

THE CONSTITUTION OF HOOK PLAYERS



Purpose

The main objective of Hook Players is to promote and foster the enjoyment of drama in the local community.

Members

Membership is available at any time by completing an application form and payment of the Annual Subscription. Members must be sixteen or over unless determined by the Committee that a juvenile is an essential part of a performance and with written permission of the juvenile's parent or guardian. Such Members will pay a fee as determined by the Committee and will not be eligible to vote.

Officers and Committee

The Committee is the decision-making body for the day-to-day running of Hook Players. The Committee consists of seven Members who are elected at the Annual General Meeting and will hold their position for a period of one year. They may seek re-election in subsequent years up to a maximum of three consecutive years in that office. The Committee comprises of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Members' Representative, Social Secretary, Publicity Officer, and Communications Officer.

Committee Meetings

These will be held on a regular basis to suit the convenience of Committee Members.

Annual General Meeting

This will be held in January of each year with all paid-up Members eligible to vote. The quorum is ten Members. The formal business of the Annual General Meeting is:

- 1) to elect officers for the following year. This is by simple majority, following nominations in writing and seconded. Voting is by secret ballot.
- 2) to approve the accounts for the prior year.
- 3) to decide by simple majority the annual subscription to commence on 1st February.
- 4) to consider changes to this Constitution. The Constitution can only be changed by a proposal in writing and seconded by two other paid-up Members. The proposal must be circulated to all Members at least one week prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Accounts

Accounts are to be made up annually and prepared in sufficient time for approval at the Annual General Meeting. There must be three authorised signatories, any two of whom must sign cheques. The Committee will appoint the signatories.

Productions

A selection group will be formed of at least three volunteers headed by the Members' Representative. They will undertake to present suitable plays for consideration. The full Committee will make the final decision. The Committee will also appoint the Director, Producer and Stage Manager for all productions.

Communications

Communications are the responsibility of the Chairman.

Extraordinary General Meeting

Where circumstances demand it, an Extraordinary General Meeting may be called. This can be done only by a proposal in writing and seconded by two other paid-up Members. The proposal must be communicated to all Members. The majority in this case must be greater than two-thirds of Members present and greater than half of all paid-up Members.