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## **HASTINGS & EAST SUSSEX PHILATELIC SOCIETY**

**(Founded November 1923)**

### **CONSTITUTION & RULES**

1.

The Society shall be known as "The Hastings and East Sussex Philatelic Society' and may be referred to as the H&ESPS. and hereinafter the 'Society'.

2.

Its objects shall be the promotion of all aspects of philately and may include kindred interests such as the collection of postcards.

3.

The officers of the Society shall be:-

President

Vice-President

Immediate Past President

Secretary

Treasurer

Membership Secretary

Packet Secretary

Delegate to A.S.P.S.

Auction Secretary

Programme Secretary

More than one office may be held by any member. Assistants may be appointed as needed, who may then be eligible to attend Committee Meetings but shall be considered ex-officio and not entitled to vote.

An honorary Accounts Examiner/Auditor shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Librarian, Forgery Curator, Public Relations Officer, Junior Collectors Officer and other such appointments may be made as required, either at the AGM. or subsequently by the Committee. None of the foregoing shall necessarily be Committee Members.

The President shall normally be appointed for a three year term unless exceptional circumstances warrant this term to be either extended or cut short, in every case being subject to confirmation at the AGM. All other Officers will be appointed on a rolling annual basis subject to confirmation at the AGM.

4.

The day to day running of the Society shall be the responsibility of the Secretary in consultation with the President or such other Officers as may be appropriate. He shall convene meetings of the full Committee when necessary, and not less frequently than once each season.

5.

The affairs of the Society shall be conducted by a Committee consisting of the Officers listed under rule 3, together with up to four other elected members. Five voting members shall be considered a quorum of the Committee. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt and appoint a member to fill any vacancy occurring, or co-opt a member for a specific purpose and period, subject to confirmation at the next Annual General Meeting. It shall also have the power to act in any instance where the Constitution is silent.

6.

Applications for membership shall be made to the Membership Secretary who shall have the power to refuse or terminate membership provided support is received from at least two other officers. Junior Membership may be considered, including affiliation by any Junior Stamp Club. Honorary Membership may also be awarded for services to the Society following proposal at the AGM. This shall include Hon. Vice Presidents and both Annual and Life Members. They shall not be considered Officers of the Society and shall not be entitled to attend Committee Meetings.

7.

An annual membership fee is to be charged, the amount of which is to be agreed at the AGM. A fee may be charged per meeting to cover direct expenses. The amount of this fee is to be fixed at the AGM, or may be waived if funds allow.

8.

In furtherance of its aims it is desirable that the Society run a Packet Circulation, a lending Library and conduct Auctions as material comes to hand. They shall be subject to the rules then in force which may be drawn up by the appropriate Secretary subject to the approval of the Committee.

The Committee shall also encourage Competitions open to the membership for the various trophies held by the Society, as hereunder, which shall be subject to any rules then in force:-

- (A) The Mackenzie Low Cup
- (B) The Postal History Cup
- (C) The Judy Good Cup
- (D) The E.J.Good Thematic Cup
- (E) The J.D Heyes Postcard Trophy
- (F) The Peter Gray One Sheet Trophy

The Committee may also instigate any other competition which may seem desirable. Details and rules of these competitions are to be found in appendix A of this constitution.

9.

An Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held annually on a date in May, or such other date as may be approved by the membership, voting at an ordinary meeting. It is sufficient notification to the membership if it is published in the Club Programme or announced at a preceding meeting, with written notification to non-attendant members, providing at least 14 days notice is given.

It shall elect all officers and additional Committee members.

It shall receive, adopt or approve, reports from the various officers as may be required, and Financial Statements from the Treasurer, Packet Secretary and Auction Secretary. It shall also approve any variation in the Members' Subscription for the ensuing year and deal with any other business. Matters may be raised by the membership without prior notice provided they are not contentious. The sole arbiter in such instance shall be the President or Chairman of the meeting.

Special General Meetings may be called by the Secretary, should he consider it necessary, or at the written request of at least six members, giving due notice. Such notice in each instance shall be a minimum of 14 days.

10.

These rules shall not be altered except at a General Meeting by a two thirds majority of members present and voting. In all other instances motions shall be passed by a simple majority vote with the President or Chairman of the meeting having the casting vote.

11.

If at any point the society were to close for any reason, any funds remaining are to be given to Great Ormond Street Hospital. This stipulation is to comply with the official will of the late Jane Quantrill, This rule is not limited to funds relating to that specific bequest, but applies to any and all funds held at the point of closure irrespective of source.

12.

The club's locked cabinet is designed to hold the library and any paraphernalia that is required during meetings. It is not designed to store items of significant value and losses of such will not be guaranteed by the club. Keyholders are to be listed and agreed by a quorum at a general club meeting or above.

The above Constitution was approved by the Membership at the Special General Meeting of the Society held on 20 June 2024.

## **Appendix A – Competition details and rules.**

### **General rules for all senior competitions.**

1. An entry may be submitted by any paid up member; no member may make more than one entry on each occasion. The Judy Good Cup is restricted to members who have not previously won the Mackenzie Low Cup, the Postal History Cup or the Thematic Cup.
2. Entries shall consist of of album leaves of a recognised size or similar (except for the Postcard Trophy) and must be the property of the exhibitor.
3. Entries may be handed to the secretary up to the time the chair is taken at the commencement of the meeting.
4. The trophies will be held by the winner for one year; they will be insured by the society against all usual risks, but the holders shall take all reasonable care while in their possession.
5. The competitions shall be held annually on a date to be arranged by the Secretary.

6. Judging will be carried out by a judge or judges appointed by the Secretary in consultation of the Committee.

7. The Judge(s) will be requested to select a single winner, the scales of points shown below being provided for guidance of both judge(s) and competitors. The judge(s) shall have power to withhold any award, in consultation with the President if necessary.

#### **(A) THE MACKENZIE LOW CUP**

Entries may consist of any collection or study of stamps on 8 sheets.

Scale of points (total maximum 100 points):

Philatelic knowledge 25

Originality and research 15

Arrangement and writing-up 25

Condition 25

Judges discretion 10

#### **(B) THE POSTAL HISTORY CUP**

Entries may consist of any postal history subject on 16 sheets. For this purpose postal history is defined as a collection or study of postal markings or cancellations of any period, or of the uses

of stamps (as distinct from the study of the stamps themselves), or of material illustrating the history and working of any postal service.

Scale of points (total maximum 100 points):

Personal research and knowledge 40

Presentation, including writing-up, mounting, arrangement 25

Relative condition 25

Judges discretion 10

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#### **(C.) THE JUDY (K.E.) GOOD CUP**

Entries shall consist of a collection or study of stamps and/or postal history of a single country or associated group of countries, or a thematic collection on 8 sheets.

Scale of points (total maximum 100 points):

Philatelic knowledge 20

Originality or interest 10

Arrangement and presentation 25

Research beyond catalogue 10

Condition (for type of material) 25

Judges discretion 10

#### **(D) THE E.J. GOOD THEMATIC CUP**

Entries shall consist of 8 sheets on any theme or subject portrayed by postal material (stamps, postmarks and relevant postal covers and stationary). Privately produced items should not be included. Maps and illustrations should be limited, and only used if essential to the development of the theme. The theme and the way it is being developed in the entry must be clearly defined in a plan in an introductory paragraph.

Scale of points (total maximum 100 points):

Presentation of entry 10

Plan of collection and its implementation 20

Development of theme 30

Originality of theme 10

Philatelic knowledge 15

Condition and rarity of items included 15

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### **(E) THE J.D. HEYS POSTCARD TROPHY**

Cards must be true POSTCARDS and not have plain backs. They can be of any age, ie "Golden Age", Intermediate or Modern. There should be a minimum of twelve cards. The display should have a title and any subject or topic may be used. Postcards must be affixed by transparent photo corner mounts.

There must be some writing up to explain the entry and additional non-postcard material relating to the chosen subject may be included. This must not be more than 20% of the display. Over-enthusiastic artistic embellishment of the entry will detract from rather than enhance it.

Scale of points (total maximum 100):

The choice of postcards together with ancillary material 20

Condition of the cards taking age into consideration 20

Writing up and presentation 20

Overall appeal, and attractiveness of the display 40

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### **(F) THE PETER GRAY ONE SHEET TROPHY**

Normally held at the last meeting before Christmas. Entries should have a connection to philately in some way, however nebulous. The aim is to entertain, educate or even entrance. Humour is welcomed.

Scale of points (total maximum 100):

Judges discretion 100