

The Mammillaria Society
Constitution and Rules

1. **Name:** The Society shall be called "The Mammillaria Society".
2. **Membership:** Membership of the Society shall be open on a worldwide basis to all persons and organisations interested in the objectives of the Society.
3. **Objectives:** The objectives of the Society shall be to promote and further the study and cultivation of the genus Mammillaria and its allied genera, which are: Acharagma, Cochemiea, Coryphantha, Escobaria, Kadenicarpus, Rapicactus, Thelocactus and Turbinicarpus. This shall be done by:
 - a) The exchange of information concerning both theoretical and practical aspects of the cultivation of these plants;
 - b) The publication of a journal which shall be forwarded to all members of the Society once per quarter;
 - c) The production of an annual Seed List, currently for UK members only;
 - d) The publication of publicity material, staging of promotional stands, operation of a website, social media pages, or any other means that the Committee shall agree upon.
4. **Aims:** In addition to its stated Objectives, the Society shall have the following Aims:
 - a) The promotion of online talks for a global audience to enhance our understanding and enjoyment of our plants;
 - b) The promotion and organisation of open shows to include classes judged in accordance with BCSS showing and judging rules;
5. **Officials:** The Officials of the Society shall be:
 - a) **President:** - Any person who has by reason of their work conspicuously furthered the Objectives of the Society may be invited by the Committee to act as President;
 - b) **Chair:** - The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Committee and at Annual General Meetings. In the absence of the Chair at any meeting the Committee may invite one of its members to act as Chair for that meeting;
 - c) **Honorary Secretary:** - The Honorary Secretary shall conduct the correspondence and business of the Society and act in accordance with the decisions of the Committee;

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- d) Honorary Treasurer: - The Honorary Treasurer shall receive, expend, keep and submit proper accounts of all moneys of the Society in accordance with the decisions of the Committee. They shall present these accounts annually to the Committee ahead of the AGM at which said accounts shall be presented to the members. Once approved by the members these accounts shall be published in the next Journal. In order to preserve an appropriate level of expertise the holder of this position shall be appointed at the absolute discretion of the Committee and shall be exempt from re-election under the rules governing rotation;
 - e) Honorary Editor: - The Honorary Editor shall be responsible for the preparation and publication of the Society's Journals quarterly, and any other publications of the Society;
 - f) Honorary Membership Secretary: - The Honorary Membership Secretary shall keep full records of the society membership, in accordance with GDPR, to allow for efficient running of the Society and memberships.
 - g) The Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Membership Secretary and Honorary Editor shall be ex officio members of the Committee and shall be assisted by at least two other persons who may be elected by the Society or co-opted by the Committee. If the Committee co-opts a member to fill a casual vacancy, then such appointee must stand for re-election at the next AGM;
 - h) The elected members of the Committee shall serve for a period of three years and a number not exceeding one third shall retire each year and shall be eligible for re-election;
 - i) The reasonable travelling expenses of a member of the Committee incurred in the performance of the Society's business may be refunded from the Society's funds at the agreement of the Committee.
6. Nomination and Election of Officials and Committee:
- a) The Notice of the Annual General Meeting shall also include an invitation for nominations for election to the Committee.
 - b) A valid nomination must be made in writing or by email to the Honorary Secretary of the Society not later than 60 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting. Such nomination shall include details of the proposer and the seconder. Any such nominees, proposers and seconders must all be paid up members for at least the previous 12 months.
 - c) The election of officials and members of the Committee shall be by email or postal ballot when the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies.

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- d) Any Full member of 12 months standing or more shall be entitled to propose or second a nominee.
7. Powers, duties and procedures of the Committee:
- a) The quorum for Committee Meetings shall be two thirds of the appointed Committee;
 - b) The Committee shall meet not less than twice yearly at such places, times and dates as it may decide, including online;
 - c) Questions arising at all Committee and General Meetings shall be decided by a majority of votes. In the case of an equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote;
 - d) Proper minutes shall be kept of all Committee and General Meetings and submitted, approved and signed by the Chairman at the subsequent Meeting.
8. Organised Meetings of the members of the Society may be held at such times and places as they arrange with the consent of the Committee. Such meetings may not conduct any business that would normally be conducted at an Annual General Meeting.
9. Annual General Meeting: At a meeting to be held annually and before the 1st of June, the following business shall be transacted:
- a) To receive the Honorary Secretary's Report;
 - b) To receive the Honorary Treasurer's Report and accounts for the preceding year;
 - c) To receive any other Committee reports;
 - d) To elect the officials of the Society;
 - e) To deal with any other business.

Notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given in a Journal of the Society to be sent to members no later than 60 days before the date of the Meeting.

10. Subscriptions:
- a) The Committee shall fix the subscription of a Full Member of the Society each year. Any Full member shall be entitled to attend and vote at all general meetings of the Society and to a free supply of Journals;
 - b) Subscriptions shall run for 12 months from 1st January each year. The subscription of any member joining during the year shall run for twelve months from the 1st January in the year of joining and carry an entitlement to all Journals published in that year;

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- c) There shall be one notice or reminder issued, normally with the Journal immediately preceding the date of renewal;
 - d) Honorary membership of the Society may be conferred at the Committee's discretion;
 - e) An offer of free Journals shall not carry any entitlement to membership rights;
 - f) If any subscription is not paid within one month of the due date, the member shall be deemed to have resigned and a member whose subscription is unpaid shall not be entitled to the rights and privileges of a subscribing member until such subscription is paid;
 - g) In the event of any member resigning or being expelled from the Society during any year, any subscription paid by them shall not be apportioned, and no portion shall be returnable;
 - h) A member of a Full Member's immediate family shall be permitted to join as an Associate Member at a reduced rate, to be set by the Committee, without being entitled to receive Journals, vote on business matters or exercise any of the other rights of a Full Member;
 - i) Anyone who has been a Full Member for at least 12 months shall be eligible for election to any official post;
 - j) The Committee shall have power to expel any member for conduct detrimental to the best interests of the Society, subject to such member having first had an opportunity of putting their case before the Committee.
11. Affiliation to other Societies: The Committee may decide to subscribe the Society to any other organisation with Objectives allied to those of the Society.
12. Alterations to Rules:
- a) Any addition or alteration to these rules may be made at an Annual General Meeting. Notice to propose any such addition or alteration shall be given in writing to the Honorary Secretary of the Society not later than 6 weeks before the next Annual General Meeting and shall bear the signature of both the proposer and the seconder. A copy of any such proposed alteration and/or addition shall be sent to each member of the Society.
13. The Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of these Rules and their decision shall be final.