

CONSTITUTION

1. TITLE

The name of the Society shall be the **WELLS CATHEDRAL ORATORIO SOCIETY**.

2. AIMS AND OBJECTS

The Objects of the Society shall be to:

- i) educate the public in the art and science of music and in particular the art and science of choral music by the presentation of choral concerts and other related activities.
- ii) assist and further such charitable institutions and charitable purposes as the Committee shall from time to time determine

3. MEMBERSHIP

The members of the Society shall be those persons who have passed an audition and who have paid the annual subscription at the appropriate rate. Membership may be reviewed or restricted at the discretion of the committee.

4. SUBSCRIPTIONS

The rate or rates of subscription shall be recommended by the Committee and endorsed at the Annual General Meeting and shall be payable at the commencement of each season.

5. MANAGEMENT

Arrangements for concerts and other related events, management of the Society's affairs and the control of finance shall be in the hands of the Committee of the Society.

6. COMMITTEE

The Committee shall consist of:

Chairman*
Secretary*
Treasurer*
Membership Secretary
Membership Subscriptions Secretary
Librarian
Publicity Secretary/Friends secretary (one role)
Concert Manager
~~Website Secretary~~
~~Friends Secretary~~
~~Programmes Secretary~~

*Committee members with financial administration authority (FAA), see 8.

The Committee shall meet at regular intervals commensurate with the efficient management of the Society. ~~Eight~~ **Four** members shall form a quorum. The members of the Committee shall remain in office for one year and shall be eligible for re-election.

7. ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

~~The President of the society may choose to be a committee member.~~

The President of the Society may choose to attend Committee meetings.

Conductor and Assistant Conductor of the Society may be invited to attend Committee Meetings but shall not have the right to vote.

The Committee may co-opt additional members as needed for the efficient operation of the Society.

~~The Committee may co-opt ONE additional member.~~

8. FINANCE

(a) The financial year shall end on 30th June.

(b) Those with FAA may open and maintain one or (if they see fit) more bank accounts in the name of the Society and in relation to any such account:

i) ~~Cheques for an amount not exceeding £100 may be signed by any one with FAA;~~

ii) The Treasurer may make such withdrawals of petty cash on behalf of the Society as the Treasurer deems expedient;

iii) ~~Cheques for amounts exceeding £100 must be signed by any two with FAA;~~

iv) All other payments, transfers and withdrawals, (other than into another account in the Society's name) shall require the authority of any two with FAA;

(c) The Society may receive donations, grants in aid and financial guarantees. Tickets for any or all of its concerts may be offered for sale to the public.

(d) The income and property of the Society shall be applied solely towards promoting the objects of the Society as set forth above and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred either directly or indirectly to any member or members of the Society except in payment of legitimate expenses incurred on behalf of the Society.

(e) In the event of the winding-up or dissolution of the Society any remaining assets after all liabilities have been discharged shall not be paid or transferred to any members or members of the Society but shall be transferred to a charitable organisation whose objects are similar to those of the Society and whose rules preclude the distribution of income and assets among its members.

9. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

An Annual General Meeting shall be held at the commencement of each season of which members shall receive FOURTEEN days' notice. The business of the meeting shall be:

1. To receive the report of the Committee.
2. To receive and adopt the independently examined accounts.
3. To elect members of the Committee. Nominations to be received by the Secretary one week before the commencement of the meeting.
4. To approve the appointment of the Conductor and Assistant Conductor.
5. To consider other business as deemed relevant.

10. AMENDMENTS and Extra Ordinary Meetings (EGM)

The Constitution may be amended by two-thirds majority of paid up members present at an Annual or Extra-Ordinary General Meeting, provided that fourteen days notice of the proposed amendment has been sent to all members and provided also that nothing herein contained shall authorise any amendment to clause 2 (objects), clause 8(e) (dissolution) or this clause until the approval in writing of the Charity Commissioners or other authority having charitable jurisdiction over the Society shall have been obtained, or any amendment which shall have the effect of the Society ceasing to be a charity.

An Extra-ordinary General Meeting may be called at the request of any member and nine supporting members to discuss, and vote on, any issues relating to the Society. In every other respect, the rules for managing any such EGM shall be governed in the same way as those for an AGM.

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