

CONSTITUTION

1. The society shall be called 'Moffat Show Society'

2. **OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY** : The objects of the Society shall be the advancement of the Agricultural, Horticultural and related Home Industries and in furtherance of these objects, but not otherwise, the Society shall –

hold an annual one day show

take any other action as will properly attain these objects

3. **MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIETY** : The Membership of the Society shall consist of Agricultural Members and Ordinary Members. Subject to the provisions of Paragraph 5 iv) below, anyone may become a member of the Society by paying the Annual Membership Subscription, but subject to revision at any time by the general Committee.

Membership shall be reviewed annually. On payment of the subscription fee a member shall be supplied with a lapel card badge entitling him/her, on its production on Show Day, to free admission to the Showfield, Horticultural and Home Industries Marquees. Agricultural Members shall, in addition, be eligible for reduced entry fees for stock exhibits, as decided from time to time.

4. **THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** : The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held during the first week of December. It shall –

i) review the activities of the year expiring

ii) elect Office Bearers for the succeeding year, including Honorary Members.

make provision for the activities of the succeeding year

transact any other business necessary

5. **MANAGEMENT OF THE SOCIETY** : The business of the Society shall be under the direction of a Committee of Management, hereinafter referred to as the GENERAL COMMITTEE, comprising the following Office Bearers, who shall be elected by the Annual General Meeting –

A President (who shall also be the Chairman)

A Senior Vice-President

A Vice President

A Secretary or Secretaries

A Treasurer

The Conveners of the various sections of the Show

Such other members, as shall be decided from time to time by the Annual General Meeting.

NOTE : Honorary Presidents shall be ex-officio members of this Committee.

The General Committee are the 'Charity Trustees' (as defined in section 106 of the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005) and have collective responsibility for the general control and management of the administration of Moffat Show Society. They are responsible for the actions and decisions taken and have clear legal duties to observe. The Charity Trustees will act in Moffat Show Society's best interests and aim to meet the above stated purposes.

Remuneration (as defined in section 67 of the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005) The Secretary or Secretaries and the Treasurer will be remunerated for their services with a fee agreed at the Annual General Meeting. An outline of the duties of the Secretary and the Treasurer will be drawn up and a written agreement for the Secretary and the Treasurer will be signed annually.

The General Committee (Charity Trustees) shall have full power to manage the affairs of the Society in accordance with this Constitution and the Rules of Competitions for the time being in force. It may, in addition –

- i) delegate authority, as necessary, to the Executive Committee and other sub-committees
- ii) fill vacancies which occur on its Board and co opt other members in the interval between General Meetings
- iii) make new rules of Competitions, or alter or revoke existing rules, subject to such being confirmed by the next General Meeting
- iv) withdraw the privileges of any member whom it may consider for any good cause should no longer be a Member of the Society, such withdrawal to be confirmed at the next General Meeting
- v) confirm the selection of judges made by the Conveners of the various sections of the Show

Meetings of the General Committee shall be held on the first Mondays of March and June and on the Monday following the close of entry date in August. Others may be held as ordered by the President. All meetings will be minuted and available by request. Meetings will be chaired by the President and, in the event of his absence, the Senior Vice President or Vice President.

6. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE : The Executive Committee shall consist of the following members of the General Committee –

The President (who shall also be the Chairman)

The Senior Vice-President

The Vice-President

Elected Agricultural representatives and Home Industries

The Secretary or Secretaries

The Treasurer

It shall have the power to –

fill vacancies which may occur on its board and co-opt other members as necessary

supervise all arrangements connected with the Annual Show

settle summarily insofar as Members, Competitors, Exhibitors and Donors are concerned, all questions which may arise in connection with disputes or misunderstandings and objections or protests. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held as and when necessary.

7. QUORUM : At meetings of the Society the following shall form a quorum –

Annual General Meeting and Special General Meetings 20

General Committee Meeting 9

Executive Committee Meeting 5

The Chairman, at all meetings, shall have a deliberative as well as a casting vote.

8. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS : Special General Meetings of the Society shall be called by the President at any time. The Secretary shall call a Special General Meeting on receiving a requisition so to do signed by 12 (twelve) members of the Society. Each requisition and notice shall state the purpose for which the meeting is to be held. All General Meetings may be called by advertisement in the local newspaper, posted or delivered to the members as the General Committee may decide or by electronic mail, social media and, in particular, intimation in Moffat Show Society's Facebook and/or Website pages.

9. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION : Any proposed alteration of or addition to the Constitution of the Society shall first be considered by the General Committee. Any such proposal may be made by any member of the Society, in which case written notice of its terms shall be lodged with the Secretary not later than one month prior to the date of the General Committee at which it is to be considered. To become effective, any such alteration or addition must be approved by at least two-thirds of the members present at the General Meeting to which it is submitted.

10. DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY : Should the General Committee decide for any reason that the Society is unable to continue in being, the matter shall be referred to a Special General Meeting. Should this latter meeting concur in the decision by at least two-thirds of the members present voting in favour, action as necessary shall be taken to wind up the Society by disposing of the available assets to other Scottish Societies, having similar objects and that are charities in law, as may be decided.