

# Constitution of The All Fronts Re-enactment Association September 2007.

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*Formerly known as the Axis Forces Re-enactment Association*

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## **1 NAME**

All Fronts Re-enactment Association .  
(Hereinafter referred to as AFRA or “ the Association ”) and it shall seek affiliation to and be bound by the rules of the Association.

## **2. OBJECTS**

2.1 The objects of AFRA shall be to

- Promote Living History and Re-enactment in a positive light
- Bring Living History and Re-enactment to a wider audience
- Illustrate the events of the Twentieth Century as authentically s possible
- Promote Goodwill and Friendship between Living Historians ,Re-enactors, Collectors and Preservationists of all nations.
- To comply with the laws of the land in respect to Public Order, Trespass and Firearms Acts.
- To be loyal to the Queen her heirs and successors.

2.2 AFRA is committed to encouraging the highest ethical standards. All individuals involved in the Association should conduct themselves with integrity, transparency, accountability and in a fair and equitable manner.

### 3 MEMBERSHIP

3.1 The membership shall consist of the following categories:

- Honorary
- Permanent Executive
- Management
- Ordinary

3.2 Members in each category except that of Honorary shall pay Membership fees as fixed at each Annual General Meeting. The Association in General Meeting may also require Members to contribute to the funds of the Association by way of a special levy.

3.3 All members joining the Association shall be deemed to accept the terms of this Constitution and any Bye-laws from time to time adopted by the Association, in particular without prejudice to the foregoing generality, the requirement to conduct themselves in accordance with the Association's ethical framework and the bye-laws as to discipline set out therein.

3.4 Any person seeking to join the Association shall submit an application to the Executive Committee.

3.5 Members shall be admitted by the Executive Committee. Membership is open to all and no application for membership will be refused on other than reasonable grounds.

Reasonable grounds may be that the person's admission may be likely to cause serious upset and/or disharmony or may be harmful to the Association's wellbeing and that of its Members. There will be no discrimination on grounds of race, gender, occupation, sex, sexual orientation or religious, political\* or other opinion.

### 4 MANAGEMENT

4.1 The affairs of the Association shall be conducted by an Executive Committee and a Management Committee which shall consist of the Permanent Executive Officers of the Association plus Management Officers,

4.2 Executive Committee Officers shall hold the role in perpetuity or until such time as they stand down or are asked to stand down by members of the Management Committee

4.3 Management Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting..

4.4 The Officers of the Association who shall be Permanent shall be the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. If the post of any officer or management committee member should fall vacant after such an election, the Executive Committee shall have the power to fill the vacancy until the succeeding Annual General Meeting.

4.5 All Executive Committee members must be members of the Association.

4.6 All Management Committee members must be members of the Association and may only be drawn from the ranks of Affiliated Groups.

4.7 The said Officers shall also be the trustees *ex officiiis* of the Association who shall hold any property belonging to the Association in their name and shall further be entitled to sue and be sued on behalf of the Association as trustees *ex officiiis*. They shall all be entitled to personal indemnity out of the funds of the Association where they are acting bona fide in their capacity as Officers of the Association.

4.5 The Executive Committee shall have full power to deal with all matters relating to the Association not reserved to a General Meeting in terms of this Constitution, including power to make public and enforce such byelaws as the Committee feel necessary to govern the activities of the Association [including bye-laws relating to discipline].

## 5 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

5.1 The Association shall hold an Annual General Meeting in the month of September to:

- Approve the minutes of the previous year's AGM.
- Receive reports from the Chairman and Secretary.
- Receive a report from the Treasurer and approve the Annual Accounts.
- Receive a report from those responsible for certifying the Association's accounts.
- Elect the Executive Committee.
- Appoint someone responsible for certifying the Association's accounts.
- Fix the subscription for the ensuing year.
- Consider changes to the Constitution.
- Review and consider any Bye-laws.
- Deal with other relevant business.

5.2 Extraordinary General Meeting

An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called by an application in writing to the Secretary supported by at least 33% of the members of the Association. The Executive Committee shall also have the power to call an Extraordinary General Meeting by decision of a simple majority of its members.

5.3 Notices

At least 14 days' notice and the Agenda shall be given to all voting members of any General Meeting. No business shall be conducted unless fair notice thereof is contained in the Agenda.

## 6 FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

6.1 The financial year shall run from Jan. To Dec. each year.

6.2 The Treasurer shall be responsible for the preparation of Annual Accounts of the Association.

6.3 The Accounts shall be certified by an appropriate independent person elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

## 7 DISSOLUTION

7.1 The Association is a non-profit making organisation. All profits and surpluses will be used to maintain or improve or develop the Association's facilities or to carry out the objects of the Association to which it is affiliated. No profit or surplus will be distributed other than to another non-profit making body on a winding-up or dissolution of the Association.

7.2 If, upon the winding up or dissolution of the Association there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall be transferred to some other organisation or organisations having objects similar to the objects of the Association, such organisation or organisations to be determined by the members of the Association by Resolution passed at a General meeting or in the absence of such a resolution (or that the extent to which it cannot be given effect) to the Association to which the Association is affiliated.

- Due to the nature of 20<sup>th</sup> Century Living History/re-enactment – it may be that persons holding strong political affiliations or belief are admitted but should they express or attempt to exercise these beliefs or affiliations, they may render themselves liable to expulsion and exclusion from the Association. In particular but not exclusively, Extreme Right Wing or Revisionist views including Holocaust Denial will not be tolerated.