

## **DRAFT RULES 2017**

1. **NAME:** The name of the Club shall be  
MAIDENHEAD PAINTING CLUB
  
2. **OBJECT:** The object of the Club shall be to promote active interest in the visual arts and to provide a forum for members to meet and exchange ideas by:
  - a) Holding workshops/classes so that members may draw and paint in any medium in the company of each other
  - b) holding exhibitions
  - c) organizing lectures, demonstrations and outings
  - d) The Club shall be run as a non-profit organization promoting interest in the arts
  
3. **MEMBERSHIP:** Membership shall be open to any person interested in drawing and painting, whatever their standard. Membership of Maidenhead Painting Club enables a member to participate in club activities. Application for membership shall be made to the Membership Secretary.
  
4. **FINANCIAL YEAR:** The Club's Financial Year shall run from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 31<sup>st</sup> August.
  
5. **SUBSCRIPTION:** The Annual Subscription shall be determined by the Committee based on advice from the Treasurer. The Subscription shall be due on the 1<sup>st</sup> September. If the Subscription remains unpaid as of 1<sup>st</sup> November, it will be deemed that membership has ended.
  
6. **MANAGEMENT:** The management of the Club shall be in the hands of a Committee elected from members at the AGM. The Committee shall not have more than twelve members who shall elect from their number the Executive consisting of the Hon. Chairman, the Hon. Secretary, the Hon. Treasurer and the Hon. Membership Secretary.

A Quorum shall consist of four members one of whom shall be a member of the Executive Committee.

Committee members must undertake these essential functions:

- 1) Exhibition organizer
- 2) Representative for each regular workshop/class
- 3) Newsletter editor
- 4) Membership records shall be maintained by the membership secretary.

Committee members may perform more than one of the above functions. The Committee shall have the power to elect any Club member to fill a vacancy and to co-opt additional members if they become necessary. The members so elected shall remain in office until the next AGM and there offer themselves for re-election.

7. **SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS:** On the recommendations of the committee, members at the AGM may appoint any person to be President or an Honorary Member of the Club.

8. **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** An AGM shall be held each year as soon as practicable after September 1<sup>st</sup>. The following business shall be conducted:

- a) Report by the Chairman on the Club's activities during the past year
- b) Presentation of the Accounts and Financial Report by the Treasurer for the past year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August.
- c) Election of Committee Members.
- d) Any other business previously decided by the Committee or as requested by any member.

Voting at the meeting shall be by show of hands, the Chairman having a casting vote if necessary.

9. **EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING:** An EGM may be called at any time by the Committee or, at the request in writing to the Secretary, of at least 20 members. The Committee

shall convene the meeting within one month of the request, giving members 14 day's notice of the time and place.

**10.FINANCE:** A bank account shall be maintained by the Treasurer in the name of the Maidenhead Painting Club. Any surplus funds not required for the day to day running of the Club will be place on deposit. Cheques and other instructions to the Bank requiring withdrawal of money shall be signed by the Treasurer or one of two designated signatories. The Committee shall decide what monies are required in addition to the Annual Subscription to finance meetings and exhibitions organized by the Club.

The Treasurer shall be empowered to pay all necessary outgoings – rent, lecturers and models fees, etc. The Treasurer shall present verified accounts to the AGM, showing how the Club's income has been spent during the year and the balance in hand.

**11. EXHIBITIONS:** The Club shall hold one exhibition Annually at a time and place to be decided by the Committee. The Committee shall have the power to decide how many exhibits may be submitted per member and whether or not a Selection Sub-Committee will be appointed (members of which need not be members of the Committee). The Committee shall decide the rules for submission. Entry forms and rules shall be circulated to members by the Exhibition Organiser at least one month before the exhibition.

**12. NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE:** Communication with Members will normally be by Newsletter, sent via email with one copy available at workshop/classes.

**13. DISSOLUTION:** The Club may be wound up by a resolution passed by a majority of those present at an AGM or EGM. If the Club is wound up because it is to merge with another club or to be re-constituted into another club with similar, but broader objects, any assets remaining after

payment of all debts shall be transferred to the new club. If the Club is to be wound up absolutely its remaining assets shall be realised and the money paid to a charity decided by the Committee.

14. **RULES:** These Rules will be available on the website prior to the next AGM. These Rules will be voted on at the AGM to be held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017 and if passed, will replace the September 1987 Rules which were amended on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2008.