

## **NORTHAMPTON FESTIVAL OF DANCE**

(Registered Charity No 283073)

### **1. Name.**

The name of the Group shall be the Northampton Festival of Dance.

### **2. Aim.**

The aim of the Group shall be to advance the education of the public in the Arts, and in particular the study, performance, appreciation and practice of the Art of Dance

### **3. Powers**

In order to achieve its aim the Group may:

- a. Hold or promote annual competitive Festivals
- b. Present and promote public performances, concerts and displays
- c. Raise money
- d. Open bank accounts
- e. Take out insurance
- f. Employ staff
- g. Organise courses and events
- h. Work with similar Groups and exchange information and advice with them
- i. Do anything that is lawful which will help it to fulfil its aim

### **4. Management.**

- a. The Group shall be administered by a Management Committee of not less than three and not more than 8 individuals elected at the Group's Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- b. The Officers of the Management Committee shall be, as a minimum, the Chairperson, the Treasurer and the Secretary.
- c. The Management Committee may co-opt onto the Committee up to three individuals, in an advisory and non-voting capacity that it feels will help to fulfil the aim of the Group.
- d. The Management Committee shall meet at least three times a year.
- e. At least three (3) Management Committee members must be present for a Management Committee meeting to take place.
- f. Voting at Management Committee meetings shall be by a show of hands. If there is a tied vote then the Chairperson shall have a second vote.

- g. The Management Committee shall have the power to remove any member of the Committee for good and proper reason.
- h. The Management Committee may appoint any other member of the Group as a Committee member to fill a vacancy, provided that the maximum prescribed is not exceeded.

## **5. The Duties of the Officers.**

- a. The duties of the Chairperson shall be to:
  - Chair meetings of the Committee and the Group
  - Represent the Group at functions/meetings that the Group has been invited to and
  - Act as the spokesperson of the Group when necessary.
- b. The duties of the Vice Chair (where appointed) shall be to deputise for the Chair as required
- c. The duties of the Secretary shall be to:
  - prepare, in consultation with the Chairperson, the agenda for meetings of the Committee and the Group
  - take and keep minutes of all meetings and
  - collect and circulate any relevant information within the Group.
- d. The duties of the Treasurer shall be to:
  - supervise the financial affairs of the Group and
  - keep proper accounts that show all monies received and paid out by the Group.

## **6. Finance.**

- a. All monies received by or on behalf of the Group shall be applied to further the aim of the Group and for no other purpose.
- b. Any bank accounts opened for the Group shall be in the name of the Group.
- c. Any cheques issued shall be signed by the Treasurer and one other nominated member of the Management Committee.
- d. The Group shall ensure that its accounts are audited or independently examined every year.
- e. The Group may pay reasonable out of pocket expenses including travel, childcare and meal costs to Management Committee members.

## **7. Annual General Meeting.**

- a. The Group shall hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) in the month of September, the date to be agreed by the Committee at an earlier meeting.
- b. The business of the AGM shall include:
  - receiving a report from the Chairperson on the Group's activities over the year
  - receiving a report from the Treasurer on the finances of the Group
  - electing Officers and members of the Management Committee and
  - considering any other matter as may be decided.

- c. At least five (5) members must be present for the Annual General Meeting and any other General Meeting to take place
- d. Voting at a General Meeting shall be by a show of hands, except where the vote is in relation to alteration of the constitution or to dissolution of the group (see 10 and 11). If there is a tied vote then the Chairperson shall have a second vote.

#### **8. Special General Meeting.**

A Special General Meeting may be called by the Management Committee, or by a minimum of 3 members of that committee, to discuss an urgent matter. The Secretary shall give all Management Committee Members fourteen (14) days notice of any Special General Meeting together with notice of the business to be discussed.

#### **9. Alterations to the Constitution.**

Any changes to this Constitution must be agreed by at least two-thirds of those present and voting at any General Meeting.

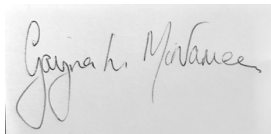
#### **10. Dissolution.**

The Group may be wound up at any time if agreed by two-thirds of those present and voting at any General Meeting. In the event of winding up any assets remaining after all debts have been paid shall be given to another Group with a similar aim.

#### **11. Adoption of the Constitution.**

This Constitution was adopted at the Annual General Meeting held on 9 September 2019.

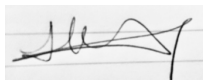
**Signed:**



**Chair**

**Date: 6/11//19**

**Signed:**



**Secretary**

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