

JOHN JAMES RICKARD

MACLEOD

MEMORIAL STATUE

Constitution



A TRIBUTE TO ABERDEEN'S UNSUNG HERO

JJR Macleod shared the Nobel Prize for Medicine in 1923 as a co-discoverer of insulin, one of the greatest medical achievements of the 20th century. Yet most Aberdonians today remain unaware of the legacy of one of the city's most remarkable native sons.

01. NAME

The name of the group shall be the JJR Macleod Memorial Statue Society ["The Society"].

02. OBJECTIVE

To raise funds and receive contributions where appropriate to finance the commissioning and construction of a commemorative memorial statue within the City of Aberdeen of Nobel Prize Laureate Professor John James Rickard Macleod, co-discoverer of insulin:

- To open bank accounts;
- To make rules and standing orders for categories of members and their rights;
- To take out insurance as required;
- To organise meetings and events;
- To organise and facilitate community events in relation to the project;
- To work with similar groups and exchange information and advice with them;
- To take any action that is lawful which would help the Society to fulfil its objective.

03. MEMBERSHIP

- A. Membership of the JJR Macleod Memorial Statue Society shall be open to anyone who is interested in helping the group to achieve its objective and willing to abide by the rules of the group.
- B. Every member shall have one vote at general meetings.
- C. The Society's Officers shall have the power to refuse membership to any applicant if it is deemed such membership would be detrimental to the objective or activities of the group.
- D. Registration and termination of membership.
 - Any member of the Society may resign his/her membership and any representative of a member organisation or section may resign such position, by giving to the Society's Secretary written notice to that effect.
 - The Society's Officers may, by resolution passed at a meeting thereof, terminate or suspend the membership of any member, if in its opinion his/her conduct is prejudicial to the interests and objective of the group, provided that the individual member or representative of the member organisation (as the case may be) shall have the right to be heard by the Society's Officers before the final decision is made. There shall be a right of appeal to an independent arbitrator appointed by mutual agreement.

04. MANAGEMENT

- A. JJR Macleod Memorial Statue Society shall be administered by no less than three (3) Officers who are at least 18 years old.
- B. The Officers of the Society shall be:
 - Founder & Chairman
 - Secretary
 - City Council Liaison
 - And any other Officers the group deems necessary.
- C. Voting at Society meetings shall be by show of hands on a majority basis. If there is a tie vote, then the Chairman shall have a second vote.
- D. Any sub-committee(s) deemed necessary shall be accountable to the Officers.

05. FINANCES

- A. Any money obtained by the Society shall be used only for the activities of the group in relation to the objectives listed in Section 2.
- B. Any bank accounts opened for the group shall be in the Society's name.
- C. Any cheque issued shall be signed by at least one of the two designated signatories.
- D. The Officers shall be responsible for ensuring that the project stays within the budget.

06. MEETINGS

- A. The Officers shall meet at least four (4) times each year until the completion of the project.
- B. The minimum quorum for a meeting shall be four (4).
- C. The Society's Officers shall be accountable to the members at all times.
- D. All meetings must be minuted and available to any interested party. e. All members shall be given at least seven (7) days notice of a meeting unless it is deemed an emergency meeting.

07. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- A. An Annual General Meeting shall be held within six months of the close of the financial year of the JJR Macleod Memorial Statue Society, the business of which shall include:
 - the receipt of the accounts and balance sheet;
 - the appointment of committee members if deemed necessary.
- B. The quorum for the Society's Annual General Meeting shall be at least six (6) persons of which no more than three (3) shall be Officers.

08. APPLICATION OF SURPLUS

The JJR Macleod Memorial Statue Society shall not trade for profit. Any surplus funding raised for the purpose of the Society shall be used as a general reserve for the continuation and development of the Society if deemed by the membership as desirable and appropriate; otherwise, any said surplus will be divided evenly and donated directly to the following two diabetes charities: Diabetes UK and the JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation).

09. ALTERATION OF THE CONSTITUTION

- A. Proposals for amendments to this Constitution, or dissolution must be delivered to the Society's Secretary in writing. The Secretary in conjunction with all other officers shall then decide on the date of a meeting to discuss such proposals, giving at least four weeks (28 days) clear notice.
- B. Any changes to this Constitution must be agreed by at least two-thirds of those members present and voting at any general meeting.

10. DISSOLUTION

The group may be dissolved at any time if agreed by two-thirds of those members present and voting at any general meeting. Any assets shall be returned to their providers, if they require it, or shall be passed to another group with similar objectives, such as the two diabetes-related charities listed in Section 8. Application of Surplus. This Constitution was formally adopted on 9th November 2022.

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John Otto
Founder & Chairman

Kimberlie Hamilton
Secretary