

CONSTITUTION

The Federation of the Wars of the Roses (hereinafter referred to as the Federation) is a federation of groups interested in the re-creation of groups in the Wars of the Roses period.

This constitution exists as a statement of the aims and methodology of the Federation

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Federation are to organise re-enactments of battles and living history displays, especially those of the period known as the Wars of the Roses, to entertain and enlighten the public,

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to all groups whose members are all expected to abide by all the rules and this constitution. There is no individual membership.

The Categories of membership are: -

Member	all members of five years old and older of member clubs
Probationary Member	all members of five years old and older of probationary clubs

The names of all members shall be submitted by their club to the Federation membership register maintained by the Secretary.

Annual membership runs from the first day of January to the last day of December irrespective of date of joining those members who have not renewed their membership by the end of January ['15] shall cease to be members and shall forfeit all associated rights.

The Committee reserves the right to refuse any application for membership

The Federation undertakes to comply with GDPR 2018

NEW MEMBERS

Application for membership shall be made to the Secretary

Groups wanting to join the Federation need to be sponsored by two member groups as to their kit and safety standard. These groups are called probationary groups

They will then be mentored and monitored for the period of one year. They will only become full members when voted on at the next Annual General Meeting (AGM). Every new group must sign the constitution and every member should be aware of the rules.

MANAGEMENT

The affairs of the Federation will be managed by two elected representatives of each member group, normally their captain/chairman and looked after by the Committee consisting of: -

- The Chairman, who will chair meetings, deal with all internal and inter group communication. The Chairman also has the casting vote
- The Secretary, who deals with external communication of the Federation, booking events and dealing with enquiries and membership
- The Event Co-ordinator, to attend site visits, and run the event on the day [16], also to appoint an archery captain on the day. [‘14]
- The Treasurer, who deals with the Federation finances and is responsible for an annual report, a breakdown of the Federation accounts and a list of assets. Maintains the attendance register at Federation events
- The Master Gunner, who deals with matters concerned with gunnery and explosives to include legally required notifications and liaison with authorities, (to also inspect the ordinance and ensure it is fit for purpose and keep a record of it.) [‘13]
- The Safety Officer, who deals with all matters concerning safety access, campsites, mock battles, and also maintaining the central accident log
- The Deputy Chair, who supports the rest of the Committee

The Officers of the Committee and Members Representatives shall also: -

- Manage and protect the activities, policies and assets of the Federation
- Represent the interests of the members
- Only one person per group on the Committee [‘16]
- Once served on the Committee that person may not re-stand [‘16]

The Officers of the Committee and Members Representatives shall be indemnified from the assets of the Society in respect of any action or omission in to their office as the action or omission is without malice or intent.

GENERAL MEETINGS

The Chairman shall call an Annual General Meeting of Committee and Members Representatives between 1st October and 31st December each year. The notice of the AGM shall include a request for nominations to the Committee and notified proposals. At each Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the society, existing officers of the Committee resign, and new officers are elected by popular vote.

Resigning officers may stand for re-election if they so wish.

The agenda of an AGM shall include, but may not be limited to Chairman's Report, Secretary's Report, Treasurer's Report, Notified Proposals and Election of Officers.

The Chairman shall call an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of Committee and Members Representatives if asked to do so by the Committee or ten or more Members Representatives, who shall state their reasons in writing.

At EGMs, only the business on the Agenda shall be taken.

There shall be at least 28 days notice of all General Meetings stating the date, time, place, agenda, nominations if appropriate and notified proposals.

It is incumbent upon members to ensure that they are appropriately informed by regular contact with the Committee. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting (or the non-receipt of such notice) by persons entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate the proceedings of that meeting.

Proceedings at General Meetings: -

No business shall be transacted unless a quorum of 25% of the members clubs are represented. For the purpose of establishing a quorum, postal votes shall count towards the total. In the event that a quorum is not present at a General Meeting the matter(s) shall be referred back to the Committee.

The Chairman shall chair the meeting. If the Chairman is not present within 15 minutes of the appointed time, then the meeting shall elect a Chairman and proceed forthwith

The Chairman shall have a second casting vote

All issues shall be decided by simple majority voting unless otherwise stated in this constitution.

The Committee may at its discretion, resolve to put to a postal ballot any resolution duly proposed and seconded and have its result declared at a future General Meeting, subject to a quorum of postal votes being obtained.

POSTAL VOTING

Arrangements shall be made for members' representatives who cannot attend the AGM or EGMs to vote by post to elect nominated members to the Committee and vote on notified propositions.

VOTING

Voting rights are proportional to attendance at Declared Federation events during the previous season.

FINANCE

A membership fee agreed by popular vote at the AGM, shall be paid by each member of each member group of the Federation.

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Proposed changes to the constitution will only be made at General Meetings advertised well in advance.

DISSOLUTION

The Federation shall be considered to be dissolved if either a notified proposal to that effect is carried by a two third majority at a General Meeting of the Society or three consecutive General Meetings of the society are inquorate.

The Committee at the time shall sell off all the Society's assets at best market value, and any monies remaining after payments of all debts shall be shared equally between all members listed at the time of dissolution.

SAFETY

No member of the Federation will knowingly, under any circumstances, put themselves, any member of the Federation, or any member of the public at the risk of injury.

The Health and Safety rules of the Federation cover each aspect of re-enactment. The purposes of these rules are twofold.

To minimise the chance of an accident.

To satisfy the Health and Safety Legislation.

Adherence to the safety rules is mandatory and a condition of membership.