

CHIPPING NORTON AMATEUR ASTRONOMY GROUP

CNAAG

CONSTITUTION

1. The name of the society is Chipping Norton Amateur Astronomy Group - CNAAG

OBJECTS

2. The objects of CNAAG are the pursuance of amateur astronomy and to provide facilities assistance and education in the subject of astronomy to all interested persons.

MEMBERSHIP

3. Any person who pays the annual subscription(other than a person expelled from membership under paragraphs 25 – 27)shall be a member of CNAAG

SUBSCRIPTIONS

4. The annual subscription as at the date of of these rules is :
 - a) £15.00 for full members
 - b) £20.00 for family membership

and shall be reviewed annually at the CNAAG AGM

5. Subscriptions are due on 1st July I every year. Any person who becomes a member of CNAAG on or after 1st January in a particular year will only be required to pay half the subscription cost – full membership will fall due on 1st July for everyone.

6. Family subscription will apply only to 2 or more members living at the same address.

MANAGEMENT

7. The management of CNAAG must be entrusted to a committee consisting of the chairman, secretary, treasurer (the officers) and no more than 3 other members of CNAAG, all of whom must be at least 18 years old, elected annually at the general meeting. The management committee may co opt no more than 2 other persons to the management committee if they deem it appropriate to do so.

8. All the members of the committee are eligible for re election

9. The committee must meet at least 3 times a year at such times as it determines

10. At all meetings of the committee , 2 forms a quorum

11. CNAAG may authorise the management committee to delegate the treasurer to be the sole primary user of CNAAG's Business Banking facility and authorise the treasurer to operate internet banking on CNAAG's behalf.

CASUAL VACANCIES

12. The committee may at any time and from time to time fill any casual vacancy among the officers and the committee.

13. Any officer or member of the committee so appointed holds office only until the next following annual general meeting but is then eligible for re election

APPLICATION OF PROFIT

14. No money or property of CNAAG or any gain arising from the carrying on of CNAAG may be applied otherwise than for the benefit of CNAAG as a whole or for some charitable, benevolent or political purposes or purposes chosen by resolution of a general meeting.

15. Full accounts of the financial affairs of CNAAG duly audited by the auditors must be made available to every member when notice convening the annual general meeting is given.

SUBSCRIPTION IN ARREAR

16. If any member fails to renew their subscription within 30 days after it becomes due and the treasurer or secretary sends notice in writing to his/her address as recorded in the books of CNAAG calling on them to renew the subscription within 7 days, then the committee may terminate the membership without further notice if no renewal is forthcoming.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

17. An annual general meeting of CNAAG will take place in each year

18. At each general meeting:

- a) the audited accounts for the previous financial year, prior to the meeting, must be presented and, if accepted, passed.
- b) The officers must be elected
- c) The auditors must be elected
- d) Any other business that has been communicated to the secretary and included in the notice of the meeting sent by him to the members may be conducted.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

19. An extraordinary general meeting may be convened at any time and must be convened within 21 days on the requisition of one fifth of the members of the club for the time being or 10 members, whichever is the less.

20. A requisition must state the purpose for which a meeting is required and must be remitted to the secretary.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

21. At least 14 days before any general meeting the secretary must send to every member at his address recorded in CNAAG records a notice of the meeting stating the time and place where it will be held and the business to be conducted.

BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED

22. The business at any general meeting must be limited to that provided for by these rules and any further matters set out in the notice convening the meeting.

23. The quorum at any general meeting is 4

VOTES

24. Each member over the age of 18 has one vote at all meetings of CNAAG

CHAIRMAN

25. The Chairman presides at all meetings however, if he is not present within 15 minutes of the appointed start time or has communicated his/her ability to attend, the members present and entitled to vote, may choose one of the number to act as chairman.

EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

26. The committee may expel any member who offends against the rules of CNAAG or whose conduct, in their opinion, renders him/her unfit for continued membership.

27. Before any such expulsion, the secretary must give 7 days written notice to meet with the committee and be informed of any complaints against him/her.

28. No member may be expelled unless:

a) They are given every opportunity to answer to the committee and answer any complaints made against them

and

b) at least two thirds of the committee then present vote in favour of expulsion

MODIFICATION OF RULES

29. The management committee may from time to time make, repeal or amend any regulations (not inconsistent with these rules) as it thinks expedient for the management and well being of CNAAG.

30. All regulations made by the management committee under this rule are binding on the members until repealed by the committee or set aside by a resolution of a general meeting of the club.

31. No alteration or addition to these rules may be made except by resolution carried by a majority of at least two thirds of the members present at a general meeting notice which contains particulars of the proposed alteration or addition.

32. As soon as possible and in any case within 28 days of after making any alteration or addition the secretary must give written notice to any relevant licensing authority.

HEADINGS

33. The headings to these rules are for ease of reference only and are not to be taken into account in their interpretation.

These rules adopted 16 March 2020.