

# CONSTITUTION

## **A NAME AND DEFINITIONS**

- 1 The Club's name shall be **Salsa Bangor**.
- 2 For the purposes of this Constitution the following definitions shall apply:
  - 2.1 "***the Club***" shall mean Salsa Bangor.
  - 2.2 "***Member***" or "***Members***" shall mean those individuals who regularly attend the club.
  - 2.3 "***the Committee***" shall mean all the elected committee Members.
  - 2.4 "***the Officials***" shall mean the Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer

## **B THE PURPOSES OF THE CLUB ARE:-**

- 1 To encourage Latin dance with regular tuition and practice;
- 2 To provide a social environment and special events for Latin dance, for the enjoyment and benefit of Members;
- 3 To actively encourage participation and assistance from Members in classes and at events.

## **C CARRYING OUT THE PURPOSES**

In order to carry out the purposes, the Committee has the power to:

- 1 raise funds, set entrance fees, receive grants and donations
- 2 buy or sell property, take on leases and employ staff
- 3 co-operate with and support other groups, with similar purposes
- 4 do anything else within the law which is necessary to achieve the purposes

## **D MEMBERSHIP**

The Committee provides Membership for anybody who supports the purposes of the Club.

The Committee may expel someone from Membership, provided it is in the best interest of the Club to do so, and they are given the right to be heard by the Committee before the decision is made. At this hearing, they can be accompanied by a friend.

## **E ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - AGM**

- 1 The AGM shall be held every year, with 14 days notice given to all Members telling them what is on the agenda.

- 2 There shall be at least 8 Members present at the AGM.
- 3 The Committee shall present the annual report and accounts.
- 4 Any Member may put themselves forward for election as a Committee Member at the AGM.
- 5 Every Member in attendance has one vote.
- 6 Members shall elect a Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and up to 7 additional Members to the Committee. The Committee will retire at the next AGM and may stand for re-election.

## **F COMMITTEE**

- 1 The Committee shall hold at least 4 meetings each year.
- 2 At least 3 Committee Members must be at a committee meeting to be able to make decisions. Minutes shall be kept for every meeting.
- 3 The Committee must keep accounts which may be viewed by any Member on request.
- 4 During the year, the Committee may appoint up to 2 extra Members on to the Committee who will stand down at the next AGM but are eligible for re-election.
- 5 The Committee may make reasonable additional rules for the proper conduct and management of the Club. These rules must not conflict with this constitution or the law.

## **G MONEY**

- 1 Funds must be held in the Club's bank accounts. All cheques must be signed by two named signatories.
- 2 Funds can be used to pay Members to refund legitimate expenses.
3. A Committee Member shall not be paid more than £10 (ten) pounds for taking on the responsibility of teaching or DJ'ing on the night. This will be reviewed at each AGM. Any person who may benefit financially from this arrangement must declare an interest and leave the room when these decisions take place.
4. Funds and property must be used for the benefit of the club unless otherwise agreed by the Committee.

## **H SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

Special General Meetings may be called by the Committee for the following reasons. All Members must be given 14 days notice and told what change is proposed.

- 1 **Changing the Constitution** - The constitution may be changed by a two thirds majority of Members present and voting at a Special General Meeting.
- 2 **Emergency Special General Meetings** – to allow the Members to decide on important issues.

- 3 **Winding up** – the Club may be wound up by a two thirds majority of Members present and voting at a Special General Meeting. Any money or property remaining after payment of debts shall be given to an agreed local charity.

**I AMENDMENTS**

This constitution, originally adopted on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2009, was hereby reviewed and amended, with the approval of members, at the AGM held on the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2011 by the people whose signatures appear below:

**Signed:**

**Print name and address**

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*Chairperson*

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*Secretary*

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*Treasurer*

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