



Constitution and Rules of the Club

Revised 21st May 2015. By resolution of the Committee.

1. The club shall be called the Weston Woodturning Circle.

The purpose of the club will be :-

- To foster the art and craft of woodturning
- To promote woodturning amongst fellow turners and the public at large.
- To develop skills within the membership and encourage all to progress within the social and mutually supportive environment.

2. Membership shall be open to :-

All persons over the age of 10 years regardless of gender, disability, race or social position, subject to payment of membership fees as decided from time to time by the elected committee and subject to compliance with the rules of the club.

Members will not be permitted to use membership or the name of the club to the furtherance of trade without the express consent of the Committee.

3. Honorary members will be elected only at the Annual General Meeting. Such membership may be for a set period or for life. Proposals for election of an honorary member must first be made to the Committee at least one month prior to the AGM giving full reasons for the proposal. Members so elected will be subject to the rules of the club and included in club insurance protection.
4. The junior section of Weston Woodturning Circle, are those aged between 10 and 21 years of age. Certain members of the junior section, namely those aged between 10 and 18 years, must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who must abide by the rules of the club. Young persons will be subject to certain restrictions regarding use of the club.

5. The club year will commence on January 1st and close on December 31st; the accounts year will also follow these dates. Copies of the accounts together with summary will be available for inspection by any member.

The Annual General Meeting, (AGM), of the club will be held on a day in January each year, commencing January 2016 as decided by the Committee. All members may attend, each member having a single vote on matters to be decided. At least 30 days notice of the meeting will be given. The business conducted at the AGM shall include the presentation of the Treasurer's report and statement of accounts for the previous year. Any other business may be raised at the AGM but written notice must be given to the secretary at least 14 days in advance. The officers and members of the Committee shall be elected for a period of 1 year at the AGM. All nominations for election to office must be made 1 month in advance, in writing to the Secretary. Officers and Committee members may serve for a maximum of three years but may offer themselves annually for re-election if they so wish for a further maximum period of three years. Elections for this extended period must be by a minimum of 75% of members present.

All members of the adult section are eligible to serve on the Committee in any capacity if so elected.

An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) may be called by a resolution of the Committee or on written request of at least 5 members of the club.

6. The Committee shall include a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary and 4 additional members. The Committee shall meet at regular intervals or as directed by the Chairman. A Quorum will be 4 members including 2 officers. Each Committee member shall have a single vote. In the event of a drawn vote the Chairman will have an additional casting vote to decide the issue. The Committee shall have the power to appoint sub-committees and co-opt members.
7. Cheques and instructions to the Bank, which must be in writing, will be signed by 2 or 3 authorised signatories as appointed by the Committee.
8. The club will meet monthly at venues decided by the Committee and fees for meetings will also be decided by the Committee.

Lotteries may be held by the club at club meetings but sale of tickets will be confined to members over the age of 16 years. The conduct of the lottery, prizes etc., to be organised by the Treasurer in strict compliance with relevant legislation.

All funds to be used for the benefit of the club.

The level of fees and subscriptions will be decided by the Committee and may be reviewed from time to time at their discretion.

9. The Committee may from time to time, make rules which will be binding on all members. In such case amendments will be provided.
10. Any member may make representation to the Committee to spend funds for any club purpose. Such representations will be discussed in committee and a decision made. Such decisions are final.
11. Membership badges will be worn at all club meetings and events.
12. Membership of the club may be revoked by a decision of the Committee if a member is deemed by his/her behaviour to be disruptive, disorderly or acts in any manner to bring the reputation of the club into disrepute. In such cases no refund of subscriptions paid will be made. The decision of the Committee is final.
13. Weston Woodturning Circle may only be dissolved by a resolution passed by a two thirds majority of those present and eligible to vote at a Special General Meeting called specifically for the purpose. Notice for such a meeting and the proposal to dissolve, must be at least 30 days. Any resolution so padded shall give instructions for the disposal of all assets of the club including any balance of funds at the club's bank or elsewhere.

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