



CONSTITUTION AS AMENDED JANUARY 2018

1. Title

The Shed shall be called the *Burnham on Sea & Highbridge Men's Shed Society*. The object of the Shed is social recreation for those interested in working with tools and sharing their knowledge and skills with others

2 Property

The property of the Shed shall be vested in the Committee, appointed at the Annual General Meeting. In the event of retirement of any member of the Committee, the Shed Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy subject to confirmation by the next General Meeting

3 Officers

The Officers of the Shed shall be the Shed Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Honorary Secretary, and up to five other committee members.

4 Election of Officers

The Shed Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting to serve for a term of three years and may be re-elected at the Annual General Meeting.

5 Shed Committee

The affairs of the Shed shall be conducted by a Committee consisting of the Officers, and five elected ordinary members. The Committee shall meet a minimum of three times a year. Four excluding the Officers of the Shed, shall form a quorum at any meeting of the Shed Committee.

6 Election of Shed Committee

(a) The Officers on the Shed Committee shall be elected annually

(b) The Members of the Shed Committee shall serve for not more than 3 years from their election by the Shed and shall not be re-elected within one year of their retirement.

In the event of the resignation or death of an Officer or a Committee Member their place may be filled by a person chosen by the Committee until the next Annual General Meeting at which time the vacancy shall be dealt with by the Shed meeting. The Committee shall in any event have power to co-opt not more than 5 extra Members

7 Shed Finances

The Shed is a non-profit making organisation. All profits and surpluses will be re-invested into the Shed to improve the Shed's facilities. No profit or surplus will be distributed other than to another non-profit making body or to Members on winding up or dissolution of the Shed. Any capital expenditure must be approved at a meeting of the Shed Committee.

The Shed's funds shall be kept in an account in Weston Super Mare with the facility for internet and telephone banking. Any Cheque must be signed by any two of the following: - Chairman, Vice Chair, Treasurer, or Honorary Secretary.



8 Accounts

A report and abstract of the state of the accounts and affairs of the 'Shed' for the past year shall be available for the perusal of Members in the Shed Office and copies of the same shall be available to all Members 14 days before each Annual General Meeting. The accounts of the Shed shall be subject to an independent review by a Chartered Accountant or Chartered Certified Accountant who is not a member of the management Committee. In the event that no member can be appointed to carry out such a review the Committee shall appoint a qualified external person and where necessary pay an appropriate fee.

9 Membership

The membership is open to anyone, male or female, over the age of eighteen

Ordinary Members may elect to extend their membership to include their spouse/partner as a Joint Member on payment of an additional subscription, to be determined by the committee.

Each Joint Member shall be issued with a Shed Membership card and can enjoy all privileges and responsibilities of full membership of the Shed, including the entitlement to vote at General Meetings, sitting on the Committee in their own name

The names of the candidates for election as Ordinary Members shall be submitted to the Honorary Secretary on a completed proposal form.

Candidates shall be proposed and seconded by Members of the Shed of not less than three months standing.

Only Members personally acquainted with the candidate may sign the proposal form in support of the candidates' application.

10 Membership

Membership shall be by application and payment of the pro rata membership fee from the date of the application. The membership will be on a trial basis for three months, approval to move to full Ordinary Membership thereafter will be at the discretion of the Shed Committee. The Secretary will send confirmation of moving from temporary to full membership to the Member. Should this transition be disallowed a pro rata refund of fee will be made. The Shed Committees' decision is final.

11 Entrance Fee

Ordinary Members shall pay such entrance fees as may from time to time be determined by the Shed Committee and posted on the Shed Notice Board.

12 Subscriptions

Subject to any directions which may from time to time be given to the Shed Committee by a General Meeting of the Shed, the rates of annual subscription, due 1st April, for Ordinary Members for the subscription year 1 April- 31 March shall be determined by the Shed Committee and posted on the Shed notice board.

Members elected during the year shall pay a pro rata rate according to the number of months following their election to membership.



13 Breaches of Rules or Bye-Laws

The Shed Committee shall, as soon as reasonably possible, consider what action, if any, should be taken on any breach of these Rules or Bye-Laws of which they may know, and may suspend the membership or any right or rights of membership of any member who is guilty of any such breach. A breach of this Rule may lead to expulsion from the Shed.

14 Unworthy Conduct

Any breach of the Rules or Bye-Laws of the Shed or any conduct of a Member, be it on the Shed's premises or not, which in the opinion of the Shed Committee is either unworthy of a Member, in any way injurious to the interests of the Shed or is of a criminal nature, will result in the Member having their Membership cancelled.

Any Member who has either resigned at the request of the Committee, or had their membership cancelled, may not re-join as a Member, visit or take part in any activity of the Shed.

No fee or part fee will be refunded to the Member in the circumstances.

The decision of the Shed Committee is final and there is no right of appeal.

15 Non-Payment of Subscriptions

If any Members' subscriptions be not paid within one calendar month after it is due, the Shed Honorary Secretary shall forthwith give written notice thereof. If the subscription be not paid within two calendar months after it is due the Shed Honorary Secretary shall write requesting payment and informing the Member that they have been expelled from the Shed.

16 Resignation

Any Member may resign from the Shed by giving written notice of resignation to the Shed Honorary Secretary. If such notice is received by the Shed Honorary Secretary before 1 April, the Member shall pay one-half of the subscription for the subscription year in which the notice is received and if they have paid the full subscription one-half shall be refunded. If such notice is received by the Shed Honorary Secretary after 30 September, the Member shall pay the full subscription for the subscription year in which the notice is received.

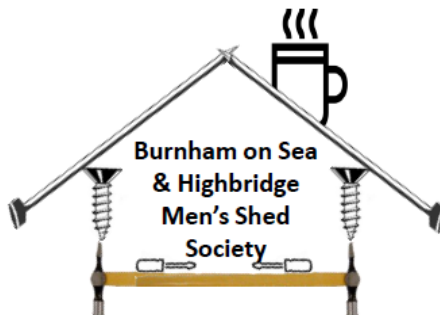
17 Annual General Meeting

(a)

At least 21 days notice shall be given of the Annual General Meeting, to be held in January on a day to be decided by the Shed Committee who shall lay before the Members a report and abstract of the state of the accounts and affairs of the Shed and prepare an agenda for the meeting including therein only items proposed by the Shed Committee or a Member at least 21 days before the meeting. No resolution which would, if carried out, have the effect of making any new rule, shall be discussed or put to the vote unless written notice thereof has been received by the Shed Honorary Secretary at least 21 days before the meeting.

(b)

At the Annual General Meeting or any other meeting of the Shed, each Member shall each be entitled to one vote, except for Honorary Members who may not vote.



18 Extraordinary General Meeting

The Shed Committee may call an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Shed on 21 days notice. The Shed Committee shall call an Extraordinary General Meeting on the written requisition of at least ten Members, none of whom is a Member of the Shed Committee. Notice of an Extraordinary General Meeting shall specify distinctly the resolution or resolutions to be discussed and to which alone the discussion and decision of the meeting shall be confirmed...

19 Change of Rules

At any General Meeting no resolution affecting any Member of the Shed or which would, if carried, have the effect of making any new Rule or altering any existing rule shall be put to the vote, unless 10 Members be present, none of whom is a member of the Shed Committee. No resolution may be carried unless at least two-thirds of the Members entitled to vote in the resolution.

20 Bye-Laws

The Shed Committee may make, alter, or repeal, Bye-Laws provided they are not inconsistent with these Rules, or inconsistent with any decision of any decision of any General Meeting. A copy of the current Bye-Laws shall be posted on the Shed Notice Board.

21 Publication of Rules, Bye-Laws and List of Members

Copies of the Rules, Bye-Laws and List of all Members can be supplied to any Member on request, and copies of the same can be collected from the Shed Secretary

Rules and Bye-Laws of the Shed are binding on all Members