

RULES OF THE SOCIETY

DESCRIPTION

1. The Society shall be known as the 'Quince Players'.

OBJECTS

2. The Society shall exist exclusively for the furtherance of the art and technique of the theatre in Sunninghill, Sunningdale, Ascot and Cranbourne area, and in such other districts as those to which it may extend its activities in accordance with its financial or artistic requirements. The Society shall have as its prime objects the production of plays and play-readings. It may also undertake or cooperate in other entertainments and collaborate with any other individuals or organisations to the furtherance of its objectives. It may institute courses or lectures or educational movements associated with the art of the theatre.
3. The Society shall endeavour to give annually a season of performances of dramatic and similar works.
4. The funds of the Society and all monies accruing thereto shall be devoted entirely to the purpose above mentioned. It shall be the aim of the Society to devote a percentage of the net proceeds of all public performances in any one season to organised charities of suitable public beneficence as shall be decided by the Committee from time to time. In the event of dissolution of the Society, the remaining funds shall be devoted to objects similar to those of the Society or to other purposes approved by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue.

MEMBERSHIP

5. The membership shall consist of ORDINARY, JUNIOR, ASSOCIATE and FAMILY MEMBERS and such HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS as the Committee shall decide.

Each ORDINARY MEMBER shall pay an Annual Subscription of £20 or such other annual subscription as the members shall in Annual General Meeting decide from time to time and upon being accepted into membership by the Committee shall have the right to attend all public and private meetings of the Society and to vote thereat and to enjoy all the privileges of membership of the Society.

Each JUNIOR MEMBER shall pay an Annual Subscription of half the rate of that of an ORDINARY MEMBER or such other annual subscription as the members shall in Annual General Meeting decide from time to time and shall be under the age of 16 and shall be entitled to attend all public and private meetings of the Society but shall have no right of voting nor of holding office nor of serving on the Committee.

Each ASSOCIATE MEMBER shall pay an Annual Subscription of £10 or such other annual subscription as the members shall in Annual General Meeting decide from time to time and shall be entitled to participate in classes run by the Society

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Each FAMILY MEMBERSHIP shall pay an Annual Subscription of £50.00 or such other annual subscription as the members shall in Annual General Meeting decide from time to time and shall be a family of such Ordinary, Junior or Associate Members as appropriate living at one address. The rules pertaining to Ordinary/Junior/Associate members, as appropriate, (except for Annual Subscription) shall apply.”

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS shall have the same rights and privileges as ORDINARY MEMBERS except that an HONORARY LIFE MEMBER shall not hold office nor serve on the Committee.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

6. Subscriptions shall be due and become payable at the commencement of the financial year on 1st July and membership shall be conditional upon subscriptions being paid by 31st August of that year. Members joining the Society during the first six months of any financial year shall be required to pay full fees. Members joining after the lapse of six months in any financial year shall be required to pay half the annual subscription. Only such members as have paid their subscription shall be eligible to vote or otherwise share in the activities of the Society.

AGM

7. The Society shall assemble in General Meeting at least once per annum to discuss the past achievements and the future policy of the Society. This meeting will be held in July, such meeting shall be known as “The Annual General Meeting of the Quince Players”.
8. The President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Society shall be elected and Committee vacancies filled at the AGM.
9. Notice of not less than seven days of the AGM shall be given to the membership.
10. At such Annual General Meeting an independently verified Statement of the year’s income and expenditure of the Society as at the 31st day of June shall be duly presented by the Committee for the consideration of the Society.
11. The members may in Annual General Meeting elect such Vice-Presidents of the Society as they shall choose and such Vice-Presidents shall hold office for life or until resignation. The President and Vice-Presidents shall be accorded all the privileges of members.
12. A fully paid up member shall be entitled to appoint in writing any other fully paid up member of the Society to be his or her proxy and to vote on his or her behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the Society at which such member is unable to be present in person. The form of proxy shall be lodged with the Secretary not less than four days before the date of the meeting to which it applies. Such form of proxy shall be prepared by the Secretary and shall contain the full name of the member appointing the proxy the full name of the member appointed as proxy and the resolution in respect of which the proxy is to apply. All ballot papers whether

completed by members present, in person or by proxy at the meeting shall be lodged with the Secretary after the vote has been taken and counted.

THE COMMITTEE

13. The Committee shall consist of nine members, the Treasurer and the Secretary. The Committee shall elect from its number a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman.
14. It shall be empowered during its year of office to carry on the whole business of the Society, to administer its funds except that it shall not expend a sum in excess of 30% of the capital of the Society at the nearest accounting date on any single capital project without the approval of the members given at an Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting and to deal with all essential matters in such a way as shall be determined by a majority vote at any Committee Meeting.
15. Committee Meetings shall be called by at least two clear days' notice. The quorum shall consist of five members necessity including the Chairman or Vice-Chairman or Secretary. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt members to fill Committee vacancies occasioned by resignation or other loss of membership, or such special officers or persons as may be deemed necessary. Committee members shall serve for a maximum term of three years after which term they shall be eligible for re-election.
16. The Committee shall have the power to employ in salaried or honorary capacity on behalf of the objects of the Society any person or persons whom they deem essential or desirable. The members of the Society will not receive payment, either direct or indirect, for their services, other than for legitimate expenses or professional fees incurred in work for the Society.
17. The Committee shall have power to appoint sub-committees to assist the Committee in its work. Sub-committees have the power to co-opt members as they deem necessary.

ALTERATION OF RULES

18. The Rules of the Society can only be altered by a General Meeting of the Society, and any proposed alterations shall be posted at least seven days prior to the meeting.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

19. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called at any time by the Committee or on application by any thirty members of the Society who have voting rights. Fourteen days' notice of such a meeting in writing stating the purpose of the meeting shall be given to the membership. Only such business as has been notified shall be conducted at an Extraordinary General Meeting.
20. A fully paid up member shall be entitled to appoint in writing any other fully paid up member of the Society to be his or her proxy and to vote on his or her behalf at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society at which such member is unable to be present in person. The form of proxy shall be lodged with the Secretary not less than seven days before the date of the meeting to which it applies. Such form



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