

**Calleva Stickdressers**

**CONSTITUTION (2015)**

1. NAME

The organization shall be known as the CALLEVA STICKDRESSERS

2. OBJECT

The object of the organization is to further the craft of Stickdressing and to exchange information and cooperation between members; to promote stickdressing knowledge, fraternalisation and individual skills and to advance the general interests of the craft.

3. GROUP LOGO

No member shall use the name or logo of the organization in pursuance of commercial interests, nor in connection with any trade or exhibition without the prior consent of the Officers. Any such approval shall incorporate the words " member of".

4. OFFICERS and EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Officers shall be as follows:

**CHAIRPERSON:** The Chairperson shall preside at all Executive meetings and conduct them in an ordered manner. He/she shall enforce due observance of this Constitution, decide all questions of order and perform all other duties pertaining to the office of Chairman.

**TREASURER:** The Treasurer shall receive, and issue receipts for, all monies paid to/from the organization; keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended; pay those bills properly authorized by the organization or its officers and he/she shall submit an itemized account of income and expenditure at every meeting.

**SECRETARY:** The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of Executive, Extraordinary and Annual General Meetings; keep a roll of members; carry out all correspondence; report on pertinent communications at each meeting and notify members of the date of any EGM and the AGM with due notice.

At the end of their term Officers will hand over all items belonging to the organization to their successor.

The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE shall consist of the OFFICERS and four elected members. At all Executive Committee meetings a minimum of four members/officers shall form a quorum.

The general management of the organization shall be vested in The Executive Committee, which shall have full power to oversee all the business of the organization and to deal with matters that may arise. They shall have the power to co-opt members and appoint sub committees for special purposes. Co-opted members will have the same voting rights as elected members.

The Executive Committee shall meet at least twice a year. If the Chairperson is unable to attend then a Chairperson nominated by the meeting shall chair that meeting.

A member of the Executive Committee may lose their seat on the committee for either of the following

- Absence from two or more meetings without tendering an apology
- Found not to have paid his/her annual subscription

Nominations for Officers and Executive Committee members must be proposed and seconded in writing to the Secretary at least 28 days prior to the AGM.

## 5. MEMBERSHIP

Membership will be open to anyone interested in the craft of Stickdressing/ Stickmaking. The application for membership must be in writing on the prescribed application form and accompanied by the annual fee. Every applicant shall have his/her application considered by the committee before membership is granted

## 6. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

The Committee shall have the authority to refuse renewal of membership without giving any reason. Any member who is (i) seen to be acting against the aims and objectives of the Organization, or (ii) considered by the Organization to behave, or potentially behave, in a way which is contrary to the spirit of the Organization and/or may impede the objectives of the Organization or (iii) is considered to bring, or potentially bring, the good name of the organization into question can be expelled by a two-thirds majority decision by those members present at a special meeting called for this purpose.

## 7. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

There will be an annual subscription, which shall be determined by recommendation of the Executive Committee to the AGM. This subscription will be due on the first day after the AGM. Those members who have not renewed their membership after issue of a reminder will cease to be a member.

## 8. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (EGM)

An EGM can be requested by the Chairman, a majority decision of the Executive Committee or by a written request signed by a minimum of 5 members, to the Secretary to address a specified resolution/s and to give all members 28 days notice of the date of the meeting and the resolution/s to be addressed. Only the specified resolution/s can be voted on at the EGM and must be passed by two thirds of the membership present at the meeting.

## 9. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

There shall be an Annual General Meeting (AGM) which shall be held before the end of March. Members to be advised a minimum of 56 days in advance. Items for inclusion at the AGM must be submitted in writing to the Secretary at least 28 days prior to the meeting. A minimum of a quarter of the membership shall form a quorum.

## 10. DISSOLUTION OF THE ORGANISATION

The Organization may be dissolved only by a vote of two thirds (2/3) of those present at an AGM or EGM called for that purpose. In the event of the dissolution, the disposal of available funds in the name of the Organization shall be donated to craft oriented organisations.

## 11. CONSTITUTION

The constitution shall only be amended by a vote of two thirds of those present at an AGM, provided that 28 days notice of the proposed amendment/s have been circulated to all members. Any changes to the Constitution previously notified and agreed at an AGM shall take immediate effect.

*(Revised at the AGM 4<sup>th</sup> February 2015)*