

# Rules of the Plymouth Philatelic Society (2019)

## **Title and Objects**

1. The Society shall be known as “The Plymouth Philatelic Society”, the objects being :-
  - (a) The study of matters connected with Philately
  - (b) The drawing together of collectors
  - (c) The encouragement of Philately in others

## **Membership**

2. Members shall be over the age of 16 years. An intending member shall complete an application form and forward this, together with references satisfactory to the Committee, to the Hon. Secretary. The name of the intending member shall be announced at the next meeting of the Society when, subject to the approval of all members, he/she shall be elected.

## **Subscriptions**

3. Each member shall pay on election a joining fee, and an annual subscription, the amounts being determined at the Annual General Meeting. Students in full-time education shall pay half the annual subscription. All renewed annual subscriptions shall be due on the 1<sup>st</sup> June annually and are to be paid within 60 days. Any member whose subscription remains unpaid at the end of the 60 days automatically ceases to be a member and must pay a joining fee plus subscription to be re-instated.

## **Resignation**

4. A member may resign from the Society by giving one month’s notice in writing to the Hon. Secretary and upon the date of such notice ceases to be entitled to the benefits of membership. A resigning member remains liable, however, for any unpaid subscriptions or other dues owing to the Society.

## **Committee**

5. The Committee shall consist of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Exchange Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and four other members. All are to be elected at the Annual General Meeting. They shall be eligible for re-election subject to the proviso that:
  - (a) No member shall be Chairman for more than two years in succession.
  - (b) The longest serving Committee member shall automatically resign and cannot be re-elected unless there is no other nominee.

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## **Committee (continued)**

Five shall form a quorum.

The Officers and Committee may, at their discretion, appoint an eminent member of the Society to the position of President or Vice President. These appointments carry no voting powers at Committee meetings.

## **Addresses**

6. Members shall inform the Hon. Secretary and, if in receipt of the exchange packet, the Hon. Exchange Secretary of any change of address, but will be responsible for all packets sent to the address entered on the circulation list when the packets start on circuit.

## **Meetings**

7. Meetings will be held as promulgated in the Annual Programme. Members may bring visitors to the meetings at the discretion of the Chairman to whom a visitor is invariably introduced. No more than one professional dealer may conduct trading at a meeting although stamp exchanges between members are encouraged. Smoking is prohibited at meetings.

## **Disputes**

8. The Committee shall have power to deal with and decide any complaints or disputes that may arise between or among members.

## **Infringement of Rules**

9. The Committee is authorised to take appropriate action against any member for contravention of these rules or for proven misconduct.

## **Rules**

10. These rules may not be altered except at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting convened for that purpose, to which every member shall be summoned.

## **Financial Year**

11. The financial year shall run from 1<sup>st</sup> May to 30<sup>th</sup> April.

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## **Annual General Meeting**

12. An Annual General Meeting shall normally be held on the first meeting in June for the purpose of receiving reports, electing officers and revising rules etc. The reports are to include a financial statement by the Hon. Treasurer, details of the year's business by the Hon. Exchange Secretary and details of the Society's activities by the Hon. Secretary. All reports are subject to approval by the members present. All members are expected to attend. Proposals and nominations shall be forwarded to the Hon. Secretary not less than twenty-one days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

## **Auditor**

13. The Annual General Meeting shall appoint an Hon. Auditor for the ensuing year. The Hon. Auditor must be a member of the Society.

## **Special General Meeting**

14. Special General Meetings may be convened by the Committee or on the request of not less than ten members. Seven clear days notice is to be given of each Special General Meeting with details of the business to be transacted. If convened in response to a request by the members, the meeting shall be held within twenty-one days of the date on which such request is delivered to the Hon. Secretary. All members shall be entitled to be present and vote at Special General Meetings.

## **Voting**

15. Voting is by a show of hands or ballot, if appropriate. A simple majority decides. In the event of there being equality of voting then the Chairman shall have the casting vote.

## **Dissolution of the Society**

16. The Society shall be dissolved and its affairs wound up if a majority of such members as shall be present at a Special General Meeting convened for that purpose so decide. The assets of the Society shall be disposed of in such a manner as shall be determined at such a meeting.

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