

WETHERBY CHORAL SOCIETY
as amended and agreed
October 2014

1. TITLE

- The name of the Society shall be WETHERBY CHORAL SOCIETY hereinafter referred to as “the Society”

2. AIMS

- The principal aim of the Society will be to prepare music for performance and to educate its members and the public in the art of choral music through the presentation of a series of concerts throughout the season.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- Wetherby Choral Society is a community choir.
- Membership shall be at the discretion of the committee subject to the provision of evidence of musical ability to the Musical Director who may call upon members to audition at any time.
- Members of the Society shall be those persons who pay the Annual Subscription at the appropriate rate.
- Members shall pay at least the annual subscription. All subscriptions shall be payable as soon as possible in any year and in any case before the first concert of the season. Other than in extraordinary circumstances (at the discretion of the Treasurer), a member who has not paid a subscription will not be permitted to perform.
- It is the duty of every member to be in regular attendance at rehearsals and concerts and to promote the concerts through ticket sales. Immediately before each concert the Conductor and Chairman shall refer to the attendance register and if in their opinion a performing member has not been present at an adequate number of rehearsals he or she shall not be permitted to sing in that concert.

4. OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

- The management of the Society shall be in the hands of a Committee that shall consist of the Musical Director and the Accompanist **who are non-voting members**, an Honorary Chairman, an Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Treasurer, and at least three other members who shall be elected by and out of the Society's members at the Annual General Meeting.
- The committee shall have the power to co-opt members up to a maximum of three and any such co-options must be confirmed by the members of the Society at the following AGM.
- Members shall serve for a maximum term of three years before they must submit themselves for re-election, such that one-third of the members, including one officer, shall be elected (or re-elected) each year.

- Nominations for election to the Committee shall be delivered to the Honorary Secretary not later than seven days before the Annual General Meeting, the consent of the nominee having been obtained.
- All members of the Committee, including co-opted members, with the exception of the Musical Director and Accompanist, shall have the right to vote and in the event of equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.
- Should any of the elected office holders resign his office before the following Annual General Meeting the Committee shall choose one of their number to perform the duties of that office until the end of the following Annual General Meeting.

5. MANAGEMENT

- The management of the Society, arrangements for concerts and other events, including the choice of repertoire and the selection of soloists, the control of the Society's finances and the appointment and removal from office of the Musical Director and accompanist shall be in the hands of the committee.
- Rehearsals shall be held at such places, dates and times as may be decided by the Committee in conjunction with the Musical Director

6. FINANCE

- The financial year shall end on 30 April.
- A bank account shall be held in the name of the Society and cheques shall be signed by any two officers of the Society. In addition the Treasurer may perform electronic transactions as required.
- The Society may receive donations, grants in aid and financial guarantees, and tickets for any or all of its concerts and other events may be offered for sale to the public.
- The income and property of the society wheresoever derived shall be applied solely towards promoting the aims of the Society as set out above and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred either directly or indirectly to any member or members of the Society except in payment of legitimate expenses incurred on behalf of the Society

7. DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY

- The Society may be dissolved by a resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at a Special General Meeting convened for the purpose of which 21 days' notice shall have been given to the members.
- Such resolution may give instructions for the disposal of any assets held by or in the name of the Society, provided that if any property remains after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities such property shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Society but shall be given or transferred to such other charitable institution or institutions having aims similar to some or all of the aims of the Society as the Society may determine and if and in so far as effect cannot be given to this provision then to some other charitable purpose.

8. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- The Annual General Meeting shall take place within six weeks of the end of each concert season. At least fourteen days' notice shall be given to members of such a meeting.
- A Special General Meeting may be held at any time at the discretion of the committee or at the request in writing of not less than ten members. At least fourteen days' notice shall be given to members of such a meeting.
- A quorum for any general meeting shall be one third of the current membership.
- At a General Meeting of the Society the Chairman shall take the Chair. Any member of the Society may speak and may vote on any motion at the General Meeting of the Society. Voting shall be by show of hands as counted by the Secretary and Treasurer.

9. EXAMINATION OF ACCOUNTS

- Each year accounts shall be audited or examined to the extent required by legislation and submitted to the Society at its AGM.

10. CONSTITUTION

- Each member of the Society shall be entitled to a copy of the constitution.

11. AMENDMENTS

- The constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the members present at an annual or special general meeting, provided that fourteen days' notice of the proposed amendment has been given to all members and provided also that nothing herein contained shall authorise any amendment which shall have the effect of the Society ceasing to be a charity.

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Approved at Special General Meeting on 03.11.2014