

Introduction

At a recent Committee meeting, the St Michael's Scottish Country Dancing Club Constitution was discussed. The Constitution was last reviewed in 2013 and was considered to be out of date and incorrect or ambiguous in a few places. It was agreed that a review of the Constitution should be carried out, and that an annual review of the Constitution should become a standing agenda item at the AGM. This document is provided to all members in advance of the AGM along with the current Constitution(2013) and the proposed Draft Constitution(2025) which will take effect after the AGM, subject to any further amendments and approval by the members.

Review of the 2013 Constitution

A review of the Constitution was carried out and the main points of the review were:

- The original constitution appears to have been based on the RSCDS Model Constitution which provides a framework which clubs can adopt and amend as required to suit their needs. <https://rscds.org/about/governance/legal-administrative>
- The Constitution did not specifically allow charitable donations.
- The Constitution made no mention of electronic banking.
- The Paragraph numbering was not consistent.
- There was no mention of social media and/or photography/video content.

Proposed Draft Constitution(2025)

A Draft Constitution(2025) has been produced and discussed by the Committee; it has to be approved at the AGM before it can come into force. It has been written to correct the shortcomings of the Constitution(2013) and, accordingly, has increased in length by half a page.

Action Required by Members

All members are requested:

- to read Constitution(2013) and Draft Constitution(2025) and propose any amendments or additions to The Secretary in accordance with the timescales provided below.
- Be prepared to discuss and vote on the Constitution at the AGM.

Thank-you.