

OFFICIAL RULES OF THE SOCIETY

(I) NAME AND OBJECTS

1 NAME

The Society shall be known as the
“STOURBRIDGE and DISTRICT AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY”.
incorporating “OLD SWINFORD HOSPITAL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB”

2 OBJECTS

The objects of the Society shall be the furtherance
of Amateur Radio and Allied Subjects.

(II) MEMBERSHIP

3 ORDINARY

Any person aged 12 years or over shall be eligible
for ordinary membership. Candidates for membership
should apply in writing, or on the appropriate form,
to the Hon. Secretary of the Society, who shall cause
such application to be placed before the committee
or any meeting of the Society.

4 SPECIAL

Any member, being an ordinary member or otherwise,
may be elected as an Honorary Member of the Society
at the discretion of the Committee.

5 VISITORS

Visitors are welcome to attend Society meetings over
a period of two months but will be required to enter
into membership of the Society to attend further meetings.
This requirement may be amended for individual cases at
the discretion of the Committee.

6 CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Any member who resigns from the Society is eligible
to re-apply for membership on such conditions
as shall be approved by the Committee.

Any member whose subscription shall be in arrears
more than thirteen weeks shall cease to be a member
of the Society (except at the discretion of the Committee)
and will not be re-admitted until their application has
been approved by the Committee.

7 SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION

The Committee may suspend or expel any member who shall
offend against the rules or bylaws of the Society
or whose conduct shall, in the opinion of the Committee,
render them unfit for membership of the Society.

Before any such members are suspended or expelled, they shall be given fourteen days written notice to attend a meeting of the Society, which shall contain particulars of the complaint against them. A member shall not be finally suspended or expelled unless at least two-thirds of those present at such meeting shall vote in favour of their suspension or expulsion. If any member has cause to consider that any other member has committed a breach of Society rules, then they should notify the Hon. Secretary in writing, giving all relevant details and names of witnesses, being either members or independents, in support of the facts for subsequent investigation by the Committee.

8.SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for membership shall be as follows

- a) ADULT MEMBERSHIP (18 yrs. and over) £20.00. Per annum.
- b) JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP (12 - 18yrs.) Half rate
- c) FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (same address) One ADULT membership fee plus half rate for each additional member
- d) MEMBERS AGED 60 YRS. AND OVER, UNEMPLOYED AND FULL

TIME

STUDENTS $\frac{3}{4}$ ADULT membership fee

- e) Each new member will be required to pay the cost price of any additional administration fee associated with joining the society..
- f) All subscriptions shall fall due on the date of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.
- g) Persons joining the Society after the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING shall be liable to pay subscriptions on a pro-rata basis for the months remaining. For the purpose of these rules, family membership will count as ONE member. Membership rules are published on the official website of the society. A Printed Copy may be requested as required.

(III) CHEQUES, AUDIT AND ASSETS

9 DRAWING OF CHEQUES

Every cheque drawn on a Bank Account of the Society shall be signed by any TWO of the following:
President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

10 AUDIT

The accounts of the Society shall be made up to the last day of February in each year and shall be audited by two

members of the Society, not being members of the Committee. The members of the Society at an Ordinary Meeting shall appoint such auditors each year.

11 ASSETS OF THE SOCIETY

All the property of the Society (other than cash, which shall be under the control of the Hon. Treasurer) shall be vested in not less than two Trustees, who shall be appointed by members at the Annual General Meeting each year.

The Trustees shall deal with the property, as so directed by the Committee, and shall be indemnified against risk and expense arising out of the Society's property.

(IV) MEETINGS

12 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held on the THIRD Monday In March each year for the presentation and (if accepted) the passing of the accounts for the year ended on the last day of February immediately prior to the Meeting, and the conduct of any other business, which shall have been notified to the Hon. Secretary and included in the notice sent by him to the members.

13 EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society may be convened at any time by:

- i) The Committee
- ii) On request in writing to the Hon. Secretary by not less than ten members stating the purpose for which such a meeting is required in which case the meeting shall be convened within 28 days.

14 ANNUAL OR EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

a) At least seven days notice of such meetings, stating time, place and business to be transacted shall be given to each member.

b) The business at said meetings should be limited to that provided by these rules. Any further matters shall be included at the President's discretion.

c) The Quorum at said meetings shall be twelve.

15 ORDINARY MEETINGS

The Society shall normally meet on the first and third Mondays of each month but individual-meeting dates may be amended and supplementary meetings arranged at the discretion of the Committee. All business at such meetings shall be as arranged by the Committee, Any additional Items being included at the discretion of the President.

16 VOTING

At an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting, each member shall have 1(one) vote.

In the case of Family membership, each family shall have 1(one) vote.

In the case of an equality of votes, the President of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

No proxy voting will be permitted.

In special circumstances a member, although absent from the meeting, may have a written vote.

(V) ADMINISTRATION and MANAGEMENT

17 OFFICERS

The Officers of the Society shall be PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, TREASURER and SECRETARY, who shall be elected at the Annual General meeting each year.

Notes -

(1) The Vice President will be required to take over the duties of the President elect in the event of his / her absence during the President's term of office.

(2) The Vice President will also be required to assist the secretary in the day to day running of the Society.

18 MANAGEMENT

The Society shall be managed by a Committee comprising of the four officers referred to in Rule 17, together with a minimum of three ordinary members elected on a representative basis as decreed from time to time at the Annual General Meeting each year, the number of additional ordinary members to be at the discretion of the President.

The retiring President shall have a right to serve on the Committee in the year following his/her term of office.

19 MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee shall meet as many times as is deemed necessary by the President and, in any case, a minimum of four times in a year. The Quorum for such meetings shall be five.

20 SECRETARY

The Secretary shall keep a register of names and addresses of all members; give notice of and call meetings; keep correct minutes of Proceedings at all meetings; and carry out the general duties normally appertaining to such office.

21 TREASURER

The Hon. Treasurer shall receive and disburse all monies on behalf of the Society and shall be responsible for keeping proper books and records.

No payment exceeding £50 shall be made by the Hon. Treasurer without the authority of two other members of the Committee.

The Hon. Treasurer shall prepare all financial statements.

(VI) MISCELLANEOUS and GENERAL

22 BYELAWS

The Committee shall have the power to make bylaws (not inconsistent with these rules)

and such bylaws shall be notified to each member.

23 AMENDMENT TO RULES

No alteration to, deletion from, or additions to these rules shall be made, except by a resolution carried by a two-thirds majority of members present at a General Meeting.

24 AFFILIATION WITH OTHER BODIES

No affiliation or formal association with any other body or organisation will be made unless authorised by a two-thirds majority of members present at a General Meeting.

25 DISSOLUTION

The Society shall not be dissolved, or its affairs wound up, except with the consent of the Trustees and by a resolution carried by two-thirds of the members. The proceeds realised from assets after discharge of all liabilities shall be applied in such a manner as prescribed by the Trustees.

NOTES AND AMENDMENTS.

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| 3rd Sept. 1984 EGM | Ratification of Rules |
| 17th March.1986 AGM | Subscriptions increase to £6.00 and £3.00 etc. |
| 18th March 1991 AGM | Subscriptions increase to £7.00. and £3.50 etc. |
| 4th October 1993 EGM | Revision of Rules 8 10,13, 21. |
| 18th March 1996 AGM | Revision of Rule 8 Subscriptions increase to £12.00 etc. Addition of reduced subscriptions for members aged 60 years and over. |
| 12th. October 1999 | Introduction of the post of Vice President |
| 20th March 2006 | Subscription increase to £17.00 etc. |
| 18TH March 2013 AGM | Revision of rule 8D to include unemployed and full time students. |
| 13TH April 2015 | Revision of rule 8 |