

THE BIRMINGHAM MEDAL SOCIETY

Rules

Revised April 2005

1. **NAME AND ADDRESS:** The name of the Society shall be “ The Birmingham Medal Society” and its address shall be that of the Secretary currently holding office.
2. **OBJECT :** The aim of the Society shall be to promote an interest in the collecting of Orders, Decorations, Medals and Militaria. The policy of the Society shall be to promote mutual assistance amongst members and to encourage their research and study into the history of medals and militaria and of the recipients of those items.
3. **MEMBERSHIP:** The Society shall consist of paid up members and honorary members. New members will be accepted upon recommendation of the Committee. Members may be excluded from the Society for engaging in practices that may bring the Society or it’s members into disrepute upon decision of the Committee.
4. **OFFICERS:** The Officers of the Society shall be: - President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer/Membership Secretary, Editor, Assistant Editor, Auctioneer Librarian and four elected Committee Members. The President cannot be re-elected after serving a term of four years.
5. **SUBSCRIPTIONS:** Shall become due at the Annual General Meeting and will be as determined from time to time by the Committee. They will be at two levels a) Adult and b) Those receiving full time Education.
6. **HONORARY MEMBERS:** Shall be those individuals, who contribute to the Society in some way but do not necessarily attend meetings. Honorary Membership can also include those persons who perform some special or meritorious service for the benefit of the Society. These persons to be determined by the Committee.
7. **FINANCIAL YEAR AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** The Financial Year shall end on the 31st December and the A.G.M. will be held in April each year. At least 30 days notice either verbal or written, will be given to members, of the date of the A.G.M. A copy of the balance sheet will be made available at the meeting.
8. **COMMITTEE:** the Officers and Committee will manage The Society in all respects. Seven members will form a quorum. The President and Secretary may call a meeting of the Committee at anytime. An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society may be called by resolution of the Committee, or on the written request of not less than twenty members.

9. ELECTIONS: All the Society's Officers shall be elected at the A.G.M., all to retire and all to be eligible for re-election. Should any members be prevented from serving during the year for any reason their places will be filled by nominations from the Committee.
10. BANKS AND CHEQUES: A current and/or deposit account shall be opened at a Bank agreed by the Committee. Two persons, either Secretary, Treasurer, or President will sign cheques.
11. PROFITS: Subscriptions will be used for the hiring of suitable premises for the monthly meetings, for the making of payments or donations (where necessary) to visiting speakers, for payment to private individuals in connection with the printing etc of the Society's Magazine and Newsletter, for incidental expenses and payments in respect of stamps, telephone calls, stationery etc, by the Secretary, Treasurer and any other minor expenses which may accrue from time to time in connection with the running of the Society. Any profit may be used at the discretion of the Committee in a manner that benefits the members, e.g. the purchase of general reference books, medal rolls etc.
12. EXTRA BUSINESS: The Committee shall have power to deal with any business not provided by these rules, pending the A.G.M.
13. ALTERATION OF THE RULES: The rules of the Society may only be revised at the A.G.M. Any member wishing to suggest any alteration to the rules must submit same in writing to the Secretary at least 14 days before the end of the Financial Year., for consideration at the next A.G.M.
14. NOMINATION OF OFFICERS AT THE A.G.M. : All nominations for Officers should be submitted on a form to the Secretary at least 14 days before the A.G.M. Forms will be available from the Secretary when notice of the A.G.M. is announced at the February and March Meetings. Failing receipt of any nominations, Officers will automatically be re-elected, if prepared to stand.

The Standing Officers and Committee last revised these rules in 2005.