



**The Constitution
of
Stockport Radio Society
Including
Guidelines to Membership**

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StockportRadioSociety



Headquarters



Walthew House, Shaw Heath, Stockport SK2 5QS

Meeting Times

The Society runs three nights per month starting at 7.30 till 10.30 pm

1st Tuesday Talk Night, 3rd Tuesday Radio Night, 4th Tuesday Skills Night
(these are subject to change by the Programme Co-ordinator)

Club nets - 70cm, 2m, 6m - details on the website

Club Call Sign : G3LX / G6UQ / M5MDX / G8SRS

Contesting Call Sign : G50

Stored Computer Information

Membership of the society implies the applicants permission to store all information for the purpose of managing the society and publishing a list of members. The committee shall take reasonable precautions to ensure that this information is only used in an authorised manner and will not be disclosed unnecessarily. Any member may inspect a printout of ***their stored information only*** upon application to the Membership Secretary.

Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB) Affiliated Member - Constitution of the Society

1. Name

The society shall be named "Stockport Radio Society".

2. Aims

The aims of the society shall be to promote and develop the interests, in all aspects, of Amateur Radio and associated activities.

To provide a forum for like-minded people to meet on a regular basis.

To provide opportunities for theoretical and practical technical training and development to enhance knowledge and understanding in radio, electronics and operating skills.

To communicate and promote locally the virtues of the hobby and to welcome all interested people into its membership.

3. Powers

The society is empowered to organise meetings and events in furtherance of the society's aims.

The society is empowered to raise funds by member subscriptions, meeting attendance fees, organising the Stockport Radio Society Rally and by obtaining grants/funding from other organisations.

The society is empowered to work with other organisations supportive to its aims

To undertake any other lawful activity to further the aims of the society.

4. Membership

Membership shall be open, subject to the discretion of the Committee, to all persons interested in the aims of the society. A candidate for membership shall be proposed and seconded by Committee members and submitted to the Membership Secretary for their consideration. Once approved the Membership Secretary will inform the applicant direct.

a. Full Members

Applicants who are 18 or over, join the society as Full Members at a subscription reviewed annually.

b. Honorary Members

Honorary Life Membership maybe granted to any person who, in the opinion of the Committee has rendered outstanding service to the society, either directly or indirectly. Such membership shall carry the rights of Full Membership, but shall be free from subscriptions.

c. Country Members

Any interested and qualifying person living more than 50 miles beyond the Stockport Metropolitan Borough boundary, may apply for Country Membership. Country members shall pay a reduced subscription, reviewed annually.

d. Junior Members

Applications under 18 may join the society as Junior Members at a reduced subscription, reviewed annually. Signed Parental consent is required to join, attend meetings or as stated on the membership form.

e. Pensioner Members

Members who have reached the age of 65 shall be eligible to pay, on application to the Treasurer, a reduced subscription, reviewed annually. They shall retain all of the rights of Full Membership.

f. Family Members

Members of the same family may join the society as "Family Members". All members of the family must reside at the same address, Upon payment of a subscription equal to the Full Membership rate, the family shall become entitled to all of the rights of one Full Member, including one vote and one copy of the society's magazine.

g. Visitors

Visitors shall be welcome to attend any Ordinary Meeting of the society. After attending 4 meetings in a year, he or she maybe invited to join the society.

All members shall abide by the Constitution of the Society. The committee shall have the power to expel any member whose conduct, in the opinion of at least three-quarters of the Full Committee, renders that person unfit to remain a member of the society. No member shall be expelled without first being given the opportunity to appear before the Committee.

Any member wishing to resign, may do so by giving one month's notice to the Secretary, in writing. A member resigning from the society shall forfeit all claims to the effects or property of the society.

All members are deemed to have agreed to their membership details being held by the society on a storage device which is kept externally away from the Society, at a location known by the Committee only, in compliance with the "Data Protection Act".

5. Subscriptions

- a. The annual subscription for each of the categories of membership shall be set by the Committee and ratified by the Annual General Meeting. Subscription shall then be due and payable as approved by the Annual General Meeting. Subscription runs from 1 December to 30 November.
- b. Members in arrears have no voting rights. Any member whose subscription is not paid by the end of February shall be notified directly, or through a society publication, that their membership will be deemed to have lapsed, one month from the giving of such notice. The Committee shall have the power to remove his or her name from the list of members, provided that any such membership maybe restored on full payment of the arrears.
- c. The Committee shall have the power to waive or reduce subscriptions in special circumstances for a period not exceeding two years at a time.
- d. An Attendance Fee, fixed by the Committee, shall be payable at each meeting attended. Attendance is free for Junior Members.

6. Trustees of the Stockport Radio Society HA Account

- a. The property of the Society shall be vested in at least four Trustees, who shall be Full Members of the Society nominated by the Committee for approval by the members.
- b. In the event of the demise or resignation of any Trustee, a new Trustee shall be appointed and thereupon all necessary steps shall be taken to vest the property in the new Trustee jointly with the surviving Trustees. In like manner, additional Trustees shall be appointed if deemed expedient.
- c. The Trustees shall have the power to invest and or sell property of the Society on terms approved by members.

- d. The Trustees shall hereby be indemnified by the property of the Society, against any claims or demand in respect of any liability legitimately incurred by them on behalf of the Society.
- e. The Trustees shall be entitled to indemnity out of the property of the Society for any and all expenses, claims, demands and other liabilities whatsoever incurred by them in the discharge of their duties.
- f. In all deeds and documents where the Trustees are made a party on behalf of the Society, it shall be clearly stated that their liability shall not be personal and shall be limited to the value of the Society's property within their control.
- g. The Committee, with the approval of the members, may at any time request that a Trustee relinquish from the role and a new Trustee be appointed.
- h. Withdrawals require the signatory of three out of four of the Trustees.

7. Finance

- a. The Financial Year shall run from the first day in December to the last day of November.
- b. Monies received by the society shall be deposited in the society's bank account.
- c. Financial transactions are made by the Treasurer on the authorisation of the Chairman.
- d. A simple written note of the group's financial position will from time to time be produced and available at meetings of the committee.
- e. Any monies raised shall be used to further the aims of the society and for no other purpose.
- f. A statement of accounts, verified by a competent person who is independent of the society shall be tabled at the AGM.
- g. No member shall derive any financial benefit from the society, except for the payment of reasonable expenses.
- h. No money will be paid out in the name of the society without a receipt being represented.

8. Stockport Radio Society Contest Group Funding

As agreed at the AGM on 18 December 2018 and at the Stockport Radio Society Committee Meeting of the 17 January 2019, The payment of £1000 shall be paid in quarterly instalments of £250 on the 28 January, April, July and October each year until the Stockport Radio Society Contest Group disbands or the Stockport Radio Society membership vote unanimously to end the agreement. This payment made to Stockport Radio Society Contest group is for the purpose of funding commercial insurance, NFD and IOTA.

9. HA account interest

As from the 1 January 2019 the HA account interest will stay within the HA account.

10. Stockport Radio Society (The Club)

Stockport Radio Society Committee request that the HA trustees ring fence £10,000 for the purpose of replacing club assets that are uneconomical to repair, stolen or destroyed by fire flooding or any other means of which the club has no control.

Stockport Radio Society agree to pay back to the HA ring fenced funds an amount agreed by both sides should a request for ring fenced finances be made.

The ring fenced amount to be assessed on an annual basis by both Stockport Radio Society Committee and the HA Trustees.

11. Membership of the Committee

The society's affairs shall be administered by a Committee elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Committee, in whom the society's property shall be vested, shall consist of:

- a. Chairman, who will preside at all meetings that he/she is able to attend. Normally, no member should hold this office for more than three consecutive years, although, he/she may, in the event of no other nominees, be re-elected.
- b. Vice Chairman, who will act in the absence of the Chairman
- c. Secretary, who will be responsible for:
 - Keeping minutes of all meetings of the Society's and its Committee
 - Ensuring that all correspondence is correctly handled.
- d. Treasurer, who will be responsible for:
 - Keeping the society's accounts in good order
 - Advising the Committee on all financial matters.
 - Preparing the accounts for audit and presenting them at the Annual General Meeting.
 - Maintaining a Register of Society equipment
- e. A maximum of five ordinary Committee Members, as elected at the Annual General Meeting.
- f. Not more than two Co-opted members, who shall have full voting rights and will normally be invited to fill vacancies which may arise throughout the year or because of some specialist interest or knowledge.

12. Committee Decisions

- a. The quorum shall be two-thirds of the Committee, which must include at least one Officer of the Society, in the absence of a quorum, business may be dealt with, but any decisions taken will only become valid after ratification at the next meeting at which a quorum exists.
- b. A minimum of four committee meetings per year will be called by the Chairman, Secretary, or any three Full Members of the Committee.
- c. In the event of a tie, the Chairman has an additional casting vote.

13. Annual General Meeting

- a. The Annual General Meeting shall normally be held in December each year. At least twenty one (21) days notice shall be given to each member in writing, via email or through the clubs website or newsletter.
- b. The quorum for the Annual General Meeting, shall be fourteen (14) members or twenty per cent (20%) of the membership, whichever is the least.
- c. The Agenda of the meeting shall be:
 1. Apologies for absence
 2. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
 3. Matters arising
 4. Treasurers Report
 5. Secretary's Report
 6. Presentation of Trophies
 7. Chairman's remarks
 8. Election of New Chairman
 9. Election of Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer
 10. Election of Ordinary Members of the Committee
 11. Election of Auditors
 12. Any other business

The presentation night will be separated from the AGM to a date to be confirmed in January of each year.

- d Items 1 to 8 shall be chaired by the outgoing Chairman, and the remaining business, by the new Chairman.
- e All nominations for Officers and Committee Members shall be Proposed and Seconded and will only be valid if confirmed by the nominee. Any nominee must have been a member of Stockport Radio Society for three consecutive years. The Secretary must be notified of any such nominations at least one meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting. Serving Committee Members will be automatically nominated provided that they wish to continue
- f. Items to be raised under 'any other business' must be notified, to the Chairman/Secretary, at least one meeting prior to the AGM.

14. Extraordinary General Meetings

- a. An Extraordinary General Meeting maybe requested for a specific reason by the Committee, or not less than ten members of the society.
- b. The Chairman/Secretary must be given twenty eight (28) days to reply to the request and to arrange a meeting. Members of the society, must be given at least fourteen (14) days notice of the meeting, which must be held within forty two (42) days of the original request.
- c. No other business may be transacted at the EGM. Other than that for which the meeting was called.
- d. The quorum for a Extraordinary General Meeting, shall be fourteen (14) members or twenty per cent (20%) of the membership, whichever is the least.

15. Amendment to the Constitution

The Constitution can only be amended at any Extraordinary General Meeting called specifically for that purpose supported by a general vote in favour of the change.

16. Disbanding the Society

- a. Any decision to disband the Society can only be taken at a Special General Meeting called specifically for that purpose.
- b. Members of the society must be given at least twenty-eight (28) days notice of such a Meeting.
- c. If, by a majority of two thirds of the members present at this meeting, it is decided to disband the Society, all goods and apparatus belonging to the society shall be sold and after payment of all debts owing by the society, the remaining shall be distributed to amateur radio societies or groups with aims to SRS

By Order of the Committee

December 2017

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