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**Founded April 10th, 1869.**  
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STATUTES.

*Revised, amended, and adopted at a Meeting of the
Society, held on the 6th day of October, 1893.*

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INTERPRETATION.

Art. 1. The following words and expressions contained in these Statutes shall have the several meanings hereby assigned to them, unless there shall be something in the subject or context repugnant to such construction; that is to say:

Words implying the singular number shall include the plural number, and *vice versâ*; and words implying the masculine shall include the feminine, and *vice versâ*.

The word "Society" shall mean The Philatelic Society, London.

The word "Statutes" shall mean these Statutes or the Statutes of the Society for the time being in force.

The word "Rules" shall mean the Rules made by the Council in pursuance of the Statutes, or any Rules for the time being in force.

The word "Member" shall mean a Member of the Society who has been duly elected and has paid either a Life Subscription, or his Subscription for the current year, or is an Honorary Member.

The expression "Town Members" shall mean members who reside or have their place of business within a radius of twelve miles from Charing Cross.

The expressions "Country Members" and "Corresponding Members" shall mean members residing either outside such radius or abroad.

"Council" shall mean the Council of the Society for the time being.

OBJECTS.

Art. 2. The Society is termed the Philatelic Society, London, and was constituted to encourage and promote :--

- (a) The study of postage and telegraph stamps, stamped envelopes, newspaper and other bands, and post and letter cards; their history, engraving, printing, and other details.
- (b) The detection and prevention of forgeries and frauds.

- (c) The preparation and publication of papers and works bearing upon these subjects, and generally

The undertaking of all such matters as may promote the above objects, and contribute to the increase of the Science and Practice of Philately.

MEMBERSHIP.

Art. 3. All amateurs not under 18 years of age interested in the aforesaid objects are eligible as members of the Society.

Art. 4. Candidates for admission must be proposed and seconded by members of the Society, and balloted for. Three black-balls shall exclude. The names of candidates, together with those of their respective proposers and seconders, must be sent in to the Secretary at least ten days before the meeting at which they are to come up for election, and the Secretary, in forwarding the notices of such meeting to the members, shall notify the names of such candidates, and of their supporters, and the fact that they are awaiting election. It is desirable that candidates before being proposed should be introduced as visitors at one of the Society's meetings.

Art. 5. A list of the names and addresses of

all candidates, with the names of their proposers and seconders, shall be exhibited in one of the Society's rooms at least one week before the day of ballot.

Art. 6. The Society is composed of

- (a) Town Members ;
- (b) Country Members ;
- (c) Corresponding Members ;
- (d) Honorary Members.

Art. 7. Every member shall give an address in England to which all notices may be sent by post, but any notice in regard to a matter personally affecting a member residing abroad shall be sent to his last known place of residence. All notices sent to any member shall be deemed to have reached him in the ordinary course of post.

Art. 8. A list of the members of the Society shall be published every year, in the month of June, in *The London Philatelist*, or in such other publication as the Council may direct.

Art. 9. Any charge or matter affecting the character or conduct of any member shall be brought before the Council, and it shall be the duty of the Council, at a meeting summoned for the purpose, after giving full opportunity to such member to refute or explain the charge, to expel or remove

such member whenever the Council is satisfied that the character or conduct of such member is inconsistent with the objects or well-being of, or injurious to, the Society. Two-thirds of those present must concur in any resolution to that effect, and any member so expelled shall have no appeal from the decision of the Council.

Art. 10. Members may at any time bring a friend with them to be present at a meeting; the same friend is not to be brought more than three times in any one season.

Art. 11. Any member who shall, alone or in conjunction with any other person or persons, open any place of business for the sale of stamps, or carry on trade as a stamp merchant, shall forthwith tender his resignation of membership to the Secretary of the Society, who shall lay the same before the Society at the next meeting, when the acceptance or non-acceptance of such resignation shall be the subject of resolution in the ordinary way. The failure of any member to comply with the provisions of this statute shall be deemed a matter affecting his conduct within the meaning of Article 9 of the statutes. The Council shall be the sole judge of the liability of any member to resign under this Article.

Art. 12. Any infringement of the statutes or

rules will, if persisted in, be considered as inconsistent with the well-being of the Society, and any member so offending shall be subject to the conditions of Article 9 of the statutes.

Art. 13. All persons ceasing to be members of the Society shall forfeit all right to and claim upon the Society, its property, and funds.

COUNCIL.

Art. 14. The affairs and business of the Society shall be conducted by a Council of twelve members; viz. :

The President ;
 Vice-President ;
 Secretary ;
 Assistant-Secretary ;
 Treasurer ;
 Librarian ;

and six other members. For the purposes of a meeting of the Council three shall form a quorum. In the event of an equality of votes the President or the Chairman chosen at any meeting of the Council shall have a casting vote.

Art. 15. Any duty devolving on the Council may by the Council be delegated to a committee of its members, the number of members of such committee which shall form a quorum being fixed at the time of such committee being so appointed.

Art. 16. An Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held in the Month of May, at which meeting the Officers of the Society and members of the Council shall be elected to hold office for a period terminating with the next Annual General Meeting. Retiring officers and members of the Council are eligible for re-election.

Art. 17. The Council may from time to time fill up any casual vacancy in its body, but the person so elected shall hold office for such period only as the person in whose place he is appointed would have held office if no such vacancy had occurred.

Art. 18. The Council may exercise all or any of the powers hereby conferred upon it, notwithstanding any vacancy in its body.

Art. 19. The Treasurer shall present a balance-sheet, made up to the end of March, at the last meeting of the Society during the month of April in each year, when two members shall be appointed as Auditors [one of whom shall not be a member of the Council], to audit the balance-sheet, and report thereon at the Annual General Meeting in May. The balance-sheet shall show the receipts and expenditure of the Society for the twelve months ending on the 31st day of March in

each year, together with the assets and liabilities of the Society.

Art. 20. The Council may from time to time make such regulations and rules for the use of the Society's rooms or otherwise, consistent with the statutes, as it shall deem expedient.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Art. 21. The Annual Subscription for town members is *Two Guineas*, and for country, and corresponding members *One Guinea*.
Ladies,

Art. 22. Members elected after the 26th day of May, 1893, pay an entrance fee of *One Guinea* until the number of members amounts to three hundred, when an entrance fee of *Two Guineas* shall be paid by all new members. Honorary members pay no entrance fee or subscription.

Art. 23. The subscription and entrance fee are due on being admitted a member, and future subscriptions annually, on the 1st January in each year, in advance.

Art. 24. The payment of the subscription or use of the Society's rooms by a member shall be conclusive proof of assent to the statutes and rules.

Art. 25. It shall be lawful for town members on a payment of *Fifteen Guineas*, and for country and corresponding members on payment of *Eight*

Guineas, to commute thereby all future annual subscriptions, and become life members of the Society. Provided, that any country member who may have so commuted his subscription by virtue of this article, shall, on coming to reside, or having a place of business, within the radius which may for the time being be fixed by the Society's articles as defining the qualification of a town member, be liable to a further payment of *Seven Guineas*, or to an Annual Subscription of *One Guinea*.

Art. 26.—All members who have not sent their Subscription to the Treasurer by the 1st April, or explained their not having done so to the satisfaction of the Council, will be considered to have resigned their membership. To become members of the Society again, they will have to be re-elected in accordance with the provisions of Article 4.

Art. 27.—Members wishing to withdraw from the Society must notify their intention to the Secretary on or before the 1st December, in order to avoid liability in respect of the following year's Subscription.

MEETINGS.

Art. 28. Ordinary meetings are held weekly in the Society's rooms from October to May inclusive,

at such dates and time as the Council may appoint. All other meetings called by the Council are termed extraordinary meetings. Four days' previous notice of any meeting shall be sent by post to all members residing in the United Kingdom.

Art. 29. The meetings shall be presided over by the President, or, in his absence, by the Vice-President, or, failing him, the senior member of the Council present, or failing these, a Chairman to be selected by those present. For the transaction of business seven members shall form a quorum.

Art. 30. The Council may call an extraordinary meeting at any time, and they shall call one on the request in writing signed by not less than twenty members, who shall state in such request the question for which they desire such meeting to be called.

Art. 31. As soon as the chair is taken the minutes of the previous meeting shall be read. The business appointed for the day is to be next proceeded with as stated in the agenda (if any), unless the meeting shall otherwise determine. Novelties, forgeries, and other matters of interest are to be exhibited after the business of the meeting has been concluded.

Art. 32. Every member attending any meeting of the Society is expected to bring his *bonâ fide* collection of the stamps named for study at such meeting.

Art. 33. All the accounts and correspondence of the Society shall, in the discretion of the Chairman, be produced at any meeting, on due notice previously given to the officer for the time being responsible for their custody.

PUBLICATIONS.

Art. 34. Reports of the proceedings of the Society shall be published in *The London Philatelist*, or in such other publication as the Council may direct.

Art. 35. The Reference Lists of stamps, after approval at the meetings, shall be finally prepared for publication by the Council, and shall be published from time to time by the Society in a separate form, or together with the reports of the proceedings or such portions thereof as the Council may select, and at such price as the Council may deem expedient. The copyright of all publications of the Society is the property of the Society, unless reserved by the authors, and the same shall not be published without the permission of the Society.

GENERAL.

Art. 36. The Society at any ordinary meeting, after fourteen days' notice, may enter upon any special business, including the suspension, addition to, or alteration—of, any of the Statutes.

Art. 37. The books of the Society's Library, and all magazines or papers supplied for the use of members, are the property of the Society, and shall not be removed from the Society's rooms except by special leave obtained by resolution, which may be granted at any meeting without previous notice. Members shall be at liberty to make use of the books at all times during which the Society's rooms may be open on application to the Librarian, or to the official in charge of the rooms, and subject to such rules and regulations as the Council may from time to time make. Any member borrowing a book shall give a receipt therefor to the Librarian, and shall be responsible for the book so borrowed, and shall undertake to comply with any conditions mentioned in the resolution authorising the loan to him. Every book shall be returned within fourteen days, unless a longer period be specially authorised.

