

Interim working rules

Adopted on the 10th day of July 2004

Name

The Irish name will be Cumann Eadach na h-Eireann and expressed in English as 'The Irish Kilt Society'.

Administration

Subject to the matters set out below the Association and its resources shall be administered and managed in accordance with this interim constitution by the members of the Management Committee.

The Association is constituted in Ireland and in the event of any query the law and current good practice current in the Republic of Ireland will apply.

Background

The Association was called into being in response to the kilt no longer being worn by male Irish dancers and out of awareness that without positive action the history of the kilt and other distinctive forms of Irish Attire could be lost to future generations.

Objects

The purpose of the Association is to promote – within a climate of harmony - discussion, practical demonstration and historical study of all forms of Irish cultural attire worn in any part of Ireland or within the wider diaspora.

Membership:

The membership of the Association shall be open to persons in any part of the world and of any nationality, in sympathy with its objects by completion of a membership form (by post or electronically) and who pays the requisite annual subscription.

Members must at all times respect the aim of the Association to work within a climate of harmony and conduct themselves in line with that in mind.

If in the opinion of the Management Committee a member's behaviour is liable to bring the Association into disrepute then such members may be called upon to tender his/her resignation .

Powers of the Management Committee

In furtherance of the objects but not otherwise the Management Committee may exercise the following powers to:

- raise funds and invite and receive contributions provided that in raising funds the Management Committee shall not undertake any substantial permanent trading activities and shall conform to any relevant requirements of the law ;
- co-operate with charities, voluntary bodies and statutory authorities operating in furtherance of the objects or of similar charitable purposes and to exchange information and advice with them ;
- establish or support any charitable trusts, associations or institutions formed for all or any of the objects including at the request of members abroad, to set up overseas branches;
- provide advice, information and guidance ;
- provide or help to provide exhibitions, meetings, lectures, classes and workshops
- collect and provide information on all matters affecting the purposes of the Association and to establish, print, publish, circulate and print any written , audio or audio-visual materials as are necessary to fulfil the objects ;
- undertake research and publish the useful results
- provide such insurance as seems prudent out of the income.
- do all such other lawful things as are necessary for the achievement of the objects.

Post Holders and Officers

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Frank Meehan will be Chair, John Headon to be Hon Treasurer, Patrick J Long will take the title of Hon Sec, John Lane agreed to be an ordinary member of the committee, and Francis Feeley agreed to act Hon Editor with Peter Van Belzen to assist.

Annual General Meeting: An Annual General Meeting shall be convened to meet normally in the summer of each year, at such place and on such date as the Management Committee may decide, having regard to the convenience of members most likely to be able to attend.

Electronic meeting attendance will be invited when technology permits.

The Annual General Meeting shall be summoned by notice in the regular newsletter or by letter or e- mail from the Hon. Secretary who shall enclose the business Agenda, a Report of business transacted by the Management Committee and a copy of the audited accounts.

Dissolution

- (1) If the Management Committee decides it is necessary or advisable to dissolve the Association it shall call a meeting of all members, of which not less than 21 days notice (stating the terms of the resolution to be proposed) shall be given.
- (2) If the proposal is confirmed by two-thirds majority of those present (in person or electronically), the Management Committee shall have power to realize any assets held by or on behalf of the Association
- (3) Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any proper debts and liabilities shall be given or transferred to such other institution's having objects similar to the objects of the Association , or failing that shall be applied to some related charitable purpose.

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