



We All Stand Together

Constitution & Rules

- 1 *Name* *The Society shall be called "The Followers of Rupert".*
- 2 *Objects* *The objects of the Society are:*
(a) To promote and co-ordinate the appreciation of the stories of Rupert Bear.
(b) To provide for the exchange of information and material relevant thereto.
- 3 *Membership* *Application for membership shall be made to and approved by the Membership Secretary.*
- 4 *Election of Officers* *(a) The following officers of the Society shall be elected annually at each Annual General Meeting:*
i) Chairman
ii) Secretary
iii) Treasurer
iv) Membership Secretary
v) Sales Officer
vi) Librarian/Archivist
vii) Minutes Secretary
viii) Website Manager
ix) Website Editor
x) Publications Editor
xi) Assistant Publications Editor
xii) Annual Meeting Organiser
it being provided that a person may hold more than one of the above offices at one time.
(b) Nominations for any of these offices shall be submitted to the Secretary at least 30 days before the next Annual General Meeting and shall be subject to election at that meeting.
(c) In the event of an officer resigning during his term the vacancy may be filled by co-option by the remainder of the Committee.
(d) An Honorary President may be elected.
- 5 *Committee* *The Society shall be administered by a Committee comprising the Officers of the Society and up to four other Members to be elected at the Annual General Meeting.*
- 6 *Finance* *(a) The Annual Subscription rates for the different levels of Membership shall be approved from time to time by the Society.*
(b) Membership Levels
(1) Full Membership shall entitle the Member to receive 12 months' worth of issues of the "Nutwood Newsletter" and other publications by post, and shall provide full membership for that period.
(2) Email Membership shall entitle the Member to receive 12 months' worth of the "Nutwood Newsletter" and other publications by email or other electronic means, and shall provide full membership for that period.
(3) Associate Membership shall not entitle the Member to receive the "Nutwood Newsletter" and other publications, but will permit the Member to purchase items from the Followers' Sales List for a 12 month period. An Associate Member has no voting rights.
(c) Any Member whose subscription is three months in arrears shall cease to be a Member.
(d) The Treasurer shall receive all money due to the Society and shall keep appropriate accounts.
(e) An auditor shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting, the procedure for nomination and election being the same as for the election of Officers under Rule 4(b).
- 7 *Annual Reports* *Annual Reports dealing with finance, membership, publications and the library shall be compiled by the appropriate Officers and shall be presented at the Annual General Meeting following the end of the financial year.*
- 8 *Annual General Meeting & Financial Year* *The Annual General Meeting shall take place between June and October inclusive in each year and the Financial Year shall end on 31 March.*

- 9 *Library* *With a view to achieving its objects the Society may establish a Library which shall be administered by the Librarian in accordance with the Rules governing the Library*
- (a) *Any alteration to the Library rules shall be made by the Committee.*
- (b) *The Committee may make a grant to the Library from the funds of the Society for the purchase of appropriate books and other material*
- 10 *Publications* *An Editorial Panel appointed by the Committee will be responsible for editing and publishing the Nutwood Newsletter.*
- 11 *Alteration to Constitution and Rules* *These rules may be altered by resolution of an Annual General Meeting of the Society provided that:*
- (a) *Notice of the motion to alter the Rules has been given to the Secretary at least 30 days before the next following Annual General Meeting whereupon the Secretary shall arrange for the motion to appear in the notice convening the Meeting.*
- (b) *The motion shall not succeed unless supported by at least two thirds of those present and voting at the Annual General Meeting.*
- 12 *Dissolution* *If at any Annual General Meeting a resolution for the dissolution of the Society is passed by a majority of the members present and voting the Committee shall thereupon make arrangements for the discharge of the liabilities of the Society and for the transfer of all assets of the Society, including the contents of the Library, to such body as the Committee shall think fit and upon completion of such transfer the Society shall be dissolved.*

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