

RATAE CO-OPERATIVE PLAYERS

CONSTITUTION (2019)

1. The Society shall be known as RATAE CO-OPERATIVE PLAYERS
2. It shall be a non-profit making Society in that such profits as from time to time shall accrue shall be used for the furtherance of dramatic art, which is its aim and purpose.
3. The Society season shall commence on the first of June annually.
4. There shall be an elected committee of seven. The Committee is elected by the AGM. Only current members are able to seek election, to the committee or position of officer. They require to be nominated and seconded by members of the Society. The Chairman shall have a casting vote and, with the Treasurer and Secretary, shall be honorary. The Committee shall have the power of co-option for any number. The co-opted member shall serve for the duration of the Committee and shall have no power to vote.
5. The three Committee officers, Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, shall be elected by Members at the Annual General Meeting and shall serve for the current year. Four members, also elected at the Annual General Meeting, shall serve on the Committee each for a period of two years, two new members being elected annually in order to maintain continuity within the Committee. An Honorary Vice-Chair will be appointed by the Committee. Members who are unable to attend the AGM will be given the opportunity to vote by proxy or post.
6. In the event of a Committee Member resigning before the last quarter of his/her term of office i.e. six months, or an officer resigning during his/her term of office, the Committee shall return to the Society for the election of a new Member. The new Member shall then serve for the remaining term of office of the resigning member.
7. Four elected Members of the Committee, including at least one officer, shall constitute a quorum.
8. The Society shall welcome representatives of the Central England Co-operative Society to attend meetings but not to vote.

9. The Chairman shall ensure that regular meetings of the Committee, the AGM and, if required, Members' Meetings are held.
10. Any three Members may request an Extraordinary General Meeting which must be called within twenty-eight days of the request. Such a request should be made in writing to a Member of the Committee.
11. Alterations to the Constitution can only be made at the Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting. A Minimum of fourteen days notice must be given in writing of such proposed alterations.
12. Minutes of all meetings shall be faithfully recorded, including the Annual General Meeting, and copies produced at the first opportunity for approval. They should be circulated to members of the Society at the earliest opportunity, whether approved or otherwise.
13. The Treasurer shall keep all monies entrusted thereto, keeping up-to-date an accurate record, which shall be open for inspection by any Member at any time and shall be prepared to produce an up-to-date balance sheet at any time, subject to due notice being given and, in any case, produce a balance sheet to 30th April at the Annual General Meeting.
14. The committee should nominate Signatories for the Society's bank account. Two from three Signatories should be required. The nominated Signatories should not be partners.
15. One person, other than from the elected Committee, shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting to act as Auditor for the ensuing season.
16. The committee shall be limited to £200 capital expenditure without reference to the Membership.
17. Membership of the Society shall be by subscription to be set annually at the Annual General Meeting.
18. The Committee shall be responsible for appointing a director and agreeing a choice of plays.

19. Any person involved in a production shall be actively encouraged to become a fully paid-up Member.

20. In the event of the Society deciding to dissolve, after the sale and disposal of all net assets and the settlement of any outstanding invoices, the monetary assets will be given to the local community charities of Central England Co-operative Ltd.