

POOLE RADIO SOCIETY CONSTITUTION

1. Name

The Society shall be non profit making and known as the POOLE RADIO SOCIETY.

2. Aims

The aims of the Society shall be to promote knowledge of Radio Communications and interest in the hobby of Amateur Radio, with its associated technologies, in our community. We will encourage friendship and co-operation among our members. As an RSGB approved examination centre and, under the direction of our Lead Instructor, we will provide training at all levels for the three classes of Amateur licence. Our premises and activities are accessible to all.

3. Membership

3.1 We are an 'Equal Opportunities' organisation and ANY person who shows an interest in supporting the aims of the Society shall be eligible for membership. All members shall abide by the Constitution of the Society.

3.2 In transacting business each member shall have one vote; in the event of a tie the President or Chair of the meeting shall have the casting vote. Any member whose subscription is three months in arrears shall be ineligible to vote and shall be deemed to have resigned.

3.3 Any member whose conduct is considered by the Committee to be prejudicial to the aims of the Society, may be suspended from membership, but that member shall have the right to appeal to a general meeting of members.

3.4 Subject to the approval of mem-
Committee may devise different
subscription rates, e.g. Student



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classes of membership with differing
Membership.

4. President

The Society shall elect a President from the post or removal, at a General Meeting, for which the voting requirements shall be as for a change in the Constitution. Any vacancy shall be

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filled at the next General Meeting.

5. Committee

5.1 The affairs of the Society shall be managed by a Committee elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Committee shall consist of Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and not more than five other members. The President shall be a member, ex officio.

5.2 The Committee shall have power to appoint additional officers (e.g., Deputy Chair, Assistant Secretary, Membership Secretary) from time to time, who may or may not be current members of the Committee, but so that the total membership of the Committee shall not exceed twelve.

5.3 The quorum for a Committee meeting shall be five members or one half of the Committee membership, whichever is the less.

6. Annual General Meeting.

6.1 An Annual General Meeting shall be held in April each year to consider reports from Officers, elect a new Committee, appoint an auditor, review subscriptions for the coming year, and conduct any other business. All members must be given at least seven days notice of the date and place of the AGM and of any proposal to amend the Constitution.

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6.2 The Quorum for an AGM shall be one half of the paid up membership or ten members, whichever is the less. Any member unable to attend may appoint, in writing, any other member to cast his/her vote by proxy.

7. Extraordinary General Meeting

An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by the Committee, or on a members request, supported by at least five other members and given to the Secretary in writing, specifying the matters to be raised. The Secretary must then give all members ten days notice, in writing, of the date and place of the meeting and the matters to be discussed. No other business shall be transacted at an EGM. The quorum and voting requirements for an EGM shall be as for an AGM.

8. Finance.

8.1 The accounting year of the Society shall run from 1st April to 31st March. Audited accounts for the year shall be presented to the members at the following AGM. The annual subscription shall be fixed by the Committee, subject to any amending resolution at the AGM. Renewal subscriptions shall be due at the conclusion of the AGM or by the following club meeting.

8.2 New members joining subsequently during the year shall normally pay an amount reduced proportionately to the number of complete months elapsed since the AGM before joining, but the Committee shall have the discretion to offer concessionary rates as part of any recruitment exercise.

8.3 The funds of the Society shall be managed in the best interests of the club by the Committee, who shall have power to invest any sum not required for immediate expenditure.

9. Meetings.

Club meetings will be held normally once a month, on dates and at venues to be fixed by the Committee, for the purpose of transacting business, hearing talks, engaging in practical or educational activities, etc. Activity nights on other occasions will provide an opportunity for members to operate the club stations, carry out design and construction of projects, assist each other with technical problems and be the main training sessions for the Amateur Licence examinations. Such meetings shall be arranged at the discretion of the Committee.

10. Amendments to the Constitution.

Amendments to the Constitution may be made only at an AGM or EGM and require to be supported by at least 60% of those members attending who are eligible to vote.

11. Winding up of the Society.

11.1 A decision to wind up the Society or to amalgamate with another organisation may be taken only at an AGM or EGM of which notice of the proposal to do so has been given in advance to all paid up members. Voting requirements for such a decision shall be as for an amendment to the Constitution,

11.2 In winding up the assets of the Society, after payment of any outstanding debts and commitments, shall be disposed of as directed by vote at the meeting at which the decision to wind up was taken.