



CONSTITUTION

1. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- (a) To promote, foster and encourage the practice of art as a recreation in the Isle of Man.
- (b) To bring members together for art classes and excursions.
- (c) To organise an annual exhibition of art.

2. OFFICERS

- (i) A President, Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Press Secretary, Programme Secretary and Hon. Exhibition Secretary shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting. These ex-officio, together with four committee members, shall control the activities of the group and shall meet at least four times per year.
- (ii) No general committee member can serve for more than two consecutive years but will be eligible for re-election.

3. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

- (i) The Annual General Meeting of the Group shall be held not later than the end of April each year.
- (ii) An Extra-ordinary General Meeting may be called upon the receipt by the Secretary of a requisition signed by at least nine members. The reason for the meeting is to be stated on the requisition and the Secretary must give 21 (twenty one) days' notice of the meeting to all members. Under extreme circumstances this rule is to be waved

4. MEMBERSHIP OF THE GROUP

- (a) Full Members, being entitled to full voting rights of the Group, enjoying all available Group facilities and having the right to offer works of art for sale at both private and public exhibitions.
- (b) Members and/or their guests attend meetings of the Group entirely at their own risk. The Group does not accept responsibility for any accidents to person or property.

5. SUBSCRIPTIONS

- (i) The level of annual subscriptions shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting. Payment in full shall be made on or before May 1st each year for the following year.
- (ii) The services of the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer shall be deemed to be in lieu of the annual subscription.
- (iii) Persons under the age of 18 years at the time of application for membership shall be entitled to a 50% reduction in subscription.
- (iv) Defaulters shall be removed from membership of the Group after one unpaid year. Such defaulters will not be permitted to re-join the Group until they have cleared any outstanding debt.

6. VICE PRESIDENTS

A person whose support for, and interest in the Aims and Objectives of the Group merits recognition may be nominated at an Annual General Meeting for election to the position of Vice President.

7. RULES

- (i) No amendment may be made that would have the effect of making the Mannin Art Group cease to be a club under the law of the Isle of Man.

- (ii) Any resolution to amend this constitution is passed by two thirds majority of the votes cast at a General Meeting.
- (iii) Alterations to the rules may be made only at an Annual General Meeting or an Extra-ordinary General Meeting. The proposed alterations to the rules should be in the hands of the Hon. Secretary 14 (fourteen) clear days prior to the meeting being called.
- (iv) A copy of any resolution detailing all of the changes amending the rules are to be sent to the Income Tax Department, Isle of Man Treasury within 28 (twenty eight) days of it being passed.

8. EXHIBITIONS

The Committee shall have the power to decide conditions relating to any exhibition organised by the Group.

9. ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS

- (i) Creditors shall be paid by cheque signed by the Hon. Treasurer and another named member of the Committee. An audited statement of accounts shall be presented at each Annual General Meeting. An auditor shall be nominated and elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Accounts shall also be filed with the Income Tax Department, Isle of Man Government within 6 (six months) of the year end.

10. PROPERTY AND FUNDS

- (i) The property and funds of the Mannin Art Group must be used only for promoting the Aims and Objectives and do not belong to the members of the Mannin Art Group
- (ii) No Committee Member may receive any payment of money or other material benefit (whether direct or indirect) from Mannin Art Group except:
 - (a) Reimbursement of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses actually incurred in the administration of the Mannin Art Group.
 - (b) Interest, at a reasonable rate on money lent to the Mannin Art Group.
 - (c) A reasonable rent or hiring fee for the property let or hired to the Mannin Art Group.
 - (d) Any person or persons skilled to conduct a workshop for the members may charge and be paid reasonable fees for the work carried out for the Mannin Art Group on the instructions of the Committee .
- (iii) Any **REAL ESTATE** owned by the Mannin Art Group is to be put into the hands of a minimum of three Trustees. The Property and the Trustees are to be declared on a Deed which must be registered with the Isle of Man Government. At any time that a Trustee wishes to resign, or ceases to be a Trustee due to any reason whatsoever, a new Trustee will be appointed and an amendment to the Deed is to be lodged with the Isle of Man Government.
- (iv) Bank accounts are to be in the name of Mannin Art Group, and a current Mandate for the Group is to be included in the Minute book along with the appropriate minute naming the signatories.

11. DISSOLUTION

- (a) If at any time the members at a General Meeting decide to dissolve the Mannin Art Group, the Committee will remain in office and be responsible for the orderly winding up of the Mannin Art Group's affairs.
 - (b) After making provision for all outstanding liabilities of the Mannin Art Group, the Committee is to apply remaining property and funds by equally dividing between all current members on a pro-rata basis.
 - (c) A final report and statement of account relating to the Mannin Art Group must be sent to the Income Tax Department.
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Signed:

(Chairman)

Name

Signature

Witnessed:

Name

Address

Signature