

Stroud Businesswomen's Network - Constitution

1. The club shall be called Stroud Businesswomen's Network.
2. The objective of the club shall be:

To create links between businesswomen, provide support, opportunities for training and information to enable local businesswomen to succeed in their business objectives.

3. The Club's year shall run from 1st April to 31st March.

4. Membership of the club shall be on the following basis:

Membership shall generally be open to any business-woman operating a business or residing in the Stroud District area.

5. Potential members shall be entitled to attend one meeting without payment, before deciding whether or not to apply for membership.
6. Applications for membership shall be addressed to the club treasurer together with the appropriate subscription.
7. Each businesswoman joins as an individual member and there may be multiple members from the same business.
8. General meetings of members shall be called by giving not less than 14 days notice in writing to all members.
9. An Annual General Meeting shall be held each year at a time and place appointed by the committee. The business of an Annual General Meeting shall comprise Chair's annual report, review of accounts, and election of the committee for the following year, fixing membership subscriptions for the following year and any other business at the Chair's discretion.
10. Extraordinary General Meetings may be called for specific purposes during the year by the committee on its own behalf or following a request by not fewer than 5 paid up members.
11. Only paid up members are entitled to vote at General meetings
12. Each member entitled to vote at a general meeting shall have one vote on each resolution. The method of voting to be adopted shall be at the discretion of the committee. The Chair's declaration of the result shall be final.

13. A quorum for the General Meeting shall be 10 members entitled to vote, being personally present at the start of the meeting.

14. Any proposal to discontinue the membership of a member for reasons other than non-payment of subscription shall be decided by the committee.

15. At each Annual General Meeting up to 7 members shall be elected as Member of the Committee for the coming year. If it is not possible to elect 7 members then a minimum of 3 members shall constitute the committee.

16. Any member nominated for the membership of the committee or other elected office shall be proposed and seconded by full members and shall declare their willingness to be so nominated.

17. The committee shall comprise the following: Chair, Treasurer and elected members.

18. All elected members of the Committee shall retire from office at the end of the Annual General Meeting following their election. Returning members shall be eligible for re-election.

19. The committee shall be responsible for:

a. Furthering the club's objectives

b. The management of the club's affairs, including the necessary financial arrangements

c. Planning the club programme based on monthly meetings

d. Preparing accounts

e. Calling General Meetings as and when necessary.

20. Each member shall pay an annual subscription, the amount of which shall be fixed at the Annual General Meeting for the following year.

21. Committee members shall be exempt from payment of the annual subscription but shall still be considered as paid up members of the club.

22. Any proposal to replace, add to, delete from or amend in any way the Constitution and rules shall be submitted in writing to the Chair by March 1st in any year and shall be decided at the next Annual General Meeting.

23. Any proposal to wind up the club and any related issues shall be decided at a General Meeting.

24. In the event of the club being wound up, assets shall be donated to The Meningitis Trust, Fern House, Bath Road, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL5 3TJ (Registered Charity No 803016).

25. This constitution adopted 29 June 2006.

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