

CONSTITUTION OF THE CLUB

DATED: 21st December 1982

- Name: 1 1:1 The name of the Club shall be Southern Knights Performing Arts
- Objects: 2 2:1 The object of the Club shall be to advance the education of young persons by the provision of performing arts activities so as to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of the society.
- 2:2 In further of the above object, but not further or otherwise, the Club, through its Management Committee, shall have the following powers:
- a) To provide or assist in the provision of facilities, equipment and instruction.
 - b) To raise funds and invite and receive contributions from any person or persons whatsoever by way of subscriptions, donation and otherwise provided that the Club shall not undertake any permanent trading activities in raising funds for its charitable object.
 - c) To do all such other lawful things as shall further to above object.
 - d) To purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any property and any rights and privileges necessary for the promotion of the said objects and construct, maintain and alter any buildings or erections necessary for the work of the Club.
- Membership: 3 3:1 Membership to the Club shall be available to all persons. Performing members must conform to the rules and regulations of the organisation(s) to which the Club is affiliated.
- 3:2 A person shall become a Club member upon payment of the annual subscription, the level of which shall be determined by the outgoing Management Committee.
- 3:3 Performing membership shall be at the discretion of the Section Leader. Such members shall pay whatever fees are from time to time determined by the Management Committee.
- Committee: 4 4:1 The Club shall be managed by a Management Committee of no more than thirteen persons. Each person shall stand for a period of two years and will be elected by ballot of the Annual General Meeting. Half of the elected members of the Committee shall retire annually, but shall be eligible to seek re-election immediately.

- 4:2 The Chairman & Secretary will retire in opposite years to the Deputy Chairman and Treasurer.
 - 4:3 Two Performing Members may be co-opted onto the Committee to express the views of the Performing membership. They will have a right to vote at the discretion of the Chairman.
 - 4:4 The Management Committee members shall be elected by all voting members.
 - 4:5 Any number of people may be co-opted onto the Committee, by agreement of the majority of the elected Management Committee, to fulfil a specific task or tasks but will only have a right to vote on issues directly relating to their task/s.
- Committee meetings will be open to all Club members for observation and participation in discussion, but they will not be entitled to vote.
- 4:6 The Management Committee will meet no less than four times annually. The duties of the Committee shall be to safeguard the interests of the members of the Club by providing premises, leadership and finance and by encouraging members to take a full and active part in the running of the Club, by devising methods of achieving the objects of the Club, exercising with the members a general oversight and assisting in the development and extension of the activities.
 - 4:7 No decision made by the Committee shall be binding, unless that decision would have been a majority had all the Committee been present.
 - 4:8 Nominations for elections to the Management Committee shall be submitted, seconded and accepted by the nominee to the outgoing Chairman at the Annual General Meeting.
 - 4:9 In the event of no nomination being received for any particular post, further procedure shall be at the discretion of the outgoing Chairman.
 - 4:10 The conduct of the day to day running of the general affairs of the Club shall be at the discretion of the Section Leaders & Chairman.

Trust Property 5

- 5:1 The title to all real or personal property which may be acquired by or on behalf of the Club shall be vested in a corporation lawfully entitled to act as Custodian Trustee or in not less than three individual persons, not being members of the Committee.

Accounts 6

- 6:1 The Management Committee shall cause proper audited accounts of all monies and properties belonging to the Club to be kept and presented at the Annual General Meeting.
- 6:2 At the time of Management Committee meetings the Treasurer shall submit to the Committee a current Statement of Account.

Annual General Meeting	7	7:1	A General Meeting shall be held within fifteen months of the previous Annual General Meeting. Not less than twenty-one notice of the meeting shall be given. Any person associated with the Club and desirous of submitting any matter for discussion, shall give not less than 7 days notice to the Chairman. Those entitled to vote in the affairs of the Club shall be those present at the meet who are voting members.
		7:2	Voting members shall be Club members over 18 years of age.
General Meetings	8	8:1	Extraordinary General Meetings may be convened at any reasonable time by the Management Committee.
		8:2	Extraordinary General Meetings may be requested at any time by Club members who shall submit to the Chairman an application signed by not less than thirty percent of the Club members
		8:3	A quorum at a General Meeting of the Club shall be not less than thirty percent of the Club membership, in addition to the Chairman of the meeting, who shall have a casting vote.
Constitution	9	9:1	The Constitution shall only be altered by resolution passed by two thirds majority vote by the members present and voting at a General Meeting. Notice of proposed amendments to the Constitution must be given in writing to the Chairman not less than twenty one days before a General Meeting. Providing that no alteration shall be made to Clause 2 (Object), Clause 10 (Dissolution) or this Clause until the approval in writing of the Charity Commissioners or other authority having charitable jurisdiction shall have been obtained; and no alteration shall be made which would have the effect of causing the Club to cease to be charity in law.
Dissolution	10	10:1	In the event of the Club being dissolved, all property belonging to the Club, after satisfaction of its debts, shall not be distributed among the membership but shall be given or transferred to such other charitable institution or institutions having objects similar to some or all of the objects of the Club, and in and insofar as effect cannot be given to this provision, then to some other charitable purposes.

Amendments

7th January 1988	<i>Change of club name from The Imperial Knights Drum & Bugle Corps to The Southern Knights Drum & Bugle Corps</i>
24th May 1993	<i>Include provision regarding permanent property</i>
1st May 2001	<i>Change period for which Trustees are elected from one to two years. Added provision for Co-Opted members.</i>
8th May 2007	<i>Changed name of club from The Southern Knights Drum & Bugle Corps to Southern Knights Performing Arts. Amended Objects by removing reference to Drum Corps, Marching Band and Colour Guard and replacing with Performing Arts. Removed Director and changed to Deputy Chairman. Changed marching members to performing members. Changed reference to Director to Section Leader. Removed reference to Caption Heads. Clarified voting rights of Co-Opted members.</i>