

CONSTITUTION OF THE HARE KRISHNA TEMPLE DEFENCE MOVEMENT

1. NAME

The name of the Association shall be the Hare Krishna Temple Defence Movement. Herein called the Association.

2. OBJECTS AND POWERS

The objects of the Association shall be:-

(a) to promote and defend the Bhaktivedanta Manor Temple from closure.

(b) to seek to ensure the continued establishment of the Bhaktivedanta Manor Temple by good management and maintenance; to cooperate with the Temple Management in organisation and management of activities promoted by the Association in furtherance of above objects; and

(c) the Association shall be non party in politics and non sectarian in religion.

In furtherance of the said objects but not otherwise the Association may:

(i) Bring together in conference representatives voluntary organisations, Government Departments, statutory authorities and individuals;

(ii) Arrange and provide for or join in arranging and providing for holding of exhibitions, meetings, lectures, classes, seminars, protest rallies, charity walks and other activities.

(iii) Collect and disseminate information on all matters affecting the said objects and exchange such information with other bodies having similar objects whether in this country or overseas;

(iv) Procure to be written and print, publish, issue and circulate either gratuitously or otherwise such papers, pamphlets and other documents as shall further the said objects;

(v) To raise funds and invite and receive contributions from any person or persons whatsoever by way of subscriptions and otherwise provided that the Association shall not undertake any permanent trading activities in raising funds for its primary objects.

(vi) Receive money on deposit or loan and borrow or raise money in such a manner as the Association shall think fit subject to such consents as required by law.

(vii) Invest the monies of the association not immediately required for the said objects in or upon such investments or securities as may be thought fit, subject nevertheless to such conditions (if any) as may for the time being imposed or required by law.

3. MEMBERSHIP

(a) Full membership shall be open, irrespective of political party, nationality, religious opinion, race or colour to all who express willingness to further the objects of the Association.

4. SUBSCRIPTIONS

All individual members and affiliated groups shall pay such subscriptions as the General Committee may from time to time determine.

5. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

The General Committee shall have the right for good and sufficient reason to suspend or to terminate the membership of any individual or an affiliated group, provided that the individual member or the individual representing the affiliated group shall have the right to be heard by the General Committee under this paragraph shall be communicated in writing by the Secretary to the individual member or the representative of an affiliated group within forty-eight hours of the decision being taken.

6. THE GENERAL COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS

(a) Subject as hereinafter mentioned the policy and general management of the affairs of the association shall be directed by a General Committee (hereinafter called "the committee") which shall meet not less than 12 times a year.

(b) The Committee shall consist on Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Public Relations Officer and not less than seven persons.

(c) The Committee may appoint Sub Committees as it considers necessary and all acts and proceedings of such Committees shall be reported back as soon as possible. The Committee shall determine their terms of reference, powers and composition.

(d) If vacancies occur among the Officers referred in (b) above the Committee shall have the power to fill these amongst its members.

7. RULES OF PROCEDURE AT ALL MEETINGS

(a) VOTING

All questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a simple majority of those present and entitled to vote thereat. No member shall exercise more than one vote. In the case of and equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

(b) QUORUM

One third of the members shall form a quorum at meetings of the Committee and all other special and standing sub-committees.

(c) MINUTES

Minute books shall be kept by the Association, the Committee and all other special and standing sub-committees and appropriate Secretary shall enter therein a record of all proceedings and resolutions.

8. STANDING ORDERS

The Committee shall have the power to adopt and issue Standing Orders. Such Standing Orders shall come into operation immediately.

9. DISSOLUTION

If the Committee by simple majority decides at any time that on the ground of expense or otherwise it is necessary or advisable to dissolve the Association it shall call a meeting of all members of the Association who have the power to vote by giving not less than twenty ^{one} days notice (Stating the terms of the resolution to be proposed thereat) . If such decision shall be confirmed by a majority the Committee shall have the power to dispose of any assets held by or in the name of the Association.

HARE KRISHNA TEMPLE DEFENCE MOVEMENT
STANDING ORDERS

The members of the Temple Defence Movement (TDM) are empowered under the adopted Constitution to formulate Standing Orders to govern the conduct, behaviour and duties of the following persons:-

ELECTED OFFICERS

STANDING ORDER NO.1

Elected Officers of the TDM must accept and implement the designated responsibilities of their respective office.

CHAIR OF TEMPLE DEFENCE MOVEMENT

STANDING ORDER NO.2

(A) The role of Chair must be to direct the meetings in strict compliance with the adopted Constitution, Standing Orders and procedures of the Association.

(B) The Chair of the meeting shall determine whether any matter (which by reason of special circumstances, and shall be specified in the minutes of the meeting) shall be considered at the meeting as a urgency in accordance with Standing Orders.

(C) Any power or duty of the Chair in relation to the conduct of the meetings may be exercised by the person presiding at the meeting.

(D) If the Chair is absent from a meeting the Vice-Chair of the TDM if present will preside.

(E) In the event of both Chair and Vice-Chair of the TDM being absent another member of the said Committee will be chosen by those present to preside.

(F) The Chair may call a special meeting of the TDM at any time or Sub-Committee with the agreement of the Chair of that Sub-Committee.

(G) The Chair will determine on the advice received from Secretary which items of business should be transacted by ordinary meeting procedures that permits Members and Associate Members to be present (described as PART ONE)

(I) The Chair will be a TDM Member to move without prior notice providing such a motion is seconded and voted on by the TDM that Members and Associate Members be excluded from any part of a meeting under the Standing Orders provisions of PART TWO.

QUORUM - MEETING OF THE TEMPLE DEFENCE MOVEMENT STANDING ORDER NO.3

(A) If during any TDM meeting the Chair or persons chairing the meeting after counting the number of members present, declares that there is not a quorum present in accordance with the adopted Constitution, the meeting shall adjourned.

STANDING ORDER NO.3 (CONT.)

(B) The consideration of any business not transacted shall be adjourned to a time designated by the Chair or the person in the Chair at the time the meeting is adjourned or if this arrangement is not made, to the next programmed meeting of the TDM.

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

STANDING ORDER NO.4

(A) The name of every member of the TDM attending a TDM meeting or any of it's Sub-Committee of which he/she is a member, shall be recorded.

ORDER OF BUSINESS THE TDM

STANDING ORDER NO.5

(A) The order of business at every meeting of the TDM shall be:-
5.00 pm to 7.00 pm.
Apologies
Minutes of Previous Meeting
Matters Arising
Correspondence
Chairperson's Report
Secretary's Report
Treasurer's Report
Any other Business

VICE-CHAIR OF THE TDM

STANDING ORDER NO.6

(A) The role of the Vice-Chair must be to direct the meetings in strict compliance with the adopted Constitution, Standing orders and procedures of the Association in the absence of the Chair and the entire contents of:-STANDING ORDERS NO.2

SECRETARY OF THE TDM

STANDING ORDER NO.7

(A) The role of the Secretary must be to ensure that the adopted Constitution, Standing Orders and procedures of the TDM are strictly complied with at all times.

(B) The Secretary shall arrange the annual programme of the TDM meetings to be held in accordance with the adopted Constitution and that the said meetings are conducted in strict compliance with:-STANDING ORDER NO.5

(C) The Secretary will ensure that all commercial and social transactions including correspondence appertaining to the business of the TDM will be placed before the TDM for consideration and authorisation where required.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY

STANDING ORDER NO.8

(A) The role of Assistant Secretary must be to ensure that in the absence of the Secretary the adopted Constitution, Standing orders and procedures of the Association are strictly complied with at all times and in accordance with the STANDING ORDERS NO. 7

STANDING ORDER NO.8 (CONT.)

(B) The Assistant Secretary shall arrange the annual programme of the TDM Meetings to be held in accordance with the adopted Constitution, Standing Orders and the said meetings are conducted in strict compliance with:-STANDING ORDER NO.5

TREASURER OF THE TDM

STANDING ORDER NO.9

(A) The role of the Treasurer must be to ensure that the finances will be conducted in strict compliance with the adopted Constitution, Standing Orders and procedure of the TDM.

(B) The Treasurer is consultant with the Secretary must issue a report on the current financial viability of the TDM including cash flow and trading account information to the TDM at each programmed meeting.

(C) The Treasurer must work in close liaison with the Secretary prior to the issue of any financial forecasts or statements to the TDM.

(D) The Treasurer must ensure that the Accountants and Stock Auditors comply with the policies adopted by the TDM and have access to both information and stock when required.

MEMBERS AND COOPTED MEMBERS OF THE TDM STANDING ORDER NO.10

(A) The role of the Members of the TDM must to be to attend all annual programmed meetings and intermediate meetings where possible.

(B) TDM Members must tender apologies to the Secretary where non-attendance at programmed meetings in foreseen.

(C) TDM Members must ensure that the adopted Constitution and Standing Orders are upheld at all times.

(D) Where duties are allocated, the TDM Members must ensure that such duties are discharged to the best of his/her abilities.

(E) TDM Members must ensure that complaints received either orally or in writing from individual members or groups of members are advised immediately to the Secretary of the TDM.

(F) TDM Members must refrain exercising his/her opinion of any such complaint, until the matter is discussed at a meeting of the TDM.

(G) TDM Members may attend any Sub-Committee and may speak of the permission of the Chair.

(H) A TDM Member who is not a member of that Sub-Committee may not vote in any subsequent business discussed.

STANDING ORDER NO.10 (CONT.)

(I) TDM Members may at any time resign his/her appointment to a Sub-Committee by giving notice of one month to the Secretary of the General Committee who will advise the Chair and Secretary of the appropriate Sub-Committee.

(J) TDM Members may call a Special meeting of the General Committee on the requisition of a half of the whole number of the Committee being delivered to the Secretary but in no case shall fewer than ten members requisition a Special Meeting.

OFFICERS, MEMBERS AND COOPTED MEMBERS STANDING ORDER NO.11
OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES
OF OUTSIDE BODIES

(A) If any of above Members of the TDM has a pecuniary interest, direct or indirect in any business or proposed business or other matter that Member shall withdraw from the meeting, whilst the business or the proposed business or other matter is under consideration and discussion unless :-

(B) The business or proposed business or other matters under consideration as a part of a report of the TDM and is not the subject of the debate.

(C) In the event of dispute over interpretation of the application of this Standing Order that shall be voted upon by the Members of the TDM, who are present subject to adopted procedures.

(D) The matters discussed, during a designated PART TWO section of a meeting, must strictly remain the confidentiality of the General Committee, unless amended by the General Committee in accordance with adopted procedures.