

ROYAL MUNSTER FUSILIERS ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

1. **NAME:** The official name of the Association shall be: The Royal Munster Fusiliers Association.

2. **OBJECTIVE:** The objective of the Association shall be to commemorate and keep alive the name, traditions and history of the Regiment that was the Royal Munster Fusiliers.
The Association will fulfil this objective by:
 - perpetuating the memory of those who served in the Regiment
 - providing an efficient organisation for the Association's membership
 - participating in activities such as exhibitions, lectures etc.that promote the memory of the Regiment and of those who served in it.
 - assist members in tracing relations who served in the Regiment.
 - to assist, where practicable, the other Associations representing Regiments disbanded in 1922 and to co-operate in activities that perpetuate the memory of all who served in those Regiments.

3. **GOVERNANCE:** The governing body of the Association shall consist of the Association Management Committee of not more than ten persons. Only those persons with 12 months paid membership are eligible for office.
The officers of the Association shall consist of:
 - President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer which shall constitute the Association's executive.From the Committee, the Officers may appoint:
Association Journal Editor(s), Research Officer(s), and a Public Relations Officer.
The President shall be a non-voting member of the Committee but may contribute to the discussion of any matter relating to the Association.
Where a vacancy arises, the Committee shall have the authority to co-opt a replacement member.

4. **RULES:**
 1. Subject to the committee's approval, membership is open to persons who wish to further the Association's objective as set out above in Section 2.

 2. The Association Committee shall have the power to refuse membership to an applicant, where it is considered such membership would be detrimental to the aims, activities or customs of the Association.

 3. Any member found, in the opinion of the Executive, as constituted in Section 2 above, to have brought the name of the Association into disrepute, or any member whose behaviour is in contravention or not in compliance with the objective or aims of the Association may be suspended , or, if the offence warrants, expelled from the Association by a decision of the Executive.
The member shall have the right to be heard by the Association Committee before a final decision is made.

- 4. The Committee shall meet once per quarter [quorum permitting].
A quorum shall consist of three officers and two Committee members**
- 5. Each member will be issued with a membership card.
Members may attend Committee meetings only at the discretion
of the Chairman/Vice-Chairman.**

**The annual subscription will be set at an Annual General Meeting and
will remain in force until changed at a subsequent AGM.
The current subscription is €20 but is subject to increases.**

Members who are in arrears may not vote at an A.G.M.

5. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

**The Annual General Meeting will be held on a date preceding the
month of June.**

Members will be notified in advance of the date of the A.G.M.

The quorum for the A.G.M. shall be 20 eligible paid-up members.

**Paid-up members who, for whatever reason cannot attend may,
if they wish, declare their intentions for any motion and/or candidate
for election by e-mailing or posting same to the Secretary to arrive
no later than seven days prior to the meeting.**

**Such e-mail and/or postal votes or intentions shall not require
a seconder and shall be considered by the meeting as if they had
seconders.**

**For the purpose of the A.G.M., these e-mail/postal vote/nominations
shall count towards the quorum.**

Persons in arrears may not vote at an A.G.M.

The business of the A.G.M. shall include:

**-Receiving a report from the Chair of the Committee on the
Association's activities over the year and any proposals for
the following year.**

-Receiving a report from the Treasurer on the finances of the group.

- Electing a new Association Management Committee .

- Considering any matter appropriate to an A.G.M.

**4. VOTING: Nominations for the Executive and Committee should be received
by the Secretary one month prior to the AGM.**

**In exceptional circumstances, at his/her discretion, the Secretary
may accept nominations and accompanying secondings at the A.G.M.**

**Only those with 12 months paid membership shall be eligible for office
as an Executive or Committee member.**

4.(a) VOTING PROCEDURE:

**(i) Where a member of the Executive is unopposed for election, he/she
will hold that position until the next election or until he/she resigns.**

**(ii) In the event of a resignation of a member of the Executive or
of the Committee in the period between AGMs, the Executive and
Committee shall be empowered to co-opt a replacement.**

**(iii) Where more than one nomination is received for the Executive
or more than five nominations for the Committee, a secret ballot
of all those in attendance at the AGM shall be conducted.**

- (iv) Should an election prove necessary, two scrutineers shall be appointed by the meeting on a show of hands to conduct the ballot. Such persons may not themselves be candidates for election to the Executive or Committee nor be acting as canvassers for any of the candidates.
- (v) The Secretary, in consultation with the scrutineers, shall ensure that (a) all ballot papers are accounted for and (b) shall oversee the count which shall be conducted by the scrutineers
- (vi) Decisions other than elections shall be decided by a show of hands. A straight majority of voters will carry a motion. In the event of a tie, the Chair will have the deciding vote.
- (vii) Any motions for consideration at the A.G.M. must have a proposer and seconder and be received by the Secretary at least 14 days prior to the A.G.M.
A motion from the floor of the A.G.M. will only be accepted if agreed by 75% of those in attendance.

5. ADOPTION OF CONSTITUTION:

The Constitution must be adopted by 75% of those paid-up members in attendance at the A.G.M. where it is presented for acceptance and any amendments to it or its replacement shall require a similar vote at a future A.G.M.
Members shall be provided with a copy of the approved Constitution where such is requested from the Secretary.

6. FINANCE:

- (a) Any money received by the Association shall be used only for the Association and its purposes.
- (b) Any bank / financial institution accounts opened by the Association shall be in the name of the Association.
Any cheque issued shall be signed by two of the Association Management Committee, one being the Treasurer and the other as decided by the Association Management Committee.

7. DISPUTES:

Any disputes, concerns or appeals by members will be dealt with by the member putting in writing to the Secretary the matters arising and/or the reason(s) for the appeal.
The member involved shall have the right to state his/her case before the Association Management Committee which shall adjudicate on the matter.
In the event of a member of the Association Management Committee being directly involved in the matter in dispute/of concern, he/she shall recuse himself/herself from the matter.
Any member not satisfied with the result may appeal the decision in writing to the Secretary.
A separate Appeal Committee of three Association members shall hear the appeal. The decision of the Appeal Committee shall be final.

8. LIABILITY:

Any and all trips, lectures, outings etc. organised by the Association are arranged to facilitate members and the Association shall not be held liable for any loss or injury to members, their guests/associates and/or their property howsoever caused.

ADOPTION OF THE CONSTITUTION

This Constitution was adopted by the Association members present at an Annual General Meeting, properly constituted, held on:.....

Signed:

.....(Chair)

.....(Secretary)

.....(Committee Member)

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