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The Cambridge Sams

The Cambridge Sam
Society

Constitution

I – Name

There shall be a society which shall be called the “Cambridge Sam Society” referred to for the rest of this document as The Cambridge Sams.

II – Aims of society

The Cambridge Sams aims to promote interaction and socialisation between both Sams and non-Sams (“Allies”) across the Cambridge Colleges through social and speaker events. The Cambridge Sams also aims to promote intellectual and personal development of its members.

III – Membership

- (1) Membership of The Cambridge Sams shall be open to all members of the University who are called Sam (or variations thereof) or have an interest in The Cambridge Sams;
- (2) There shall be an annual fee for membership which shall be determined by The Cambridge Sams and may be £0.00;
- (3) The Cambridge Sams may award life membership at its discretion. This may come at an additional fee which shall be determined by The Cambridge Sams;
- (4) The Cambridge Sams shall not discriminate between individuals on grounds of national origins, ethnicity, religion, gender or sexual orientation at any stage of its running;
- (5) The Executive Committee may revoke the membership of any member found to bring The Cambridge Sams into disrepute. Such decisions are to be confirmed at the next Council Meeting and may be appealed to the Senior Treasurer.

IV – The Executive Committee

- (1) Day-to-day management of The Cambridge Sams affairs shall be performed by The Executive Committee. Members shall sometimes be elected but usually appointed at the Annual Council Meeting;

- (2) The Executive Committee shall consist of a President, or Co-Presidents, Secretary, and Junior Treasurer and Secretary of Defence. In addition, there shall be a Senior Treasurer who shall be a member of the Regent House, or other person approved by the Junior Proctor. The Senior Treasurer shall be appointed by the elected members of the Executive Committee and shall be ex officio a member of the Executive Committee;
- (3) All elected members of the Executive Committee shall be full time undergraduate or postgraduate students of the University of Cambridge;
- (4) At least one member of the Executive Committee must have the legal name of Sam (or variations thereof);
- (5) The Executive Committee shall meet at least once per term. Meetings shall be chaired by the President or, in their absence, the Vice-President. If neither the President nor the Vice-President is present then the remaining Committee members shall appoint a Chairperson for the duration of that meeting. The quorum for a meeting of the Executive Committee shall be three members. Written record of each Executive Committee meeting shall be kept.

V – Council Meetings

- (1) The Cambridge Sams shall hold an Annual Council Meeting (ACM) during each academical year. This shall be held in Cambridge during Easter Full Term. All members shall be entitled to attend and vote. At least seven days written notice shall be given to members before the ACM;
- (1) The ACM shall approve Minutes of the last Council Meeting and the Society's Accounts for the preceding year, elect the Executive Committee for the year ahead and conduct such other business as is necessary;
- (2) Candidates for election to office shall be proposed and seconded by two other members. Every motion at a General Meeting shall be proposed and seconded by two members. Voting shall be by secret ballot and if there are more than two candidates for a post or more than two options on a motion, voting shall be by Single Transferable Vote;
- (3) An Emergency Council Meeting (ECM) may be held at any time during Full Term. It shall be held in Cambridge and may be called by the Executive Committee or at the written request of at least ten members. Two days written

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- (4) A (Co)-President or, if in absence, the Vice-President shall take the Chair at any General Meeting. In the absence of the President and Vice-President the meeting shall elect a Chairperson for that meeting. The quorum for a General Meeting shall be ten members and a written record of every General Meeting shall be kept.

VI – Financial Matters

- (1) The Society shall maintain a banking account with a suitable Bank or Building Society to hold the Society's funds;
- (2) It shall be the responsibility of the Junior Treasurer to ensure that monies received are properly accounted for, and that the Society's financial records are kept in good order. In particular, the Junior Treasurer shall ensure continuity of Cambridge resident signatories for any bank accounts held by the Society;
- (3) The Senior Treasurer shall make arrangements for the Society's Accounts to be properly audited, either by themselves, or by some other person approved under University Ordinances;
- (4) The Senior Treasurer shall not be liable for any financial debt or other obligation of the Society unless personally authorised such a debt in writing;
- (5) For so long as the Society shall be Registered with the Junior Proctor, it shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to ensure that the Society complies with the requirements for Registration as a University Society.

VII – Changes to the Constitution

The Constitution may be amended at a Council Meeting, with approval of at least two thirds of those present. No amendment to this Constitution intended to remove the position of Senior Treasurer, to alter its prerogatives and duties, or to change the criteria and procedure for the appointment of a Senior Treasurer can be put to a vote without the prior written agreement of the Junior Proctor of the University of Cambridge.

VIII – Disciplinary

Processes

The Society's only disciplinary sanctions are to expel or to suspend a member whose actions are felt to be such as to bring the Society into disrepute, or to adversely affect the smooth running of the Society in a major way. Such expulsion or suspension can only be effected by a majority vote of all Executive Committee members, excluding the Senior Treasurer. In the event of an expulsion, the excluded member is required to return all equipment, documents and finances belonging to the Society within 7 days. They will not be entitled to any full or partial refund of annual subscriptions;

If the excluded or suspended member wishes to appeal the decision, that appeal should be made to the Senior Treasurer, who will consider all the facts, and whose decision will be final. An appeal as to the process of exclusion, but not a further investigation into the facts, may be lodged with the Junior Proctor.

IX – Dissolution

- (1) The Society may be dissolved at a General Meeting provided that at least Twenty-one days written notice of the intention to dissolve the Society has been given to the members. At least three quarters of those present and voting at the General Meeting must vote in favour of the motion for Dissolution for it to be effective;
- (2) A motion for dissolution must be put forward or seconded by a member of the Executive Committee;
- (3) Any motion for Dissolution of the Society shall provide that assets remaining after all liabilities have been met shall be transferred either to another Registered University Society, or to the Societies' Syndicate.

X – Thanks and Acknowledgement

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