The Constitution of the ISWL

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Constitution of the International Short Wave League

1. The name of the organisation shall be the INTERNATIONAL SHORT WAVE LEAGUE (ISWL) hereafter referred to as the League.

2.. The League Headquarters address shall normally be the address of the Honorary Secretary.

3. OBJECTIVES

3.1 Membership of the League shall be open to all interested in Short Wave Radio.

3.2 To bring together the short wave enthusiasts of the world regardless of race, creed, or politics to their mutual benefit.

3.3 To foster and promote international goodwill through the medium of short wave interest.

3.4 To provide relevant information that will benefit the radio enthusiast, resulting in their greater enjoyment of the hobby.

4. MEMBERSHIP

4.1 Membership will be open to all persons who support the objectives of the League and shall comprise the following classes of membership:

4.2 Full membership with voting rights for members who pay the Full Annual membership subscription for receipt of Monitor:

- **(a) As a printed version delivered by mail**
- **(b) In pdf format received by e-mail**

4.3 Family Membership where there is no subscription charge, provided the member is resident at the same address as the principal paid up member.

4.4 Family members are allowed to participate in League activities but are excluded from voting on issues affecting the organization of the League.

4.5 Honorary membership of Council, which includes members of Council and Officers of the League or Vice Presidents as outlined in Clause 6.15.

4.6 Affiliated membership for Amateur Radio Clubs/ Societies.

4.7 Council shall be empowered in its discretion to revoke or to suspend the membership for such time as it thinks reasonable of any member who brings the ISWL into disrepute by whatever means.

4.8 The Council has the right to refuse Membership without any reason being given. In such an event, any monies remitted will be refunded.

4.9 The Council has the discretion to offer Complimentary Memberships. However, holders of such memberships are not entitled to participate in day-to-day League activities, or to vote on any League matters, or hold elected office etc.

5 MONITOR

5.1 A Monthly Journal titled "Monitor" will be published by the League and circulated to all paid up members as part of their subscription.

5.2 Family members will not receive a copy of Monitor.

6. COUNCIL

6.1 The League shall be managed on behalf of the members by a Council of fully paid up members.

6.2 The League Council shall comprise President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor in Chief, Membership Secretary, Club Call Manager and Three members.

6.3 The League Council excluding Vice Presidents shall be elected biennially by a vote of the members and the Honorary Members

6.4 Family Members are excluded from voting on issues affecting the organization of the League.

6.5 Six Council Members shall constitute a quorum.

6.6 Proposals for nomination for Council may be submitted by the candidate himself and his nomination seconded, or, by way of a proposer and seconder, who must first seek the approval of the person being nominated.

6.7 All nominees for Council, together with proposers and seconders, shall be members for at least one year's standing, and shall be fully credited at the time of the election.

6.8 Where there shall be a candidate properly proposed and seconded for a post, and that candidate shall be the only candidate for the post, then he/she shall be deemed to have been duly elected for that post and shall be described as 'elected unopposed' without any formal ballot having been taken and shall be returned to that post for which he/she was properly proposed and seconded.

6.9 The Council shall have the powers to co-opt additional members onto Council as may be deemed necessary.

6.10 The Council shall have the power to appoint sub-committees as may be deemed necessary, and the President of the League shall be an ex-officio Member of all sub-committees so constituted.

6.11 The Council shall have the discretion to recommend the appointment of Honorary Vice Presidents. Such nominees shall have been league members of at least 10 years standing and have served with distinction in an official capacity for much of that period.

6.12 Honorary Vice Presidents shall be deemed "Members of the Council" and as such shall be entitled to vote on any issue or Proposal that is before council.

6.13 Officers of the League appointed by Council, shall be Section Editors of the Journal Monitor, the Awards and Contests Manager and Club Calls QSL Manager.

6.14 Officers of the League shall have no voting rights with Council.

6.15 Council Members and Officers of the League shall be entitled to Honorary Membership commencing at their individual next annual subscription renewal during their term of office, such entitlement ceasing immediately they relinquish office.

7. SUBSCRIPTIONS

7.1 **Membership Subscriptions are due annually on the Individual members anniversary of joining, exception being for serving Council Members and Officers of the League.**

7.2 **The Annual Subscriptions paid by members shall be fixed by Council and in the event of no subscription being fixed, it shall remain the same as the previous year.**

8. LEAGUE FINANCES

8.1 **The Honorary Treasurer shall be responsible for the League's finances, maintain books of account of all League Income and Expenditure, and such books of account and supporting documents will be independently audited at the end of each accounting year, the financial year ending 30th November.**

8.2 **Receipts and Payments Accounts, Income and Expenditure Accounts, Balance Sheet and Treasurers Report shall be distributed to all members and the audited Accounts retained and available to any member on prior notice to the Honorary Treasurer.**

9 DATA PROTECTION (GDPR - 2018)

The Membership Secretary undertakes the role of Data Controller and decides who it is shared with.

Data is shared between the President, Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer, for the sole purpose of administering the ISWL.

Data is also shared with the Club Calls Manager for the purposes of allocating the Club Calls to members and the delivery to the users of the Letter of Authority of use.

In addition, it is necessary for the Club Calls Bureau Manager to share the data information for the purposes of forwarding to the members QSL Cards received from the RSGB Bureau

10 CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this Constitution shall be made by a unanimous vote of the Council.