

## READING IRISH CENTRE RULE BOOK

### 1. Name

The Association shall be called The Reading and District Irish Association. The address of the Centre is 96-104 Chatham Street, Reading

### 2. Object

The Object of the Association is to preserve the Irish tradition and promote the cultural, social and welfare of its members and may extend these activities to the community as a whole. The Association shall be non-political.

### 3. Membership

- a. Membership is open to those of Irish birth or descent their families or associates#
- b. Every candidate for membership must be proposed for membership by one member and seconded by another member
- c. The Management Committee retains the right to refuse or revoke membership
- d. The Secretary shall issue to each member a membership card and rule book
- e. Only fully paid up members may represent the organisation in delegations or teams

### 4. Subscriptions

#### a. Types

Family to include children up to the age of 18 yeats

Individual

Senior Citizens

- b. The annual subscriptions shall be such figures decided by an A.G.M
- c. No member shall be entitled to the privileges of membership until their subscription is paid
- d. Member will be deemed to have lapsed if not renewed by the 1st February

### 5. Change of address

Any member changing their address should notify the Committee in writing

### 6. Committee

- a. Election of Officers and other Management Committee shall be at the A.G.M
- b. The affairs of the Centre in all matters , except those rules reserved for the Centre in General Meeting, shall be managed by the Committee of the Centre
- c. The Committee shall comprise of Eight Members including Four Officers ; President, Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer
- d. The Officers and Committee shall be elected for a period of two years
- E. The Committee if vacancies incur shall be empowered to invite members onto the Committee giving due consideration to the wishes of members as expressed at the most recent A.G.M

### 7. Vice Presidents

These may be appointed by the Committee. This will be an honorary title reserved for those who have given or are in a position to render special services to the Association

### 8. Trustees

There shall be Four Trustees . Two shall be nominated by Association Members and Two nominated by Association Members who are Members of the Hibernian Society. The appointed Trustees will be in the position for Five Years or until they resign by notice in writing given to the Committee or until a resolution removing them from office shall be passed at a General Meeting by a majority of two-thirds of the members present and entitled to vote. All property of the Centre including land and investments shall be held by the

Trustees for the time being in their hands and practicable for the use and benefit of the Centre. On the death, resignation or removal from office of a Trustee the Committee shall take steps to procure the appointment, by the Centre in General Meeting, of a new Trustee. The Trustees have the power to sell, lease, mortgage or pledge any Centre property for the purpose of raising or borrowing money for the benefit of the Centre with the consent of the Committee

#### 9. Meetings

The A.G.M shall be held within six weeks of the 1st April. The business of the A.G.M will be

To receive a report from the Committee

To elect Officers and Committee Members

To consider motions of which 14 days notice has been given to the Secretary

An E.G.M may be called by any member who is capable of summoning one or requiring one to be summoned at any time on reasonable notice, if a specific number of them join to do so the number required to do so must not exceed thirty or one fifth of the membership. An E.G.M may also be called by the Committee. At least 21 days notice of any General Meeting shall be given to Members

The committee will meet as necessary for the efficient running of the Association

#### 10. Finance

The Financial Year shall run from 1st February to January 31st

11. Notices shall be posted by being affixed in a prominent position

12. Rules may only be altered at the A.G.M or E.G.M called for that purpose

#### 13. Dissolution of the Association

If for any reason the Association ceases to exist any assets remaining on dissolution, after settling outstanding debts or liabilities, will be given to a charity or charities of the Members choice

#### 14. Membership registration

The Association shall hold on the premises a membership book listing members names and addresses

Rules correct as of 02.03.2007. including amendments made on 07.01.2007