**SGRS RULE CHANGES 2015**

**Proposed by Mr S Weller**

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**Rule 1.2 & Rule 1.3**

ADD at 1.2k: “Promote activities and fundraising in support of charities or charitable works or activities”

Renumber 1.2K to 1.2L

1.3. Amend final sentence to read:

“All profits, income and donations from any source, function or activity shall be maintained for the benefit of Members as described in 1.2, **or in support of charities or charitable works or activities approved by the Executive Committee”.**

Rationale

Fundraising and activities in support of charities have become an integral and important part of the Society’s activities, and this needs to be recognised and embodied into SGRS Rules, so as to ensure a proper basis for these activities and commitments of Society income and donations.

**Rule 2.3**

“Applications shall be submitted to the Membership Co-ordinator….”

Change to:

“Applications shall be submitted to the **Honorary Secretary**….”

Rationale

Custom and practice has always required the Secretary to receive the forms for onward presentation for Committee consideration.

**Rule 3.1.4**

“Not more than one person in a family or partnership can serve on the Executive Committee at the same time”.

Change first sentence ONLY to:

 “No more than **TWO** persons in a family or partnership can serve on the Executive Committee at the same time”.

Rationale

To encourage new members who may be keen to serve on Committee

**Rule 4.1**

“Any fully paid up member of the Society of 3 years standing may propose another fully paid up member of 2 years standing for any office….”

Change to:

“Any fully paid up member of the Society of 3 years’ standing may propose another fully paid up member of **1 year’s** standing for any office….”

Rationale

To encourage new members who may be keen to serve on Committee

**Rule 4.1.1**

“ Officers or Committee Members …reaching the age of 75 years”

Delete entire rule and renumber Rule 4 in entirety

Rationale

Considered to be “ageist” by current standards and legislation. No Society member should be prevented from playing a full role on grounds of age.

**MANDATORY CHANGES REQUIRED BY THE KC**

**Rule 5.2.1**

“The Society’s Accounts and those of any other legal entity set up by the Society, shall be certified annually by a reputable Accounting Company qualified for such business nominated annually by the Executive Committee and approved by the Members at the AGM. Full details of the nominee(s) shall be published with the Agenda for the AGM”.

Change to:

“The Society’s Accounts and those of any other legal entity set up by the Society, **must** be certified annually by **one qualified accountant or two unqualified individuals with accountancy experience or** by a reputable Accounting Company qualified for such business nominated annually by the Executive Committee and approved by the Members at the Annual General Meeting. **Those undertaking the certification must be independent from those who prepare the accounts.** Full details of the nominee(s) shall be published with the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting”.

**Rule 6.1.2**

“Copies of the Society’s (and any entities set up by it) Certified Accounts together with a copy of the Accountant’s Certifications shall be available at the Society’s AGM, to the Membership on request and subsequently circulated to Members. The Accounts of all entities set up by the Society will be presented to the relevant AGM by the Treasurer(s) for approval”.

Change to:

“Copies of the Society’s (and any entities set up by it) Certified Accounts together with a copy of **appropriate** Certifications **will** be available at the Society’s Annual General Meeting, to the Membership **on request at least 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting**, and subsequently circulated to Members. The Accounts of all entities set up by the Society will be presented to the relevant Annual General Meeting by the Treasurer(s) for approval”.