



## **CONSTITUTION OF SBPLAYERS AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY**

1. Name of Group. The Group shall be known as “SBPlayers”, which also incorporates SBPlayers Youth Group, hereinafter referred to as the Group.
2. Objectives of the Group:
  - To encourage the participation of members, both adult and youth in all aspects of the production and performance of the dramatic arts, thereby encouraging communication skills, self-confidence and self-discipline.
  - To perform plays for the entertainment of the population of Barton upon Humber and surrounding villages.
  - To increase community spirit through dramatic and artistic activities.
  - Work in partnership with others to improve the quality of life for local people.

### 3. Membership:

There are no restrictions on eligibility for membership, but all members must behave in a manner that will promote the good name of the Group and will benefit the objectives of the Group in the wider community.

The committee may by unanimous vote and for good reason, end the membership of any member of the Group. The individual concerned can appeal and be heard by the committee, accompanied by a friend, before a final decision is made.

### 4. General Meetings.

1. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held as soon as practicable after the end of the financial year. Members will be given at least 14 days notice.
2. Voting at general meetings will be based on one vote per member present. The quorum of a general meeting will be 5 members or a quarter of all members, whichever is greater.
3. Nominations for election to the committee can be made in writing before or in person at the AGM.
4. The business of the AGM will include:
  - a) The work of the committee
  - b) Approval of the accounts
  - c) Any resolutions submitted by members.
  - d) Election of members to serve on the committee
  - e) Review of Safety, Child Protection and Equal Opportunity Policies
5. The committee or 4 members will have the power to call an extraordinary or special general meeting providing that 7 days notice is given.

## 5. Group Administration.

- a. Administration of the Group shall be the responsibility of the committee, which shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting. The officers of the Group shall be, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. The committee may co-opt any member to fill a vacancy occurring between AGM's.
- b. The committee may exercise the following powers in furtherance of the objectives of the Group:
  - i) Power to raise funds and to invite and receive contributions.
  - ii) Power to buy or lease any property necessary for the achievement of the objectives and to maintain and equip it for use.
  - iii) Power to organise activities and events and to produce leaflets and other publicity material.
  - iv) Power to meet the public by arranging meetings and by survey.
  - v) Power to co-operate with other charities, voluntary bodies and statutory bodies in furtherance of the objectives.
  - vi) Voting: every matter shall be determined by a simple majority vote of the committee members present at a meeting. In case of an equality of votes, the chairman will have the casting vote.
  - vii) Minutes shall be kept as a record of the proceedings of the committee meetings.

## 6. Group Finance.

- a) Accounts are maintained by the Treasurer and shall be presented to members at the AGM each year.
- b) Funds of the Group are lodged in a bank in the name of the Group.
- c) Cheque signators. Cheques can be raised to meet charges on the Group and shall be signed by two of three nominated persons from the Treasurer, Chairman and Secretary.
- d) Account closure. Should the accounts be closed because of the demise of the Group, any remaining funds or other assets will be distributed to a similar or alternative organisation with similar objectives to the Group.

## 7. Constitution Amendment.

Any amendment to this constitution may only be proposed and seconded at an Annual General Meeting. To be carried, the motion for the amendment must be supported by the vote of two thirds of the members present. The amendment can then be added to the constitution but must record the date of the amendment.

8. Declaration:

This is the constitution of the "SBPLAYERS" adopted at the inaugural meeting, held Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2017 when the group name was amended from South Bank Players to SBPlayers and is reviewed each year as part of their Annual General Meeting.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Position</b>
<b>Martin James</b>		<b>Chair</b>
<b>Ian Neve</b>		<b>Vice-Chair</b>
<b>Jeanine Guy</b>		<b>Treasurer</b>
<b>Liz Drury</b>		<b>Secretary</b>

**Dated: *Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021***

(AGM - Virtual meeting held due to Covid restrictions)