

ISLE OF WIGHT ART CLUB RULES

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Formally accepted by the Club at a General Meeting held at the Riverside, Newport on the 27th February 2024. Previous versions of the Rules now have no authority

Membership of the Isle of Wight Art Club implies an acceptance of these Rules.

1 Title of the Club. The title of the Club shall be "The Isle of Wight Art Club".

2. Object The object of the Club is to encourage the practice of the pictorial arts by meeting together, and to provide opportunities for all members to exhibit their original work.

3. Constitution All Members shall be full Members of the Club, and will be allowed to show their work at the Club's exhibitions. Submitted work will be to an appropriate standard of presentation as laid out in Exhibiting Rules & Guidelines current at the time. The Exhibition Organisers reserve the right to veto any submission for any reason.

The Council may nominate a Member of the Club for Life Membership in recognition of their outstanding contribution to the Club. Life Membership carries the freedom from the requirement to pay the annual subscription. The Council may propose that Honorary Membership be awarded to an individual who is not a Member of the Club but who has made a contribution to its work which is worthy of recognition. Awards of Life and Honorary Membership shall become effective from the date of their approval at a General Meeting of the Club.

4. Voting Members and Life Members have the right to stand for election to the Council of the Club, and to vote at Club meetings. Honorary Members have no voting rights at Club meetings.

5. Election to the Club Membership is open to those sharing the aims of the Club, and being over the age of 18 years.

All applicants for membership must complete the prescribed form. Applications will be approved by the Secretary, but if there is any doubt concerning its suitability the matter will be referred to the Chairperson. If the Club is deemed to be full at the time, the applicants name may be placed on awaiting list. Any member may forfeit their membership if they :

- i. Fail to pay the annual subscription by the approved date.
- ii. He/she is adjudged to have acted in a way prejudicial to the standing and aims of the Club.

6. Subscriptions The Annual Subscription Rate and other rates applicable to part-year membership will be set by the Council and agreed at the Annual General Meeting before 31st December. In the event of an Annual Subscription rate requiring a raise of 50% or more an EGM will be held. The Annual Subscription becomes due for payment by the 1st January. Failure to pay by 31st January will result in loss of membership. Those losing membership in this way may apply to rejoin but will only be offered a place on the waiting list if the Club is deemed to be full, and, on acceptance, they will be required to pay the full subscription for the year in which their membership is reinstated.

7. Officers The Officers of the Club are Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary. They shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting to serve for the coming year.

The Club may also elect an Honorary President who will have the right to attend any function of the Club, its Council or other club meeting, as a non-voting participant unless exercising his/her general rights as a member of the Club.

8. The Council The Council of the Club shall consist of the Officers and nine other general members. These general members of the Council shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting each to serve for a period of three years. Each year, three of the general members shall stand-down and the vacancies so caused filled by election at the Annual General Meeting. Members of the Council standing-down under this rule shall remain eligible for nomination and election to any vacancy.

The Council shall have responsibility for the management of the income and affairs of the Club. It shall have the power to co-opt other persons from within the Club's membership to fill any unexpected vacancy, or for other reasons, should this be considered necessary for it to continue to administer the Club's affairs. Approval of all appointments made under this rule will be sought at the following Annual or other General Meeting of the Club. At least two Officers and five other members of the Council shall constitute a quorum at the Council's meetings.

9. Meetings The Annual General Meeting shall be held after 1st January but before the 1st April. A quorum for this meeting shall be three (3) Officers and fifteen (15) other Members.

Notice of the date of the Annual General Meeting and the Agenda shall be made to all members at least twenty eight (28) days before the appointed day. Nominations for election as Officers and Council Members shall be given to the Secretary, at least ten (10) days before the meeting. An Extraordinary Meeting of the Club shall be called at any time within twenty eight (28) days of the receipt by the Secretary of a notice signed by at least twenty (20) members of the Club, stating fully the reason for the meeting.

10. Exhibitions The Council will agree dates for the Club's exhibitions and appoint a member of the Council as Exhibition Organiser who will be assisted by an appointed Hanging Committee.

11. Alteration to the rules These rules shall not be altered or rescinded except with the consent of at least two thirds of members present and voting at the Annual General Meeting, or at an Extraordinary Meeting convened for that purpose. Members unable to attend a meeting held for this purpose may make representations of their views, in advance, by writing to the Chairman. The Chairman may convey such representations to the meeting, but they will in no way constitute a vote by proxy.

12. Finance. All withdrawals from the Club shall be signed for by authorised Council Member signatories, one to be an Officer. Any major expenditure to be pre-approved by the Council. The funds of the Club shall be used solely for the benefit of the Club, and all

affiliated matters. The Club will reimburse from its funds all authorised expenses incurred for, and on behalf of, the Club.

13. Auditor A competent auditor shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting for the purpose of auditing the accounts of the Club. The person so appointed cannot be a member of the Council of the Club.

14. Winding up and Disposal of Funds The Club shall be wound-up if it is out of funds; or if the Council is unable to recruit enough members to fulfil its role. The Club may also be wound-up if a proposal to do so is passed at an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary Meeting called for that purpose, and that the decision is confirmed by two thirds of the membership voting in a subsequent postal ballot. In the event of the Club being wound up, all remaining funds shall be handed over to the Steve Ross Foundation for the Arts, or to another such similar deemed appropriate by the Council.

15. Data Protection It is a condition of membership of the Isle of Wight Art Club that personal data furnished to the Club and necessary for the execution of its aims, may be held on one or more computers, and used for the administration of the Club only under the terms of the Data Protection Act and amendments made there to.

Dated 27th February 2024