

The Corsley Show Society Constitution 2016

(an unincorporated society)

1. Name

The name of the Society shall be “The Corsley Show Society” (hereinafter referred to in these Rules as “the Society”).

2. Objectives

The objectives of the Society shall be:-

- a) Arrange for the organisation of a Show or Exhibition at or near the Village of Corsley in the County of Wiltshire as often as the Society shall from time to time decide upon which shall include at the discretion of the organisers exhibitions of items of horticulture, agriculture, rural life, dogs, ponies and such other items of art, homecraft and industry, sideshows, competitions and amusements and generally as they shall think fit and expedient.
- b) To benefit the inhabitants of the Parish of Corsley and the parishes immediately adjoining the same by encouraging and educating them in horticulture, agriculture and rural activities, crafts and allied subjects.
- c) The Society shall be non-profit making and any funds not required to ensure the future of the show or for the purposes of the Society shall be applied by the Society at the Annual General Meeting as donations to local charities and other bodies or organisations deemed to be of benefit to Corsley and/or the adjoining Parishes of Chapmanslade and Horningsham either directly or via any organising Company

In order to undertake the management of the Show the Society agrees to the creation of a company limited by guarantee known as “Corsley Show Limited”. The Society shall approve the company articles and any changes thereto by General Meeting (Annual or Extraordinary).

3. Membership

The Society shall consist of a President, Vice-Presidents, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Members. Any person over the age of Eighteen years can become a Member of the Society on application to the Committee and on payment of the annual subscription for the time being in force, subject to the right of the Committee in its absolute discretion to refuse membership to any person without giving any reason for such refusal.

It shall be agreed between the Society and the Company the basis on which members of the society become members of the company. Such to be agreed at a General Meeting of both organisations.

4. Subscription

The annual subscription for membership of the Society shall be such sum as the Committee shall from time to time decide upon and shall become due and payable on the First day of January in each year and if such subscription shall not be paid within six months of its due date then the Executive Committee shall have the power to terminate the membership of any Member whose subscription is so in arrears. In electing Members the Committee shall ensure that Seventy Five per cent of the Members shall reside within five miles of Corsley Heath.

5. Management Committee

The Management of the Society shall be entrusted to a Management Committee consisting of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and other Members of the Society as the Society may decide. Members of the Committee shall be entitled to free family membership from the date of their appointment until they leave the committee.

The Management Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional Members in an advisory and non-voting capacity or to assist in the furtherance of the objects of the Society. The Committee shall also have the power to fill any vacancy which may occur in the Committee or amongst the Officers of the Society elected at the previous Annual General Meeting and the Members and Officers so appointed shall remain in office until the next Annual General Meeting.

Unless agreed otherwise by the Society members the Officers of the Society’s Management Committee (Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer) shall be elected as members of and Officers of the Company. The Society may also elect others of its membership to be members of the Company and serve on its committees and be directors (subject to the Companies Act).

The Society may decide to elect people to these positions for a maximum of 3 years after which they must stand down. They may offer themselves for re-election. With the exception of the officers the people elected to the Company may decide whether to be directors of the company or not. The Officers must be directors. The society may remove anyone from office and /or membership of the company at any time by vote at a General meeting.

6. Power Management Committee

The Committee shall have the power to recommend and the Society shall have the power to elect any Member who in the opinion of the Society has given special service or support to the Society to become an Honorary Life Member and thereafter he or she shall not be liable for the annual Subscription.

7. Annual General Meeting

The Society Annual General Meeting shall be held at such time and in such place as the Management Committee shall from time to time decide upon based on the legal requirements of the Corsley Show Limited company and shall include both Company and Society accounts and business.

In any event it shall not be held more than Fifteen months after the last Annual General Meeting and at that Meeting shall be elected the President and other Officers of the Society and Company for the ensuing year and the Members of the Society Management Committee all of whom shall be proposed and seconded by Members of the Society at such Annual General Meeting.

Any Member of the Society shall be eligible for any of the above appointments provided that his or her subscription is not in arrears and they are legally allowed to do so.

8. Vice Presidents

The Management Committee shall have the power to recommend to the Society who shall have the power to elect any person to be a Vice- President of the Society upon such terms as the Society shall from time to time determine.

9. Quorum

Ten Members shall be required to form a quorum at the Annual General Meeting or any Extraordinary General Meeting and Five Members at a Meeting of the Management Committee. In the event of the votes being equal the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

10. Extraordinary General Meeting

An Extraordinary General Meeting must be called by the Society Secretary on request in writing by the President or Six Members of the Management Committee or Twenty Members of the Society.

11. Notice of Meeting

Fourteen days notice of an Annual General Meeting shall be advertised widely by whatever means are available at reasonable cost. Fourteen days notice of an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be given and all reasonable attempts will be made to advise all Members and such notice shall include an agenda setting out all proposed Resolutions.

12. Privileges of Members

Members of the Society shall have the following privileges:

- a) Free admission to the Annual Show.
- b) And/or such other privileges as the Society Management Committee shall from time to time decide upon.

13. By-Laws

The Management Committee shall make such bye-laws as it thinks necessary relating to the Annual Show and other activities, the appointment of Stewards and Judges and generally shall have the power to form Sub-Committees which shall have the power to co-opt non-voting Members and which shall be responsible to the Management Committee and shall report thereto as often as the Management Committee shall require. All members of the Sub- Committees except non-voting Members must be paid-up Members of the Society.

14. Application of Funds

- a) All monies raised by or on behalf of the Society shall be applied to further the objects of the Society and for no other purpose. This includes any surpluses of any company to which running the show is delegated.
- b) The Treasurer shall keep proper Accounts of the finances of the Society.
- c) The Accounts shall be examined at least once a year by an examiner(s) or as required by law who shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

15. Dissolution

If at any General Meeting a Resolution for the dissolution of the Society and any company created by or aligned with the Society shall be passed by a majority of the Members present and at a Special General Meeting held not less than Six weeks thereafter (of which not less than Fourteen days written notice shall have been given to each Member) and at which not less than Twenty Members shall be present that Resolution shall be confirmed by a Resolution passed by a majority of two-thirds of the Members voting thereto, the Committee shall thereupon, or at such future date as shall be specified in such Resolution, proceed to realise the property of the Society and after the discharge of all liabilities shall apply the same as the said majority of the Members present at the said Meeting shall direct.

16. Alterations of Rules

Any proposal to alter these Rules must be delivered in writing to the Secretary of the Society at his or her private address not less than Twenty Eight days before the date of the Meeting at which it is to be considered.

Notice of such Meeting must be given in accordance with Rules 10 and 11 of this Constitution, such notice must give the wording of the proposed alteration. Any alteration shall require a two-thirds majority of those attending such Meeting.