

MARKET HARBOROUGH ART CLUB

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

These rules approved at the AGM held on 25th March 2011 (Minute 10).

Amendments agreed at the AGM held on 18th March 2016

Rule 3 amendment to subscription dates.

Amendments agreed at the AGM held on the 29th March 2019

Rule 6 amended to include reference to EGMs,

Rule 7i added to include appointment of signatories,

Rule 7(existing) now renumbered as Rule 10

Rule9 added to include Data Protection provisions.

Amendments agreed at the AGM held on 3rd April 2023:

Rule 2: The word 'paintings' to be replaced by the word 'artworks'.

Rule 2, the addition of workshops and activity evenings be added to the list of the Club's activities,

Rule 3, the change of the membership year to now be from the 1st May to the 30th April,

Rules 3 and 7(b), to reserve the setting of subscription fees to the Committee,

Rule 4, to change the meeting evenings to the first Monday in each month,

Rule 6, to change the date of the AGM from March to April

Rule 6, to include members rights to raise issues of concern at the AGM

Rule 7(a), the programme to be determined by all Committee members.

Amendment agreed at the AGM held 7th April 2025

Rule 5 Amended to delete reference to President.

1.0 TITLE. The club shall be called the Market Harborough Art Club (the Club) and membership shall be open to the public at large.

2.0 OBJECTIVES. The objectives of the Club shall be to promote the appreciation of visual arts and improve the expertise of members by means of artwork evenings, workshops, lectures, demonstrations, and critiques. Additional activities may be undertaken at the discretion of the Committee in compliance with Rule 7'0 below.

3.0 MEMBERSHIP. Membership of the Club shall be by annual subscription running from the 1st May to the 30th April in the following year. Anyone joining the Club part way through the year will pay a subscription fee proportionate to the term remaining.

4.0 MEETINGS. The Club shall meet on the first Monday of each month or the second Monday where the first Monday falls on a bank holiday. The meeting in April shall be reserved for the Annual General Meeting in compliance with Rule 6.0 below.

5.0 COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND MEMBERSHIP. The club shall be managed by a Committee which shall comprise of up to 10 Committee Members which shall include: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer (the Officers). The terms of office shall run from the date of appointment for a period of 3 years.

In the notice of the AGM to members under Rule 6, members shall be advised of any Committee vacancies and shall be given the opportunity to stand for election either by notice to the Secretary in writing or by declaration at the meeting.

Committee members shall be elected by majority vote of those present. Committee members whose term of office expires at the meeting shall be eligible to be re-elected.. A quorum of any Committee meeting shall be not less than 5 members of the Committee.

6.0 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. The Club shall hold an Annual General meeting (the AGM) each year in April. The agenda shall be circulated to all members by the Secretary. The meeting shall receive reports from key officers, approve the previous year's minutes, receive and adopt the accounts, elect officers and committee members. And consider any other matters arising in accordance with these rules. At its discretion the Committee may call an Extraordinary General Meeting for any matters of moment which need to urgently be addressed.

A quorum at any Annual General Meeting and at any Extraordinary General Meeting shall be not less than 10 members.

Members shall have the right to raise issues of concern under Any Other Business including but not limited to: venue, programme, and subscription fees.

7.0 COMMITTEE DUTIES. The Committee shall :

- a) Determine the Clubs programme
- b) Determine any changes in membership fees.
- c) Set the date of the AGM.
- d) Determine any other matters which the Committee wishes to propose to the AGM for consideration and adoption.
- e) Regularly review these rules and submit any proposals it deems appropriate to the AGM for consideration and adoption.
- f) Organise the Annual Exhibition in accordance with Rule 8.0.
- g) Organise any other activity which the Committee in its discretion considers appropriate.
- h) At its discretion appoint a Minutes Secretary .
- i) Determine from time to time the signatories on behalf of the club.

8.0 ANNUAL EXHIBITION. The Club shall hold an annual exhibition which shall be open to all paid-up members of the Club. The exhibition dates, rules of entry, venue, and entry fees shall be at the discretion of and set by the Committee.

9.0 DATA PROTECTION. The Club shall at all times maintain a Data Protection Policy under the provisions of the Data Protection Act 2018.

10.0 AVAILABILITY OF AND CHANGES TO THESE RULES. A copy of these Rules shall be made available to members upon request. These rules may only be amended by a majority vote of those present at an AGM. Proposals for changes may be made by the Committee pursuant to Rule 7.0 above or by any member by notice in writing to the Secretary not later than 6 weeks prior to the date of the AGM.