



SOCIETY RULES

1. The name of the Society shall be Morecambe Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society and its aim shall be:
 - a. The production of musical and dramatic plays.
 - b. The provision of recreational and cultural activities for its members.
 - c. The raising of funds for charitable purposes, whenever possible.
2. The business of the Society during the period of 2025-2026 shall be conducted by an Interim Committee that consists of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and up to 8 Executives. The committee shall also have the power to fill any vacancies from members of the Society.
3. The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held on a date no earlier than 8 weeks after the show and no longer than 20 weeks after the show for the purpose of electing members of the committee and also for the presenting of yearly reports and balance sheets.
4. That fifteen shall form a quorum for a General Meeting and five for a Committee meeting.
5. An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society shall be called within twenty one days of the receipt by the Secretary, of a requisition, in writing, to that effect, signed by at least twelve members. Every such request shall specify the business for which the meeting is to be convened, and no other business shall be transacted at such a meeting.
6. That eight clear days' notice is given for an Annual General Meeting and two clear days for any other General Meeting.
7. No alteration of these rules shall be made except at a General Meeting or Annual General Meeting and any such resolution to change these rules requires at least two thirds of the votes recorded at the meeting.
8. The Hon. Secretary shall call a committee meeting at the request of two Society members and two members who serve on the Committee.
9. The cast for any production shall be selected by an Audition Committee of five, comprising three Committee members, and the Director and the Musical Director. The three Audition Committee members are to be decided by the Executive Committee, prior to the first auditions in any given year. That the Chair of the Auditioning Committee be one of the three Executive Committee members and that the Chair has a second or casting vote.
10. Before applying to audition for a part in any production all applicants must have paid the audition fee as requested by the Committee on the audition form.
11. No member of the Committee shall be permitted to serve on any other committee of a like society, without permission from the Committee.
12. That any member of the Committee who is absent from three consecutive meetings, may, at the discretion of the Committee, be asked to resign.
13. The annual subscription for Adults and Juniors (18 and under), shall be recommended by the Committee to be proposed at the A.G.M. Only fully paid up members shall have voting rights. Due to Insurance purposes all Subscriptions should be paid in a timely manner as agreed with the Committee.
14. No one is deemed a member of the Society, until the yearly subscription is paid.
15. All intending new members shall be required to submit application for membership on forms available from the Committee.
16. Any cast member who misses several rehearsals when they are needed, without a reasonable cause, will receive a verbal or written warning. If poor attendance continues, they may at the discretion of the committee, relinquish their part in the production.
17. No member shall be allowed to incur any debts on behalf of the Society, without prior consent of the Committee.
18. That the Committee has the power to act in all circumstances not covered by these rules.
19. That the Committee have the power in using their discretion in preventing any person, other than those authorised being on, below, or about the stage or dressing rooms during the time of production. Also, all members, unless authorised, be prevented from entering the auditorium during the production.
20. That in the event of the Society winding up, the whole of the reserve funds to be allocated to charitable purposes after all the liabilities of the Society has been met.
21. All nominations for Committee members must be received in writing by the Secretary, by the nominated date. This date is to be given to all members on the notice of the A.G.M. There will be NO nominations accepted after this date.