

RULES OF THE SOCIETY OF RECORDER PLAYERS (NZ) INCORPORATED

(March 2015)

These rules rescind all previous rules

Name

- (1) The name of the Society shall be:
The Society of Recorder Players (New Zealand) Incorporated

Aims and Objects

- (2) The aims and objects of the Society shall be:
 - (a) To provide opportunities for recorder players to meet together for combined playing, concerts, demonstrations, lectures, schools and discussions.
 - (b) To encourage the formation of consorts.
 - (c) To provide a library of music, particularly recorder music.
 - (d) To assist members in obtaining music.
 - (e) To raise the standard of recorder playing and to encourage the authentic interpretation of recorder music.
 - (f) To issue a periodic bulletin of news, information and instruction.
 - (g) To facilitate co-operation with players in New Zealand and in other parts of the world.

Membership

- (3) The Society shall consist of:
 - (a) General Members
 - (b) Student Members
 - (c) Honorary Life Members
- (4) The number of members shall not be limited.
- (5) General Members shall be those persons not Student Members nor Honorary Life Members.
Student Members shall be students attending a primary, intermediate or secondary school or a tertiary institution on a full-time basis, in New Zealand. Honorary Life Membership may be granted by the Society in General Meeting to persons who are considered to have given outstanding service to the Society over a period of many years.
- (6) Applications for membership shall be made in writing to the Honorary Treasurer, and shall be accompanied by the first annual subscription.
- (7) Membership shall cease if:
 - (a) He resigns and his resignation be accepted by the committee.
 - (b) He shall be in default for six months or more in the payment of his annual subscription.

- (c) If he shall in the judgement of the committee (after such investigation as it shall deem fit to be made) appear to have been guilty of any act or practice or conduct calculated to bring discredit on the Society, but the Committee may as an alternative to the termination of his membership, suspend him from the exercise of all or any of his rights and privileges for such period as it may think fit.

Subscription

- (8) There shall be payable to the Society by each General Member and Student Member such annual subscription as may be determined from time to time by the Society in General Meeting.

Patron

- (9) The Society may acknowledge as Patrons of the Society such persons of distinction (whether members of the Society or not) as may honour the society with their patronage.

Committee

- (10) The affairs of the Society, including the control and investment of its funds, shall be managed by a committee consisting of a President and one Vice President together with an Honorary Secretary/Treasurer or an Honorary Secretary and an Honorary Treasurer, a Music Director and not more than six other members, elected at the Annual General Meeting to hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.

Committee Meetings

- (11) Meetings of the Committee shall be held at least three (3) times every year. Four members present in person shall form a quorum. Notice of any ordinary meeting of the Committee and a copy of the agenda shall be given in writing not less than seven (7) clear days before such meeting. On the request of three members of the Committee of whom one shall be President or Vice President a Committee meeting shall be held.

Financial year

- (12) The Financial Year shall end on 31 October.

Annual Report and Accounts

- (13) The Committee shall submit at each Annual General Meeting a report of the Society's activities during the past year, together with a financial statement of the affairs of the Society, the correctness thereof being certified by a duly qualified auditor.

Annual General Meeting

- (14) The Annual General Meeting shall be held on a day appointed by the Committee not being earlier than the 1st day of November and not later than the 31st day of December. The business to be transacted at the Annual General Meeting shall be:
- (a) to receive the Annual Report and Financial Statement
 - (b) to elect the Committee
 - (c) to appoint an Honorary Auditor
 - (d) to transact such other business as comes within the aims and objects of the society

Librarian and Editor

- (15) The Committee shall appoint a Librarian and an Editor.

Conductors

- (16) The Music Director may invite other further persons as conductors to assist or act as his deputies in arranging or leading the playing at meetings.

Special General Meetings

- (17) The Committee may call and on written request by ten (10) members shall call a Special General Meeting. This meeting shall be held within six (6) weeks of receipt of a written request. The reason for calling a Special Meeting shall be stated in the notice.

Notice of General Meetings

- (18) Not less than twenty-one clear days' notice of any Special or Annual General Meeting shall be given in writing to all General Members, Student Members and Honorary Life Members of the Society.

Quorum

- (19) Seven (7) members personally present shall constitute a quorum for a General Meeting.

Chairman

- (20) The President or in his absence the Vice President shall preside at all meetings. In the absence of both the meeting shall elect a chairman.

Method of Voting

- (21) Every question submitted to any General Meeting of the Society or to any meeting of the Committee shall be decided in the first instance by a show of hands, and in the case of an equality of votes the Chairman shall, both on a show of hands and at the poll, have a casting vote in addition to the vote or votes to which he may be entitled as a member. At any meeting as aforesaid, unless a poll is demanded by the chairman or by at least three (3) members present thereat, a declaration by the

chairman that a resolution has been carried, or carried by a particular majority or lost or not carried by a particular majority, and an entry in the appropriate Minute Book to that effect shall be conclusive evidence of the fact, without proof of the number or proportion of votes recorded in favour of or against such resolution. If a poll is demanded as aforesaid, it shall be taken in such a manner and at such time and place as the Chairman of the meeting may direct, and the result of the poll shall be deemed to be a resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded. A demand of the poll shall not prevent the continuance of the meeting for the transaction of any business other than the question on which a poll has been demanded.

Register of Members

- (22) The Committee shall cause to be kept a Register in which shall be entered the names, addresses, occupations and contact details of all members.

Society Property and Premises

- (23) The Committee shall have power in their absolute discretion from time to time to lease such premises as may be necessary for the carrying out of the aims and objects of the Society, upon such terms and conditions as they may think fit, and to control and preserve its property.

Affiliation

- (24) It shall be competent for the Society to affiliate with societies of similar aims and to make provision for branches of the Society to be formed.

Common Seal

- (25) The Common Seal of the Society shall not be affixed to any document except by the authority of the Committee and in the presence of two members thereof, who shall attest to the act of sealing by affixing their signatures to the document so sealed.

Banking

- (26) The Committee shall open at least one bank account at any branch of a Trading Bank or Trustee Savings Bank. The signatories of the account(s) shall be the Honorary Treasurer and one other Committee member.

Alterations to rules

- (27) The Rules may be altered, added to or rescinded by a three-fourths majority of those attending at any General Meeting of the Society. It shall be the duty of the Honorary Secretary/Treasurer or Honorary Secretary to give twenty-one (21) clear days' notice to each member of the proposed alterations. If any alterations to the rules are proposed by any Member, he must send a copy of such proposed alterations to the Honorary Secretary/Treasurer or the Honorary Secretary at least twenty-eight clear days before the General Meeting to which such proposals are to be submitted. The Society shall register any such alterations as required by statutory provisions for the time being in force.

Dissolution

- (28) If at any general meeting of the Society a resolution for the dissolution of the Society shall be passed by a majority of the members present in person, and such resolution shall be confirmed by a majority of members voting at a subsequent General Meeting held not earlier than thirty (30) days after the passing of such resolution, the Committee shall thereupon, at such future date as shall be specified in such resolution, proceed to realise the property of the Society and after discharge of all liabilities, shall donate the residue to the University of Auckland.

Interpretation

- (29) Words in the singular number where used in the Constitution shall, where the context require and admits, be deemed to include the plural; and words of the masculine gender shall be deemed to include the feminine.

Repeal

- (30) The existing rules of the Society registered in December 2004 are hereby repealed.