

GOOLE & DISTRICT MARINERS ASSOCIATION



Constitution

Introduction

The Goole and District Mariners Association, hereafter referred to as the Association, is a non-profit membership group established in 1996 to provide assistance to local mariners through the provision of a benevolent fund and the dedication and upkeep of a memorial dedicated to the memory of local mariners. The office and headquarters of the Association are located at Goole Conservative Working Men's Club, 2-4 Carlisle Street, Goole, East Yorkshire, DN14 5DU.

Aims

The objects of the Association are to:

- Bring together members for social gatherings, meetings and reunions at the Association venue.
- Pay social visits to other maritime associations.
- Maintain the memorial dedicated to local mariners.
- Fundraise for a memorial, general and benevolent fund to provide assistance for members who are ill, benevolent gifts for widows and to pay for the maintenance of the memorial.

Membership

- i. Membership of the Association shall be open to anyone who has an interest in assisting the group to achieve its aims and is willing to adhere to the rules of the group.
- ii. There is no fee to be paid upon joining the Association, however, a £1.00 subscription is to be paid at each monthly meeting by those in attendance.
- iii. Where it is considered that membership would be detrimental to the aims and activities of the Association, the management reserves the right to refuse membership, or to withdraw or suspend the membership of any member by resolution passed at a meeting.

Executive Committee

The business of the Association shall be managed by the committee, which shall consist of the following members:

- Chairman
- Vice Chairman
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Archivist
- Membership Secretary
- Welfare Officer

GOOLE & DISTRICT MARINERS ASSOCIATION



The members of the executive committee shall be elected by the Association members annually at the Annual General Meeting. Each committee member serves for a year before seeking re-election. Committee members must be elected by a majority vote amongst ordinary members.

Meetings

- i. The General Meeting will take place on the fourth Saturday of every month.
- ii. A £1.00 subscription is to be paid by all members attending.
- iii. The Executive Committee will meet on the fourth Wednesday of every month.
- iv. The Annual General Meeting shall be held each year on the fourth Saturday of January.

Finance

- i. Any money acquired by the Association, including donations, contributions and bequests shall be paid into an account operated by the Treasurer on behalf of the Executive Committee in the name of the Association. All funds must be applied to the objects of the Association and for no other purpose.
- ii. Bank accounts shall be opened in the name of the Association. Any cheques relating to the Association's bank account shall be signed by three members, including the Treasurer and two other members as appointed by the Executive Committee.
- iii. Any income or expenditure shall be the responsibility and at the discretion of the Treasurer who will have sole charge of all accounts. The Treasurer will be accountable to ensure that funds are utilised effectively and that the Association stays within budget.

Alteration of the Constitution

Any changes to this constitution must be agreed by a majority vote at a General Meeting.

Dissolution

In the case of the Association's demise the memorial fund shall be passed to Goole Town Council to assist in the upkeep and maintenance of the memorial and garden.

The general fund and the benevolent fund shall be divided into £50.00 or £100.00 parts, to be donated to various youth organisations within the town at the discretion of the Association.