

## **The Grayshott Stagers**

11. All matters affecting finance shall be under the control of the General Committee. All monies due from Members in connection with the production and performance of any work, shall be accounted for, and paid to the Honorary Treasurer within 21 days after the conclusion of the final performance.
12. In the event that the General Committee believes that the continued existence of the Society is no longer viable a Special General Meeting shall be called of which 21 days' notice in writing shall be given to all Members. Any decision to dissolve the Society must be supported by a majority of at least two-thirds of the Members present and voting. Upon dissolution following the payment of all outstanding liabilities the residual assets of the Society shall be distributed for the benefit of local voluntary organisations. No Member of the Society or other individual shall benefit personally.
13. All Members of the Society shall be provided with a copy of the Constitution.
14. No alteration or addition to any part of the Constitution shall be made except at a General Meeting by a majority of at least two-thirds of the Members present and voting. Notice of any proposal to make such change shall be given to the Honorary Secretary in writing no less than 35 days before the meeting and shall be signed by the proposer and seconder. The Honorary Secretary shall include the proposal in the agenda and shall circulate a copy to each Member not less than 21 days before the Meeting.
15. The General Committee shall have the power to interpret the clauses of the Constitution if there shall be ambiguity or difference of opinion concerning the meaning of any clause, and also to deal with any matter not provided for.
16. This Constitution shall be effective from the 5th September 2007.

# ***C O N S T I T U T I O N***

*As agreed at the Annual General Meeting - 5<sup>th</sup> September 2007*

1. The Society shall be named THE GRAYSHOTT STAGERS.
2. The aim of the Society shall be to stimulate the study of drama and to undertake the public and private presentation of musicals and other plays.
3.
  - a) Patron Membership shall be open to those interested in actively supporting the general aims of the Society. Applications for Patron Membership shall be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary and shall be subject to the approval of the General Committee. Honorary Life Members shall be persons who have rendered outstanding service to the Society and who are elected as such by the General Committee. Delegate Membership may be offered by the General Committee to the Chairmen of Neighbouring Dramatic and Musical Societies. Patron and Honorary Life Members only shall have all the rights of Ordinary Members.
  - b) Ordinary Membership shall be open to persons of 18 years and over. Junior Membership shall be open to all persons of 11 to 18 years of age. Applications for Ordinary and Junior Membership shall be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary and shall be subject to the approval of the General Committee. Guest Membership is at the discretion of the General Committee for a particular production. Members wishing to resign must give written notice to the Honorary Secretary before the 1st July, and in default of so doing will be liable for the subscription for the current year commencing on that date.
4. The Society's financial year shall extend from 1st July to 30th June.
5.
  - (i) The subscription for all classes of Membership and any associated fees shall be agreed at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting called in accordance with paragraph 8(vi) below.
  - (ii) Ordinary and Junior Members joining after 1st February shall pay half the subscription rate for the remainder of the year.
  - (iii) Any Member whose current annual subscription remains unpaid as at 30th September may be removed from the list of Members at the discretion of the General Committee.
6. All Members shall have priority for purchase of tickets for all productions.
7. Hereinafter the terms 'Member' or 'Members' shall include Ordinary and Patron Members, who have paid their subscriptions, and Honorary Life Members but not Junior Members.
8.
  - i) The Annual General Meeting shall be held during the first two weeks in September. The purpose of this Meeting shall be to review the Society's activities during the previous year and in particular:-
    - (a) To consider the Chairman's Report.
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    - (c) To consider the Honorary Treasurer's Report.
    - (d) The election of Officers and General Committee Members and the appointment of an Auditor for the ensuing year.
  - (ii) All Members shall be entitled to attend; only Members who have paid their subscription for the current year will be entitled to vote. All Members shall receive 21 days' notice of the meeting, a request for submission of nominations for Officers and General Committee Members, and be given a copy of the statement of accounts for the year under review at the meeting.
- (iii) All nominations for Officers and General Committee Members must be proposed and seconded by paid up Members, with the written consent of the nominee. Nominations should reach the Honorary Secretary not later than 7 days before the date of the Meeting. Nominees must be fully paid Members at the time of this Meeting. In the event of insufficient nominations being received, the Chairman may call for nominations at the Meeting and proceed to ballot if necessary. In the event of a tie, lots shall be drawn among the candidates affected.
  - (iv) Any subject that a Member may wish to have discussed may be added to the Agenda provided notice, in writing, showing the names of proposer and seconder, reaches the Honorary Secretary not later than 7 days before the date of the meeting.
  - (v) Any other matter may be discussed at the meeting, without notice being given, by leave of the Chairman, or on demand by not less than two-thirds of the Members present and voting, subject to the provision of RULE 13.
  - (vi) At the request of the Chairman, or at the written request of not less than 20 Members stating their object therefore, the Honorary Secretary shall within 14 days call a Special General Meeting of which 7 days' notice in writing shall be given to all Members.
  - (vii) Twenty Members or one-third of Members, whichever is the less, shall form a quorum at all General Meetings.
9. The Officers of the Society shall consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary. If any of the Offices become vacant during the year the General Committee shall have the power to fill the vacancy.
10.
  - (i) The Society shall be governed by the General Committee consisting of the Officers and seven other Members, all of whom shall be elected by ballot if necessary, at the Annual General Meeting. All Officers and General Committee Members shall retire annually, but shall be eligible for re-election. The General Committee shall have the power to fill a vacancy occurring amongst the General Committee.
  - (ii) A quorum shall be at least 3 Members of the General Committee and 2 Officers.
  - (iii) The General Committee shall have the power to appoint subcommittees at its discretion and also in like manner to co-opt additional Members. Unless such co-option is for the purpose of filling a casual vacancy, any co-opted Member may serve only in an advisory capacity for the purpose for which co-opted and shall have no power to vote.
  - (iv) All business in General Committee shall be decided by vote. The Chairman shall have a casting vote.
  - (v) The Casting Committee, whether for a musical production (this Committee to comprise five people including the Director and Musical Director, of which not less than three shall be Members of the Society) or non-musical production (this Committee to comprise the Director and 2 Members of the Society) shall be nominated by the General Committee.