

Waveney & District Woodturners

The Constitution

The aim of the club is to further the art & craft of woodturning

General:-

1. The club shall be known as Waveney & District Woodturners.
2. Membership is open to all subject to a successful application, which has been approved by the committee, and in order to show 'due diligence' and incorporate the guideline as recommended by the AWGB, those under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult. In the event that the attendee is considered a vulnerable person who requires a carer or guardian then that person will be totally responsible for their charge for the duration of the attendance.
3. The club shall be an affiliated branch of the association of Woodturners of Gt. Britain (AWGB), and subscriptions to the AWGB shall be due in November each year as set by this association.
4. Branch rules as laid down from time to time by the Executive Committee of the AWGB shall apply in full to this branch of the AWGB.
5. The club subscription and meeting fee shall be fixed at an Annual General Meeting (AGM). The subscription is payable at that meeting or upon joining.
6. Honorary Life Members may be elected at an AGM. This will entitle them, without subscription, to full membership privileges.
7. In the event of the club ceasing to exist than all assets of the club will be sold and after all outstanding commitments have been paid the remaining monies will be donated via the AWGB to young persons training programmes or as directed by AWGB.

Officers and Committee:-

1. The management of the club's business shall be vested in the committee.
2. The committee shall consist of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and Events Secretary and up to 3 other members to be elected at the AGM for a period of one year.
3. Should the committee fail to agree on any issue then that issue will be brought to the membership at an EGM.
4. The committee members will retire at the AGM but will be eligible for re-election for a further term.
5. Any member may nominate, with that member's permission, a member for any committee post at an AGM, but that nomination must be received in writing 14 days before the AGM takes place.
6. The committee shall have the right to co-opt additional members or to fill any vacancy that may arise during the year.
7. The secretary shall call committee meetings at such intervals as deemed necessary to conduct the business of the club.
8. A quorum shall consist of 66% of the committee members.

Annual General Meetings:-

1. The AGM will be the first meeting of the calendar year.
2. Notice of the AGM shall be sent out at least 2 weeks prior to the meeting.
3. All decisions made will be by a majority vote.
4. A quorum will consist of 50% of the total membership of the club.
 5. Amendments to the constitution may only be approved at an AGM by a majority vote.

Extraordinary General Meetings:-

1. The Secretary shall call an EGM when directed to do so by the committee or on request, in writing, from a minimum of 10 members.
2. A minimum of 14 days notice of an EGM shall be given to each member along with a notice of business for the meeting. No other business shall be conducted at such a meeting.
 3. Paragraphs 3 & 4 under AGM will apply.

Signed *Andrew Platt* Chairman

10th January 2019.