

Scottish Modellers

Scottish Modellers - Statement of Purpose

Scottish Modellers is formed to promote and foster interest in the modelling of railways in all eras and scales by providing:

- (a) The interchange of knowledge, experience and ideas among modellers of railways
- (b) Stands and demonstrations at model railway exhibitions. This shall be of any form available to The Society and as agreed by the members and the exhibition manager.
- (c) Public exhibition which displays the work of The Society and other like minded bodies of a non profit making nature.

Scottish Modellers has no affiliation to previous yahoo groups or individuals using "Scottish Modeller(s) or similar titles.

The Constitution and Rules of Scottish Modellers (Exhibition and Demonstration Group.)

1. **Name:** The Society shall be known as "Scottish Modellers" (Rebrand?). (Hereinafter referred to as "The Society".)

2. **Objectives:** The objectives of The Society shall be stated in the "**Scottish Modellers – Statement of Purpose**".

3. **Management:** The Society shall have a Committee.

The members shall nominate a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary as the executive body.

4. **Powers of the Committee** are:

- Limited to progressing the actions and agenda set out and agreed at each AGM.
- Discretion to deal with matters on behalf of the membership to maintain finances and relationships with other organisations, including authority to make payments, within the budgets agreed at AGM or from time to time with the members.
- Matters requiring immediate response or disciplinary action in relation to misrepresentation, financial irregularities, gross misconduct or bringing the Society into disrepute can be actioned by a majority of the Committee. Including suspension of Members, dealing with Police or other authorities including action under rule 16 (Misuse of the name of the Society)
- In the event that a matter cannot be resolved with a member, the action recommended by the committee can be voted upon by the membership and the result of the vote will be binding.
- As appropriate or regulation requires confidentiality the Chairs decision will be binding.

5. **Membership and Subscriptions:**

- Membership of The Society is by invitation only.
- Current members can nominate persons for membership. Subject to agreement of the majority of members. Each member can nominate a maximum of 3 persons each year.
- Subscriptions shall be paid annually, the sum payable to be reviewed and agreed at each Annual General Meeting.
- The subscription shall be effective from the 1st of January to the 31st of December of each year. Members failing to renew their subscriptions by 1st March shall be deemed to have terminated their membership.
- **In addition members are expected to support one or more of the events or exhibitions that the Society is invited to.**
- **Discretion for exceptions due to personal circumstances is held by the Secretary.**

6. **Annual General Meeting (AGM):** The Annual General Meeting shall be held no more than 14 months after the previous AGM. and at least one months' notice shall be given to all members of the date and place of the meeting

7. **Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM):** At the written request of the majority of members or at the discretion of the committee an Extraordinary General Meeting will be convened within 30 days for the discussion of any specific business.

- Matters reserved for EGM can be dealt with by Ballot of membership at the discretion of the Committee, notwithstanding a majority call can commute this to a physical meeting.

8. **Accounts:** The Society shall keep a record of all financial transactions and shall prepare accounts each year and submitted to the Annual General Meeting, if this should prove impossible each member shall be informed of the financial position of The Society electronically or by post.

9. **Chairmans Report:** The Chairman shall present to the Annual General Meeting each year a Report of the activities of The Society for the preceding year. Where appropriate the Secretary and Treasurer may be requested to provide a report.

10. **Voting Rights and Quorum:**

All members shall have the right to attend all meetings of The Society.

- The quorum for any decision of The Society shall be no less than half of the current members. .
- The Chairman shall, at all times, have the casting vote.
- Committee is quorate at 3 officers (of 4)

11. **Affiliations:** Any affiliations considered by The Society must be in accordance with the purpose of The Society.

12. **Amendments to Rules:** These Rules may be amended at a General Meeting of The Society by resolution passed by a majority of members present.

13. **Deleted**

14. **Liability:** The Society is an unincorporated body. All members thus have a liability.

15. **Copies of Rules:** Every member of The Society shall have a copy of this constitution and rules, membership of The Society shall be deemed to be a member's acceptance of these as binding.

16. **Misuse of the Name of The Society:**

Without written permission of the Committee no member or person may;

(a) use the name of The Society in any communication.

(b) use society funds, assets or name for personal gain.

Any breach of these Rules renders the member(s) concerned liable to immediate expulsion, and any financial or other commitment entered into in misrepresentation will be the personal responsibility of the person(s) concerned.

17. **Disbandment - Disposal of Funds:** In the event, for any reason, of the disbandment of The Society, or if its ceasing to function by the lapse of one calendar year after any known activity, all funds and assets then known to remain shall be collated by the Chairman, or in the event of that person being unable to do so, by the last persons holding committee offices. Such persons shall, after taking responsible steps to discharge known debts, call a meeting of all the last known paid up members of The Society to agree one or more charities and/or model railway clubs or societies that have similar interests to whom any remaining assets will be distributed. In this event any such decision by the members of The Society shall be absolute. In winding up of the Society no member past or present should personally gain financially or in kind.

18. **Data Protection Act 1984 and subsequent amendments:** It is a condition of membership of The Society that personal data, consisting of members' names, addresses, telephone numbers and email details together with a record of payment of subscription be held on a computer system and used for the purposes of The Society only. Such use shall include the supply of member information to any affiliated body providing such request is accepted by the membership should it occur.