



Redcoats and Revolutionaries

Constitution

Aim

Redcoats and Revolutionaries is a non-profit making, unincorporated historical re-enactment society specialising in delivering performances and demonstrations at public and private events.

Objectives

1. To research and re-enact, with close attention to historical accuracy, the American War of Independence (1775-1783), with specific portrayals of British Regiments and Civilian elements including Continental Militia, Craftsmen and Criminals.
2. To entertain members of the public at events throughout the UK and further afield by participating in dramatic presentations, interactive living history displays and battle re-enactment.

Terms of Membership

1. Persons over the age of 18 may apply for membership. Children under 18 may attend events and meetings when accompanied by a parent/guardian.
2. Membership is yearly and runs from January.
3. Members will participate in all displays and demonstrations where appropriate and act within the spirit of the aims and objectives of the society. Some orders may be given in a military fashion and should be followed within the spirit of the activity.
4. All members, members of the public, clients and venues used must be treated with respect at all times, including on online properties (eg. Facebook)

Membership Fees and Kit Fund

1. Membership is **£10 per year** paid to the *Treasurer* by cash; by cheque payable to **Redcoats and Revolutionaries**; or by bank transfer (details on request).
2. Membership Fees will be used to cover operational costs (insurance etc.) and capital expenditures at the discretion of the leadership committee.
3. The Kit Fund is a (now defunct) *voluntary trust fund* that allows members to save money for their reproduction clothing and equipment while investing in the society. The society is no longer accepting new accounts, and will only function whilst money is still owed to the members or society.

4. If a member of the society does not pay his/her membership fee, he/she will not be entitled to society kit and will not be covered by the public liability insurance (which will mean that he/she will not be able to participate at events.) In addition, he/she will no longer have access to kit through the Kit Fund until the debt is paid or membership is terminated. Kit Fund money will be refunded less any purchased kit or work already carried out when a member leaves the society.

Leadership Committee & Administration

1. The leadership committee will operate with 2 elected executive officers (Chairman/Treasurer) who will be nominated and sanctioned by majority vote of the membership.
 - a. Chairman (Typical roles)
 - i. Group leadership
 - ii. Event Organisation
 - iii. Recruitment and Publicity
 - b. Treasurer
 - i. Book Keeping and Accounts
 - ii. Managing the bank account(s)
 - iii. Renewal of insurance.
 - iv. Membership
2. The remainder of the Leadership Committee is made up of the Commanding Officers of each recognised section (as of 2015, the 17th Foot, Lexington Minute Company and 40th Light). COs are chosen by their respective groups.
3. The leadership committee may appoint members to non-executive roles outlined by the committee. For example:
 - a. Powder Officer
 - i. If certified to keep and transport the required volume of black powder.
 - ii. Ensures club powder is kept safely and securely at home and at events.
 - iii. Responsible for event risk assessments and ensuring firearms are in good condition to use before displays.
4. An Annual General Meeting will be held during the first quarter of the year (January-March)
5. Officers will be elected to office at the AGM.
6. Nominations for officers can be made by any member who:
 - a. Is up to date with fees and owes no associated supplier money
 - b. Has a clean disciplinary record for 1 year.
7. Voting will be performed on a First-Past-The-Post basis.
8. Changes to the constitution must be proposed before the AGM in writing and sent to the Chairman. These changes will be voted on in a clear yes or no ballot at the AGM. E.g. Membership Fee changes. Operational change proposals (such as changing bank) are not required at the AGM.

9. Members who break their Terms of Membership may be disciplined with the agreement of the Leadership Committee. Sanctions may include, but are not limited to: Loss of rank/privilege, loss of officership, additional camp duties, termination of membership etc.
 - a. In the first instance a complaint should be brought before the Chairperson who will attempt to arbitrate matters and reach an amicable agreement.
 - b. If further action is needed, or the complaint is extremely serious, a hearing will be held between the parties and the officers. If an officer is a complainant, or defendant, he or she may not vote on disciplinary matters.
 - c. Previous members who have had their membership terminated may reapply, but are accepted at the discretion of the Leadership Committee.

Legal Obligations

1. The Explosives Regulations 2014
2. Firearms (Amendment) Act 1997
3. Equality Act 2010