

# **RULES of the EAST DORSET ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY**

Numbers in brackets are the relevant sections of the constitution.

## **1. Non-discrimination**

The Society does not and will not discriminate on the basis of race, colour, religion, age, gender, gender expression or sexual orientation. (8)

## **2. Membership**

- a. Individuals aged 16 or 17 may be admitted as Junior Associates at the discretion of the Committee. (8)
- b. Individuals under 18 may also become Junior Associates as part of family memberships. (8)
- c. Junior Associates may not act as trustees or in any administrative capacity within the Society. (8)
- d. Subscription rates and categories will be proposed by the Committee and agreed by the membership at a general meeting. (32)
- e. Subscriptions will be due annually on 1<sup>st</sup> April. (9)
- f. The Treasurer may exercise discretion on the timing of membership termination if a subscription is not received by 1<sup>st</sup> May. (9)
- g. The Committee may, by majority vote, confer Honorary Membership upon a person who is considered to have provided services of outstanding benefit to the Society's charitable objects. No subscriptions will be due from Honorary Members. (3, 8)

## **3. Committee**

- a. The committee will not exceed 12 members. (17)
- b. Other than the officers (Chair, Secretary, Treasurer), the committee will usually include the positions of Programme Secretary, Membership Secretary, Communications Secretary and a Director of Field Archaeology. (17)
- c. It will meet at least twice annually. (21)
- d. The quorum will be 5 trustee members. (21)
- e. Committee members who are unable to attend a meeting may provide information and advice on any agenda item either in writing, including by email, to all committee members or through an officer, who must then declare its source. (17)

## **4. General Meetings**

- a. Annual General Meetings will be held before the end of March each year to: (10)
  - i. receive annual reports from the Committee and the statement of accounts for the previous financial year, examined or audited as required by the Charity Commission,
  - ii. accept any resignations from the current Committee and elect Committee members,
  - iii. appoint an examiner or auditor, as required,
  - iv. agree any proposed changes in subscriptions
  - v. deal with any matter relating to the Society raised by the Committee or by any member who has given at least 14 days written notice prior to the meeting.
- b. Honorary and Junior Associates will not be entitled to vote. (15)
- c. Otherwise, each person within a family membership will have one vote. (15)

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