



INSPIRED BY BECKER
ART SOCIETY

CONSTITUTION

OF THE 'INSPIRED BY BECKER ART SOCIETY'
PRESENTED AND APPROVED AT THE INAUGURAL MEETING MARCH 9TH 2015

1. NAME

The Society shall be known as the Inspired By Becker Art Society

2. OBJECTS

The objects of the Society are to promote painting, drawing, and exhibiting by artists who are inspired by the work of Harry Becker, either in subject matter or style and technique. In so doing it should promote the appreciation of Becker's work.

3.1 MEMBERSHIP

(a) Membership of the Society shall be open to anyone interested in the art of Harry Becker on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis. The General Committee may refuse membership only for good reason such as conduct or character likely to bring the Society into disrepute.

(b) The Society may have different classes of membership and subscription on a non-discriminatory and fair basis. The Society will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.

3.2. ELECTION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Application for membership of the Society shall be in writing to the Secretary of the Society on the form provided, which shall require the candidate to agree that they will abide by the rules of the Society.

4. SOCIETY INCOME AND ASSETS

The Society is non-profit making, and any surplus income or gains will be used to further the aims of the Society. Distribution of Society assets, in cash or kind, is not allowed to members or third parties except in the interests of the Society as a whole.

Any subscriptions shall be determined by members in General Meeting.

5. CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Subject to rule 3.1(a) any Member violating the rules or regulations of the Society or being adjudged guilty of unsatisfactory conduct may be suspended or expelled, but only after the Member has been given a

reasonable opportunity to attend before the Committee, and to make representations as to their proposed suspension or expulsion. An appeals procedure can be made available.

6. GENERAL COMMITTEE

6.1. The general Committee shall conduct the affairs of the Society as a whole and shall consist of a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, and up to four other members. A quorum shall be three full members.

6.2. Nominations for the position of Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer and other offices shall be put forward to the AGM.

6.3. The term of office shall be for one year and members shall be eligible for re-election.

6.4. A member of the General Committee may be removed from office at any time by a majority vote of the membership at a General Meeting of the Society.

7. COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

7.1 The General Committee is responsible for the general conduct of the Society's business and activities.

7.2. The General Committee shall meet at least three times a year.

7.3. Meetings of the Committee shall be convened by the Secretary on the instructions of the Chairman or the Treasurer.

7.4. Sub-Committees may be formed by the General Committee to cover the various regional activities of the Society; each Sub-Committee should have a leader who shall be a member of the General Committee and may form their own Sub-Committee from Society members.

7.5. Meetings of the Sub-Committees shall be called by the Secretary of that committee or on the instructions of any member of that Sub-Committee.

7.6. In the case of a casual vacancy among the General Committee, a Society member may be co-opted by the General Committee until the next AGM.

7.7 Committee has powers to co-opt other members as appropriate.

8. GENERAL MEETINGS

8.1a. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the Spring of each year. There shall be laid before the meeting a statement of examined accounts made up to the last day of March.

8.1b The AGM shall appoint an examiner for the accounts.

8.2. An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called on the instructions of the majority of the General Committee, or on the requisition signed by not less than one quarter of the members of the Society.

8.3. Not less than 21 clear days notice of any General Meeting shall be given, specifying time and business of the General Meeting.

8.4. At any General Meeting, a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided by a show of hands.

8.5. At all General Meetings the Chairman will preside or in his/her absence, a Vice-Chairman will be elected by the Committee for this purpose.

8.6. At all General Meetings not less than 30 percent, or 9 people, whichever is the smaller, of the total membership shall constitute a quorum.

8.7. Absence of a quorum after half an hour shall render the meeting dissolved.

8.8. Accidental omission to give notice of a meeting or non-receipt of a notice of a meeting by any member shall not invalidate the proceedings of that meeting.

9. LIABILITIES

9.1 The General Committee shall manage the affairs of the Society. Financial or legal liability incurred in the rightful exercise of their office shall not, however, be the personal liability of the Committee, but shall be the responsibility of the Society as a whole. The liability of any member shall be limited to the amount, if any, of their unpaid subscription.

9.2. All members or other persons who attend or take part in Society meetings, visits or activities do so at their own risk. Neither the Society nor its officers accept any liability for loss or injury of any kind sustained, no matter how caused.

10. ALTERATIONS TO RULES

10.1 This Constitution shall not be altered or rescinded except by a General Meeting of the Society.

10.2. A resolution to give effect to a change must be passed by at least three quarters of the members present at the General Meeting.

11. WINDING UP

(a) The members may vote to wind up the Society if not less than three quarters of those present and voting support that proposal at a properly convened General Meeting.

(b) The General Committee will then be responsible for the orderly winding up of the Society's affairs.

(c) After settling all liabilities of the Society, the General Committee shall dispose of the net assets to one or more of the following as they in their absolute discretion think fit.

(i) The Harry Becker Society

(ii) To another Society (whether in the United Kingdom or not) which the General Committee consider has similar purposes to the Society.

12. POWER OF DECISION

Any matter not provided for in this Constitution, or any questions over the interpretation of it shall be dealt with by the General Committee, whose decision will be final.

Confirmed that the above Constitution was agreed after the inaugural meeting on 9th March 2015

Chairman: Wil Harvey

Secretary: Ruth McCabe