

# South Hampshire

## Budgerigar Society

### Constitution 2025

#### 1. NAME

The organization shall be known as The South Hampshire Budgerigar Society, hereinafter referred to as “The Society”.

The following rules are personal to The Society and are for adherence to by members of The Society, with exception of the Budgerigar Society Show Rules which shall apply to shows and showing.

#### 2. OBJECTIVES

To promote the keeping, breeding and exhibiting of budgerigars. By holding meetings and shows and other budgerigar related events.

#### 3. MEMBERSHIP AND SUBSCRIPTIONS.

- 3.1. Individual candidates applications for membership, should be sent to the Treasurer / Membership Secretary, who will furnish them with an application form which should be completed, signed and returned together with the subscription. Application forms can also be downloaded from the Society website and payment can be made by Bank Transfer.

- 3.2. The committee can, in its absolute discretion, accept or reject applications for new membership or membership renewals without assigning any reason.
- 3.3. Membership shall be as follows:
  - i. Individual member
  - ii. Partnerships – Different Address
  - iii. Partnerships – Same Address
  - iv. Concessions (Seniors & Disabled)
  - v. Juniors
- 3.4. The annual subscription shall be as recommended by The Committee and ratified by The Annual General Meeting.
- 3.5. The agreed subscriptions will be applicable for the financial year following The Annual General Meeting.
- 3.6. The subscription year will run from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December each year.

#### 4. FINANCE

- 4.1. The Financial year will end on the 31<sup>st</sup> December.
- 4.2. A statement of scrutinized accounts to be presented at the Annual General Meeting. The Committee will examine and approve the draft annual accounts prior to The Annual General Meeting.
- 4.3. The Society cheques shall only be considered valid, when signed by two of three approved signatures.
- 4.4. The Annual Accounts will include all income and expenditure and they will be examined by a duly elected scrutineer prior to The Annual General Meeting and after the end of the financial year, to ensure that all the Society’s transactions have been

correctly recorded and are a true and accurate view of the state of the Society's financial affairs at the end of each financial year. The scrutineer shall sign a copy of the accounts to confirm that they have checked the accounts.

4.5. The Scrutineer will be elected for a period of one year, at The Annual General Meeting.

## 5. OFFICERS

The General management of The Society shall be vested in The Committee.

5.1. The constitution of the committee shall be:

- i. Chairperson.
- ii. Vice Chairperson.
- iii. General Secretary.
- iv. Treasurer / Membership Secretary.
- v. Publicity Officer.
- vi. Show Manager.
- vii. Show Secretary.
- viii. Patronage Secretary.
- ix. Committee Members, with a maximum of Seven.

If at The Annual General Meeting, it is considered in the interests of The Society, all positions, with the exception of The Chairperson, may be joint.

5.2. Members are elected to the committee for a period of one year, from the date of The Annual General Meeting.

5.3. All fully paid up members shall be eligible for election to any office on the committee.

5.4. Any member of The Committee may be removed by a vote of a simple majority of those attending a quorate General meeting or Extra Ordinary General Meeting (section 5.10 and 7) properly convened for the purpose of removing them.

5.5. Any member of The Committee whose period of office terminates or who resigns or is removed from office, shall be eligible for re-election at a future Annual General Meeting.

5.6. The President of The Society shall be appointed for a 2-year period with the President Elect being elected mid-term. The President, or their nominee, will take the chair at The Annual General Meeting prior to the nomination for the Chairperson. The President shall have the right to attend meetings of The Officers and take part in the discussions, but shall have no vote.

5.7. The Committee shall hold meetings as often as required, minutes of which shall be taken.

5.8. At all meetings of The Society, the Chairperson shall not vote, unless a casting vote is necessary.

5.9. The Committee shall have the power to appoint sub-committees for specific purposes, and to co-opt to itself, and on such committees, any member of The Society. Co-opted individuals may attend and take part in meetings of the

Officers, but may not vote, so would not be counted in calculating a quorum.

5.10. The Quorums at the meetings shall be:-

- i. Committee five (5) elected members.
- ii. Annual General Meeting, twelve (12) members.
- iii. Extra Ordinary General Meeting, twelve (12) members.

5.11. Voting at all meetings may be on a show of hand or paper vote, whichever the Chairperson deems appropriate and will be based on a simple majority.

5.12. The Chairperson shall not vote, except in the event of a tie, thereupon they will have the casting vote.

5.13. The Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur among Officers during its term of office.

5.14. The Committee shall be responsible for all financial decisions connected with The Society.

## **6. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting of The Society, Will be held annually, with the date of the following year's AGM announced at the Annual General Meeting, in which the following business shall be transacted:

6.1. To receive from The Committee:-

- i. A Report.
- ii. A Financial Statement of Accounts.
- iii. Recommendations of Subscriptions.

6.2. To elect Officers of The Committee.

6.3. To elect a Financial Scrutineer.

6.4. To decide on any resolutions or discuss any business of which notice in writing shall have been given by any member to the General Secretary latest 28 days prior to the AGM.

## **7 EXTRA ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**

7.1. An Extra Ordinary General meeting may be called by either The Committee, or on the written request of twenty members and shall state the business of the meeting.

7.2. Members shall be given at least fourteen days' notice by The General Secretary.

## **8. RIGHTS OF MEMBERS.**

Membership of The Society shall not give the right to any assets of The Society, but shall confer on them the privilege of partaking in any organised functions of The Society and of using any equipment provided.

## **9. CONDUCT OF MEMBERS**

9.1. All members of The Society shall abide by the rules and objects of The Society.

9.2. No Member of The Society shall:-

- i. Incur expenditure on behalf of The Society without the authority of the committee.
- ii. Communicate to an outside body in the name of The Society without the authority of The Committee.

- iii. Engage in any conduct that could damage the reputation of The Society, its members, or the exhibition budgerigar hobby.

## **10. COMPLAINTS AGAINST MEMBERS OF THIS SOCIETY.**

- 10.1. Any member, who is considered to have infringed the rules concerning the conduct of members (section 9), may be called upon by The Committee to explain their actions. They may be represented by another member.
- 10.2. In explaining their actions, they may support their statement by producing evidence and witnesses.
- 10.3. After hearing the statement and other evidence The Committee will decide on the action to be taken.
- 10.4. If The Committee consider it necessary, they may then expel the member providing that a majority of The Committee agree.
- 10.5. Any member expelled from The Society has the right to demand an Extra Ordinary General Meeting.

## **11. ALTERATIONS TO THESE RULES**

The rules may be added, repealed, or amended by resolution at an Annual General Meeting, provided that the changes receive a majority vote of a simple majority of the members present and voting.

## **12. SHOW RULES**

Show rules will be in accordance with those of The Budgerigar Society

## **13. INTERPRETATION OF THESE RULES**

The Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of these rules, and the decision of The Committee upon any question of interpretation or upon any matter affecting The Society and not provided for in these rules or any amendment thereof, shall be final and binding on the members.

## **14. WINDING UP.**

In the event of a resolution to wind up The Society being passed by a simple majority of the paid-up members present at the winding up meeting its funds shall be divided equally among the paid-up members at the date that the resolution was lodged, unless any other proposal is carried at the winding up meeting.

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