

WEST COUNTRY CONCERTINA PLAYERS

Revised Constitution

(to be kept permanently attached to the Minute Book and made available to members at least at the A.G.M.)

Name The name of the society shall be **WEST COUNTRY CONCERTINA PLAYERS** hereinafter to be referred to as "WCCP"

The objects of the society shall be :

- 1) To encourage interest in all types of concertina.
- 2) To provide facilities for players to meet regularly in the West Country
- 3) To assist in the study of this instrument
- 4) To encourage membership of the International Concertina Association, whose aims and endeavors we wholeheartedly support.

Organisation

The Annual General Meeting shall normally be held in September. However the committee reserves the right to hold it earlier or later in the year if considered necessary. That said there shall not be a period in excess of eighteen months between Annual General Meetings. At the Annual General Meeting, the Chairman's report, the Treasurer's report and the Membership Secretary's report will be presented. In addition the officers and other committee members will be elected as follows:-

Hon. Chairman	To be elected annually. Re-election may take place for two consecutive years altogether.
Hon. Vice Chairman	To be elected annually
Hon. Secretary	To be elected annually
Hon Treasurer.	To be elected annually
Committee	To be elected annually The Committee so elected to have the authority to co-opt further Members.
Musical Director(s);	The committee shall designate one or more members to be Musical Director(s)
Hon Auditor	To be elected annually

Quorum and voting

- 1) The decision of a full meeting of the members and in particular of an AGM shall be valid if thirteen members including three Committee Members are present; 14 days minimum notice of such meetings shall be given.
- 2) Each member present shall have one vote whenever any matter is to be decided by a vote. Absent members may not vote by post or by proxy
- 3) When any matter, apart from item 4 below, is to be decided by a vote, a simple majority shall be sufficient with the Chairman having a casting vote.
- 4) Approval and subsequent amendment of the Constitution shall only be valid where, at a full meeting of the members, a two thirds majority of the members present approve.
- 5) A committee meeting decision shall be valid if the meeting was previously notified to the committee, and such decisions shall be valid if 4 committee members are present.

Subscriptions

Members shall pay an annual subscription which shall be reviewed each year and be determined by the committee.

Meetings.

The Committee will meet in person but in addition, meetings may be made by conference call or other electronic means so long as they are considered fair and reasonable by the committee. Minutes should be kept of such meetings and subsequently agree and a signed copy deposited with WCCP papers.

All members shall be given a minimum of 14 days notice of the date and venue of any such Meetings and shall be provided with details of the year's programme.

Finance

- 1) The WCCP shall seek to keep itself financially viable without purposefully attempting to accumulate unnecessary profit from its activities.
- 2) If there is a temporary cessation of activity on the part of the WCCP, its liquid assets together with all relevant account books shall be deposited with the Club's Bankers, the Committee at the time being to decide that this action is necessary.
- 3) In the event of a possible termination of the activities of the WCCP, the Committee at the time being shall act as follows :-
 - a. Convene a full meeting of the membership to decide whether and when the WCCP should terminate its activities.
 - b. Determine in good time before the date of closure the totality of the WCCP's assets and possessions.
 - c. Compile a list of voluntary organizations with an interest in music.
 - d. Draw up proposals for the disbursement of all WCCP assets and possessions to all or some of the organizations listed under (c) above for presentation to a final meeting of members which will then make the final decisions.

Signed Arthur Brine Chairman (EGM 22nd October 2016)