



THE CONSTITUTION

1. NAME

The name of the organisation shall be the "Guinness Appreciation Society" hereafter called the "Society".

2. OBJECTS

The objects of the society are:

- (a) To promote the intellectual and social interests of its members;
- (b) To promote the general welfare of its members;
- (c) Whenever possible to promote the Arts and the Sciences;
- (d) To promote and further such charitable or educational projects as the society shall from time to time select;
- (e) To promote an appreciation of the history, lore and enjoyment of the Guinness;
- (f) To endeavour to secure the cooperation of the maker of Guinness;
- (g) To endeavour to secure the cooperation of all purveyors of alcoholic beverages and such other persons or bodies as deemed necessary;
- (h) To do any other lawful thing conducive or incidental to the attainment of the above objects.

3. FURTHERANCE OF OBJECTS

These objects shall be furthered by:

- (a) The holding of meetings, lectures, conferences, competitions and/or any other appropriate activities;
- (b) Publication and distribution of literature and in particular by a newsletter called "The Arthur" published at least quarterly;
- (c) The society shall have the power to enter into relationships with other bodies in the furtherance of its objects.

4. MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be:

- (a) There shall be three classes of membership of the Society, these will be Full, Associate and Life.
- (b) Only Full members in attendance shall have voting rights at any meetings of the Society;
- (c) Life membership can only be considered by the committee after the attainment of twenty points by a member. These points to be accrued at one point per year of full membership and one point per year of committee service.

5. COMMITTEE

- (a) The committee shall be elected at the A.G.M. which shall be held in April of each year;
- (b) The committee shall hold office for one year until a new committee is elected at the following A.G.M.;
- (c) The committee shall consist of the following officers

President

Treasurer

Secretary

and a minimum of three and maximum of seven other members.

- (d) A member of the Committee will cease to hold office:
 - (i) On resignation, if such resignation is accepted by the Committee;
 - (ii) If removed by a vote of the majority of the Members as a meeting of all Members called for that purpose.
- (e) There shall be at least one meeting of the committee in any full three-month period;
- (f) Subject to any policies of the Society the committee has the power to do such things as it thinks fit for the purpose of carrying out the object of the Society and running the day to day business of the Society;
- (g) The committee shall report to the members at the A.G.M. at least once per annum.

6. MEETINGS

- (a) Meetings of the Society shall be held once per month on the second Tuesday of the month and/or at any other time deemed suitable by the committee;
- (b) The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the April of each year;
- (c) An Extraordinary General Meeting can only be called, in writing, by a minimum of ten full members, the cost of such meeting to be born by the signatories;
- (d) Notice of meetings shall be thirty days for an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting and fourteen days for any other meeting of the society.
- (e) A quorum for any General Meeting of the Society that is conducting business on behalf of the Society (in which case “business” shall be defined to mean formulating policy) shall be at least twenty Full members or one third of the total Full membership, whichever is the least.

7. MEMBERSHIP

- (a) Membership shall be at the discretion of the committee and by the payment of the appropriate membership subscription set by the committee;
- (b) Membership of the Society shall cease if a member does not pay the appropriate subscription in any calendar year by the date decreed;
- (c) Membership shall also cease:
 - (i) On resignation if accepted by the committee;
 - (ii) If removed by the vote of the majority of members at a meeting of members called for that purpose;
- (d) The membership list and any other personal details of members shall be held in trust by the Committee and can not be used for any purpose other than those of the Society.

8. STANDING ORDERS

The Society, the Committee and any sub-Committee of the Society shall have power to conduct their business according to such Standing Orders as they shall from time to time choose to adopt. Such standing orders shall bind their meetings and those who participate in such meetings.

9. ALTERATIONS TO CONSTITUTION

This Constitution can only be altered by a duly constituted meeting attended by at least 20 Full members or one third of the Full membership, which ever number is less.

10. DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY

If at any fane the Society is wound up, any surplus funds shall be given to a charity decided upon by the Members present at that winding up meeting.