

# **The Scottish Lute and Early Guitar Society**

## **Constitution**

- I. The Society, formed in Edinburgh in October 2011, shall be called The Scottish Lute and Early Guitar Society, hereinafter called SLEGS, and shall be affiliated to The Lute Society.
- II. The objects of SLEGS will be for the promotion of the history, construction, and performance upon early plucked musical instruments, primarily the lute and early guitar, of music composed for these instruments and the techniques used to play them, and in furtherance thereof:
  1. To promote the lute and early guitar and their music in Scotland by furthering contacts between players in Scotland and beyond by providing quarterly meetings/playing days.
  2. Encouraging musicians of all standards to participate, with special encouragement given to beginners and younger players.
  3. Maintaining a website and social media channels.
  4. Providing a presence at the British Banjo, Mandolin and Guitar annual festival when possible
  5. Providing lutes, where available, for members to hire.
- III. The qualification for membership shall be that the applicant is interested in the lute and/or early guitars and will further the aims and objects of SLEGS. The committee has the power to accept or reject applications for membership.
- IV. The Society shall consist of:
  1. Ordinary members, who shall pay an annual adult subscription.
  2. Concessionary members – 18 years and under in age, students in full-time education, unwaged, disabled or senior citizens who shall pay an annual concessionary subscription.
  3. Honorary Life members, as defined by section IX.
- V. Subscription rates shall last for 12 months from the date of joining and shall be paid to SLEGS. Subscription rates will be fixed annually by the committee and passed at the AGM.
- VI. The committee will be constituted by the positions of Secretary, Treasurer and Chair, each subject to yearly review by vote at an AGM. In the absence of more than 2 volunteers one person may hold two positions simultaneously.
- VII. The duties of the office holders of the committee shall be:
  1. The Secretary shall be responsible for:
    - a) maintaining a list of members and interested parties.

- b) notifying members of quarterly meetings and events and sending out all other official communications to members such as the announcement of the time, date and place of the AGM
  - c) keeping minutes of the AGM.
2. The Treasurer shall maintain records of all expenditure and income and provide a financial statement at the AGM.
  3. The Chair shall be responsible for coordinating the activities of the society and chairing the AGM.
  4. Other responsibilities such as webmaster and social media management will be divided amongst members of the committee or volunteers.

VIII. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the society shall be held annually at a time and place to be fixed by the committee. The meeting shall elect members to the committee as defined in section VII. At least fourteen days notice of the date, time, and venue of the AGM will be given to members. A quorum of 5 members is needed at the AGM.

IX. The committee have the power to appoint Honorary Life Members – those who, over a period of years and in an outstanding degree, have stimulated interest in the lute and early guitars and in the ideals of SLEGS.

X. In the event of the dissolution of SLEGS, existing funds will be used to pay any outstanding debts and any remainder thereafter will be donated to the Lute Society unless an alternative charity is agreed upon.

## Signatories

1. The Chairperson

2. The Secretary

Witness signature

Date