

# THE THREE MILLIMETRE SOCIETY

## CHARTER OF THE THREE MILLIMETRE SOCIETY

- 1 The Society shall be known as "The Three Millimetre Society".
- 2 The Society is formed to promote and foster interest in modelling in 3mm scale by:
  - (a) offering the assistance of the Society to all newcomers to the hobby or to the scale;
  - (b) achieving fuller recognition of 3mm modelling in the model-railway press;
  - (c) should the required support be available, and if invited, providing stands at model-railway exhibitions.
- 3 To *solicit* opinions from members of the Society with which to influence manufacturers and traders, thereby achieving adequate recognition of the needs of 3mm modellers and broadening the scope of items available.
- 4 To adopt an agreed set of standards and to ask manufacturers to adhere to them.
- 5 To provide for the interchange of knowledge, experience and ideas among 3mm modellers by means of a journal, a newsletter and *area groups*.
- 6 To work with specialist manufacturers and individual members to create products such as kits and components not otherwise available.

## RULES

- 1 **Name:** The Society shall be known as "The Three Millimetre Society", and is hereafter referred to as "The Society".
- 2 **Objects:** The objects of the Society shall be as stated in the "Charter of The Three Millimetre Society".
- 3 **Committee:** The Society shall be managed by a committee of elected members. The Committee shall be responsible for the overall running of the Society and is empowered to appoint or remove Officers of the Society as may be necessary efficiently to carry out the following duties.

(i) Chairman	(iv) Membership Secretary	(vii) Publicity Officer
(ii) Secretary	(v) Magazine Editor	(viii) Second-hand Sales Officer
(iii) Treasurer	(vi) New Products Officer	(ix) Trading Officer

The quorum for a Committee meeting shall be five elected members.
- 4 **Election of Committee:** The Committee shall be elected annually by the members present and voting at the Annual General Meeting, retiring members being eligible for re-election subject to their being proposed. All nominations must be proposed and seconded and supported by the signed consent of the nominee concerned, and shall be received by the Secretary by a date not later than 1 April. A list of all nominations received shall be published and distributed to members prior to the Annual General Meeting. Where there is more than one nomination for any post, the position shall be decided by a ballot of the members present at the meeting and eligible to vote, and the nominee securing the greater (or greatest) number of votes shall be duly elected.
- 5 **Membership and Subscriptions:** Members may be elected to the following classes of membership:
  - (a) Honorary Life Members: to be elected on the proposal of the Chair, at a General Meeting of the Society, by a majority of members present and voting.
  - (b) Members: aged 21 years and over.
  - (c) Student Members: aged 20 years and under.The subscription shall be paid annually, the sum payable to be agreed by the full Committee and to be reviewed at each Annual General Meeting. The subscription shall be effective from 1 April each year to 31 March of the following year.

Members failing to renew their subscriptions within three months of the commencement of the Society year shall be deemed to have terminated their membership. (The Membership Secretary has discretion with the application of this rule should individual special circumstances necessitate.)

- 6 **Annual General Meeting:** The Annual General Meeting shall be held during the first quarter of each financial year, as defined in (8) below, and at least three weeks' notice shall be given to all members of the date and place of the meeting. At any General Meeting, the venue of that for the following year shall be agreed.
- 7 **Extraordinary General Meeting:** At the written request of any twenty or more members, or at their own discretion, the Committee shall convene an Extraordinary General Meeting for the discussion of any specific business. At least two weeks' notice of the date and place of such a meeting and the business to be discussed thereat shall be sent to all members.
- 8 **Accounts:** The Treasurer shall keep a record of all financial transactions of the Society, and shall prepare accounts each year made up to the last day of February. Where practicable the Accounts shall be submitted to the Annual General Meeting, but where this should prove impossible each member shall be acquainted with the financial position of the Society by post. These Accounts will be audited annually by two members elected at the Annual General Meeting, unless a qualified accountant is employed by the Society.
- 9 **Report:** The Chairman shall present to the Annual General Meeting each year a Report of the activities of the Society for the preceding year.
- 10 **Voting Rights and Quorum at Meetings:** All members shall have the right to attend all General Meetings of the Society. The quorum at any General Meeting of the Society shall be twenty members.
- 11 **Amendments to Rules:** These Rules may be amended at a General Meeting of the Society by resolution passed by a majority of members present and voting, but only if the intention to propose the amendment has been published and distributed to members prior to the General Meeting.
- 12 **Matters Not Covered by Rules:** The Committee shall be empowered to decide all matters not specifically covered by these Rules, except that in the event of the suspension or expulsion of a member from the Society for conduct to the discredit of the Society, the action of the Committee shall be confirmed or negated by members at the next General Meeting, and the member concerned shall have the right to attend that meeting and present his or her case.
- 13 **Copies of Rules:** Every member of the Society shall be supplied with a copy of these Rules, together with the "Charter of The Three Millimetre Society" and membership of the Society shall be deemed to be members' acceptance of the Rules as binding upon themselves.
- 14 **Misuse of the Name of the Society:** (a) No member or person may, without prior written permission of the Management Committee, use the name of the Society or its Officers in any communication. The use of the Society's publications in any similar way is prohibited. Any breach of this Rule renders the member concerned liable to immediate expulsion.  
(b) Any financial or other commitment entered into in misrepresentation of the Society or its Committee will be the personal responsibility of the person or persons concerned.
- 15 **Disbandment – Disposal of Funds:** In the event, for any reason, of the disbandment of the Society, or of its ceasing to function by the lapse of one calendar year after any known activity, all funds and assets then known to remain shall be collected by the last person holding the office of Treasurer, or, in the event of that person being unable to do so, then by any two other Committee members, and such person or persons shall, after taking all reasonable steps to discharge known debts, transfer the remaining assets to The Historical Model Railway Society (Reg No 1166144) for use as it considers appropriate: any such decisions by the Treasurer (or two other Committee members) and The Historical Model Railway Society shall be absolute.

*Note:* **GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS 2018:** In order to comply with the provisions of the GDPR, a member's address, telephone number (if provided) and payment details will be held on a database and used for Society purposes only.

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