

PIGSTY MORRIS – CONSTITUTION

(Agreed 8th September 1989; amended 17th September 1996 and 29th September 2016)

Introduction – the name of the club is PIGSTY MORRIS

Aims: to teach, practice and enjoy English traditional dance for public performance by the club. The club does not aim to preserve English folk dance, but to play its part in the continuation of a long developing tradition of English dance.

Membership: membership of the club is open to anyone who agrees with the aims and objectives of the club. There are two categories of membership:

- 1) Associate member – available to anyone by agreement of the full members of the club.
- 2) Full member – open to associate members who are deemed by full members of the club to be suitable for full membership defined by starting to dance out.

Only full members will be considered for inclusion in its performance team. Full membership can be withdrawn by full members of the club in accordance with the club rules. Practices will be directed towards the needs of both experienced and beginner dancers.

Subscriptions: membership subscriptions will be collected. Associate members pay subscriptions only for the weeks that they attend. There will be a probationary period during which associate members will not be required to pay subscriptions.

Full members pay subscriptions at the appropriate rate for the duration of their full membership. Subs will be paid in advance at the agreed rate regardless of number of practices attended.

Officers: the club will have three elected offices. Only full members are eligible for election to these posts and posts may be shared.

Elected posts to be:

- 1) Secretary: responsible for correspondence within and outside of the club, and for the conduct of club business.
- 2) Treasurer: responsible for all club finances.
- 3) Foreperson: responsible for the club's dancing tuition, standards and performance.

Any officer is free to co-opt any member(s) to assist them and no person shall be responsible for more than one post at a time.

Teachers: in addition to the Foreperson, a number of teachers will be chosen by full members of the club to assist the Foreperson in their responsibilities.

Other positions:

- Tour squire – arrange dance programmes for dance outs
- Publicity organiser
- Kit organiser
- Music organiser
- Web master

Meetings: meetings will be open to members of the club and will normally consist of dance tuition and practice, and consideration of club business. Only full members of the club may vote on club business.

Finance: the club will be non-profit-distributing. No member shall make any monetary gain from the club's finances. Income will be derived from only the following sources:

- 1) Subscriptions
- 2) Performance fees
- 3) Donations from the public

Commercial sponsorship shall be considered only for one-off projects and not the general conduct of club affairs.

Any loans made to the club by members shall be interest free. The club will not make any loans to members. Should the club cease to exist any residual monies will be donated to the Morris Federation.

RULES: Supplementary to the Constitution:

(Amended 3rd September 1991; 22nd September 1993 and 29th September 2016)

1) Membership:

- a) The probationary period for new members will be six elapsed weeks
- b) Withdrawal of full membership may be considered for:
 - i) Persistent lack of attendance at practice or performance without good reason
 - ii) Persistent failure to meet required standards in performance, dress et.

2) Costume: the costume consists of

White, plain, long-sleeved collarless shirt.

Black trousers with waistband (i.e. no leggings type trousers; no patch pockets on thighs; no superfluous ribbons or ankle ties)

Black belt with plain buckle, approximately 1" wide

Black shoes or trainers with black laces and black socks

Red and green arm-bands and baldricks to the pattern and in the fabric supplied by the club

White hankies - Hankies will not be "worn" in "non-hanky" dances.

(Musicians not in full kit - dark clothing and optional, acceptable hat).

Bell pads in materials, colours and pattern supplied by the club

- 3) Subscriptions: Subscriptions will be levied to cover the cost of practice premises.
- 4) Constitution: any amendments to the constitution to be agreed by at least 2/3 of full members of the club via the AGM or EGM. Advance notice to be given to enable comment if any member not able to attend.