

Constitution

DATE OF CONSTITUTION (LAST AMENDED):
21/01/2016

1 Name of Society

The club will be called *General Steam Navigation Locomotive Restoration Society* (Hereinafter will be referred to as The Society),

2 Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of the society will be:

To promote, restore, preserve, maintain operate and exhibit for the public benefit for educational purposes railway locomotives and rolling stock of historic and/or scientific importance in particular the ex Southern railway "merchant navy class" locomotive no. 35011 "General Steam Navigation ". To advance public education in the history and experience of steam locomotives and railway rolling stock of all kinds, their construction, operation and engineering.

3 Membership

- (a) Membership of the Society is open to anyone interested in promoting, volunteering regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs.
- (b) All members will be subject to the regulations of the constitution and by joining the Society will be deemed to accept these regulations and codes of practice that the club has adopted.
- (c) Members will pay membership fees, as determined by the society committee.
- (d) Individuals shall not be eligible to take part in the business of the society, vote at meetings unless the applicable subscription has been paid by the due date and the membership has been approved by the society committee.

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- (a) All Society members have a responsibility to oppose discriminatory behaviour and promote equality of opportunity.

(b) The Society will deal with any incidence of discriminatory behaviour seriously, according to club disciplinary procedures.

4 Committee

(a) The affairs of the Society shall be conducted by a Committee which shall consist of the Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary.

(b) All committee members must be members of the Society.

(c) If required, the committee shall elect a Vice Chair shall from among its number.

(d) The Committee will be responsible for adopting new policy, codes of practice and rules that affect the organisation of the Society.

(e) The Committee will have powers to appoint and advisers to the Committee as necessary to fulfil its business.

(f) The Committee will be responsible for disciplinary hearings of members who infringe the club rules/regulations/constitution. The Committee will be responsible for taking any action of suspension or discipline following such hearings.

(g) The committee meetings will be convened by the Secretary of the Society.

(h) The quorum required for committee meetings will be 3.

5 Finances

(a) The society treasurer will be responsible for the finances of the society.

(c) All society monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the society.

(d) A statement of annual accounts will be sent by the treasurer to all members.

(e) Any cheques drawn against society funds should hold the signatures of the treasurer plus up to two other officers.

6 Amendments to the constitution

The constitution can be changed through agreement by majority vote at a EGM.

7 Dissolution

A resolution to dissolve the club can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through a majority vote of the membership.