. All paid up members shall have the opportunity of entering the activities of the Club, to attend Annual General Meetings; to vote upon the Constitutional matters and to serve on the Committee.
- B. The Affairs of the Club shall be managed by a Committee elected annually at an Annual General Meeting.
- C. The Committee shall consist of:
 - Chairman
 - Honorary Secretary
 - Honorary Treasurer
 - Plus Four Members or more, one of whom will be nominated by the committee as Vice Chairman.
 - Junior members will not be eligible to serve on the committee.
- A. The Chairman, Hon. Secretary and the Hon. Treasurer and four members of the Committee shall be elected by the members of the club at the Annual General Meeting for a one-year Term of Office and shall be eligible for re-election.

- B. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt other members to fill vacancies, which may arise in their number, or to offer guidance on specific matters. Co-opted members shall have the same voting rights as an ordinary member of the Committee.
- C. The Committee shall meet at intervals determined by the business of the Club. The Secretary acting in consultation with the Chairman shall convene meetings, although a meeting shall be convened at any time on the demand of three or more Committee members.
- D. The Chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote if any voting at a Committee meeting shall otherwise be equal and should be used only to maintain the status quo.
- E. If the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Club were not present then the Committee shall elect their own Chairman from amongst their number.
- F. A Quorum of the Committee shall be three members to include two Officers.
- G. The Committee shall be empowered to appoint sub-Committees to act on its' behalf and member(s) to undertake specific tasks or duties.
- H. Cheques of the Club shall only be drawn on the signatures of the Treasurer, Chairman and/or Secretary.

Meetings of the Association

- A. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in December.

Notice of the place, time and date of the Annual General Meeting shall be circulated with the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting, and the Statement of Accounts to all paid up members not less than seven days before the time of the meeting.

- B. The ordinary business to be transacted at each Annual General Meeting shall be:
 - 1. To receive the Minutes of the previous year's Annual General Meeting.
 - 2. To receive and adopt the Chairman's Report on the previous year.
 - 3. To receive and adopt the Treasurer's Report and the Statement of Account covering the financial affairs of the previous year.
 - 4. To elect Chairman, Officers and members of the Committee for the following year.
 - 5. To elect an Honorary Examiner to verify the financial status of the Club.
 - 6. To fix the annual subscription for the coming year following submission of a Committee recommendation.
 - 7. Any Other Business that the Chairman of the Annual General Meeting may see fit. If a vote is required this will be carried out by a ballot of those members, except Junior Members, who attend the Annual General Meeting. A simple majority only is required.
- C. Motions for the Annual General Meeting must be submitted in writing to the Honorary Secretary seven days before the date of the meeting.
- D. Nominations for all Officer positions and for replacements for retiring ordinary members of the Committee shall be submitted in writing to the Honorary Secretary seven days before the time of the Annual General Meeting.
- E. All nominations, proposals or motions for the Annual General Meeting must be signed by both proposer and seconder, both of whom must be paid up members of the Club.

- F. Amendments to these Rules and the Constitution shall be by Notice of Motion, in writing, to the Honorary Secretary of the Club fourteen days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- G. An Extra Ordinary General Meeting may be called by a resolution of the Committee or on the receipt of the written request of at least eight members of the Club.
- H. At the discretion of the committee, meetings of the association may be held virtually.

N.B. The Chairman shall have power to waive the rules covering nominations in the interest of achieving a viable committee or Honorary Officers.

General Rules

1. The members shall be responsible for making themselves familiar with the Constitution, Rules and Safety Guide and shall be deemed to have done so.
2. The Club is not responsible for items sold by members. Members selling items at Club events shall be responsible for those items complying with legislation, safety regulations and copyright requirements. Due to compliance complications toys will not be sold. The committee may refuse to display any item at its discretion.
3. No Club member including the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee members for the time being, shall benefit from any privilege associated with the Club on items, be they monetary or otherwise, which are not readily available to all Club members.
4. Any assistance given by one member to another shall be given without charge to, except to cover costs of materials used, unless terms for such assistance were agreed by both parties before the assistance was rendered.
5. If any member transgresses the Constitution and/or in the opinion of three or more members brings the Club into disrepute the Chairman, shall together with two Committee members request a discussion with the member against whom the allegations were made, and other members if they so decide. If warranted in their unanimous opinion, they may request the member to resign.
6. The Annual Subscription and all other charges and fees as may be enforced from time to time, shall be reviewed at the Annual General Meeting, or at any time at the request of the Committee.
7. The Chairman shall have no executive powers, but be enabled to take any urgent action that may be necessary with the approval of the Secretary and Treasurer for the time being, or in their absence two other Committee members.
8. On the dissolution of the Club, all assets will be auctioned after due notice has been given, accrued monies will be equally divided between all fully paid up members excepting Junior Members.
9. Junior Members shall not operate Club equipment without the supervision of an experienced member nominated by the Committee.