

Statutes of the Danish Shortwave Club International

Article 1

Name and foundation

1. The Club was founded on November 18th. 1956 in Aars, Denmark and first named "Danmarks Kortbølge Klub". It was later given the English name "The Danish Shortwave Club International" and referred to as the DSWCI.

Article 2

Aims

1. The aim of the DSWCI is to consolidate contacts amongst those who carry out the hobbies of shortwave listening and DX-ing, and to promote the practise of these hobbies in general.
2. By DX-ing is meant the reception of "distant" radio signals, and all other associated activities.

Article 3

Activities

The DSWCI tries to reach the aims mentioned in article 2, by means of:

1. Publishing a regular Club paper called "Shortwave News" which is made available to the members in print and via the Club's website.
2. Publishing a regular newsletter called "DX Window" via e-mail and the Club's website.
3. Publishing frequencylists and other papers which are useful in the hobbies.
4. Creating and maintaining a website for the DSWCI. It gives relevant information about the Club and explains to non-members how to join. Existing members can access the website in full by the use of a username and a password.
5. Answering questions and giving advice and assistance to members, and if possible to non-members, by means of e-mail, the club paper or otherwise.
6. Organizing meetings to discuss problems related to the DSWCI or to the hobbies of shortwave listening and DX-ing.
7. Being a member of the European DX Council.
8. Co-operating with other societies and Clubs which pursue a similar aim.
9. Improving our hobbies by all other legal means which are not contrary to these statutes.

Article 4

Membership

1. Anyone who is interested in the aims of the DSWCI mentioned in article 2 may apply for membership.

2. The board, to be mentioned in Article 9, may take proposals to the general meeting to appoint honorary members of the DSWCI to persons, that have proven to be of special value to the aims and/or activities of the DSWCI and/or has rendered special services to the DSWCI during an extended period of time.

The honorary status given by the general meeting to a person grants him/her all the rights of normal members whose application for membership has been granted by the board according to paragraph 1 of this article, except that the honorary member is not obliged to pay an annual membership fee.

If circumstances arise, the board of the DSWCI is able to make a proposal to the general meeting to withdraw the honorary membership or exclude the honorary member.

Article 5

Entry

1. Applications for membership of the DSWCI are invited to our Treasurer, or to one of the representatives abroad, mentioned in article 10, paragraph 1 and 4.
2. Entry is not granted until the membership fee is received.
3. In case of re-entry, arrears, if any, will have to be paid at once.
4. Membership can start at any time and lasts normally for 12 consecutive months.

Article 6

Withdrawal

1. In case of withdrawal, the board, or the representatives abroad, must be notified by letter with at least one month being given before the 1st day of the last month of membership.
2. In case of withdrawal, outstanding membership fee must be paid in at once.
3. Membership fees already paid will not be returned.

Article 7

Exclusion

1. By a single majority vote, the board can exclude a person who applies for membership, or a member, if the person in question counteracts the aims and activities of the DSWCI according to the judgement of the board.
2. Every case of exclusion for this reason has to be taken into consideration at the next annual general meeting, which has to decide whether the exclusion will become definite or will be withdrawn.
3. The member in question may request the board, by letter or e-mail, not to bring the case to the next annual general meeting. The member in question will then be regarded as definitely excluded.

Article 8

Membership fee

1. The annual membership fee is fixed each year at the annual general meeting, and at the proposal of the treasurer or based on a proposal from members according to article 14, paragraph 3.

However, in case an unforeseen and extraordinary increase in club expenditure should occur during the year, the general board may adjust the membership fee. This adjustment is to be valid for all payments made after its publication in Shortwave News.

2. The fixed fee takes effect at the first payment immediately after the annual general meeting mentioned in paragraph 1 of this article.
3. The fee has to be paid each year in advance.
4. A member or a person applying for membership can, upon request, and in special situations, be allowed to pay their fee in several portions.
5. Arrears in payment of more than one month will result in the member being excluded.
6. In certain cases the board can settle, upon request, a reduced fee.
7. On very special occasions the board of the DSWCI may grant free membership to certain persons.

Article 9

Board

1. The DSWCI is managed by a board of up to five Danish citizens and up to four persons of other citizenships.
2. In the board the following offices must be regarded: Chairman, Treasurer and Editor. They must all have Danish citizenship.

The remaining board members hold the office of ordinary directors.

3. The board and two board substitutes are elected each year at the annual general meeting.

Article 10

Board activities

1. The board is in charge of the management of the DSWCI. The board is responsible for the control of the finances, except that the treasurer is responsible for his own actions. The board takes care that the Statutes, the decisions of the general meeting, and the board decisions are observed.
2. The usual means of communication within the board is by e-mail, but other means can also be used.
3. In all club matters, the signature of the chairman, together with a signature of another member of the board, is binding upon all members of the DSWCI.
4. The board may appoint representatives abroad to take care of the interests of the DSWCI.
5. The board can set up committees for the solution of specific problems, and may supplement this committee with members from outside of the board.

Article 11

Board letters

1. Important club matters are normally discussed by all board members in board letters by e-mail, initiated by the chairman or when at least three of the other members of the board demand it.
2. Every board decision should be taken by a single majority vote, if at least half of the number of board members have voted. If an equal number of votes occurs, the chairman makes the decision. Abstentions are not taken into consideration.

Article 12

Account

1. The financial year of the DSWCI runs from January 1st to December 31st.
2. The account of the treasurer of each financial year is audited by two auditors. The two auditors are elected at the annual general meeting.
3. The audited account is published in Short Wave News ahead of the annual general meeting.

Article 13

General meeting

In all matters, a general meeting is the highest authority of the DSWCI. It lays down precepts for the activity of the DSWCI.

Article 14

Annual general meeting

1. The annual general meeting is held each year in the month of May or June, and due notice of the meeting must at the latest be published in the March issue of Shortwave News.

2. The agenda of the annual general meeting will at least include the following points:

1. Election of the chairman of the meeting.
2. Making amendments to an approval of the report of the latest general meeting.
3. The chairman of the board makes his report.
4. The editor of Shortwave News makes his report.
5. The audited account.
6. Proposals and/or bills.
7. Production of the budget and fixing of the membership fee.
8. Election of up to five Danish board members and one substitute.
9. Election of up to four non-Danish board members and one substitute.
10. Election of two auditors.
11. Miscellaneous.

3. Proposals which need to be discussed at the annual general meeting must be in the hands of the chairman not later than the 15th of March and must be published in the April issue of Shortwave News, if possible.

Article 15

Extraordinary general meeting

1. An extraordinary general meeting can be held at the decision of the board or if at least ¼ of the members make such a proposal.

2. In case of an extraordinary general meeting every member of the DSWCI will be summoned giving at least one month's notice and details of the meeting place, date, time and agenda of the extraordinary general meeting.

3. If the extraordinary general meeting is requested by the members, the summoning of the meeting will take place not later than one month after the request has been received by the chairman of the board.

Article 16

Voting in general meetings

1. The annual, as well as the extraordinary general meeting has the power to take binding decisions by a single majority vote, except as provided for in article 17 and 18 of these statutes.

2. The chairman of the meeting decides how the voting shall take place, and it can take place by paper ballot, if requested.

3. Every member has one vote at each voting. Abstentions are not taken into consideration for the result of the voting.

4. Members not present at the meeting may vote by letter or e-mail to be received by the chairman of the board not later than seven days before the meeting.

5. The members of the board have no right to vote on the chairman's report, the editor's report and the audited account.

Article 17

Alterations of the Statutes

1. A general meeting, mentioned in article 13, can only decide on changes of the Statutes by a majority of at least 2/3 of the votes cast. Abstentions are not taken into consideration for the result of the voting.

2. A motion for the changes of the Statutes must be brought to the notice of the members in the April issue of Shortwave News.

Article 18

Dissolution of the DSWCI

1. The dissolution of the DSWCI can only take place at a general meeting where at least half of the members of the DSWCI are voting, including voting by mail.

2. At this meeting the dissolution of the DSWCI can take place by a majority of ¾. Abstentions are not taken into consideration for the result of the meeting.

3. In the case of paragraph 1 of this article, when the majority has not voted, an extraordinary general meeting is then summoned with the dissolution of the DSWCI as the only point on the agenda.

The meeting may be held on the same day as the general meeting mentioned in paragraph 1 of this article. At this meeting the dissolution of the DSWCI can take place according to paragraph 2 of this article.

4. In the case mentioned in paragraph 2 of this article, only members with more than one year's membership have the right to vote.

5. Before the voting concerning the dissolution of the DSWCI takes place, a decision is taken as to how the board will dispose of the capital of the DSWCI.

The capital will preferably be used for charitable purposes, and the account concerning this is sent to all members.

Article 19

Final provision

1. In all cases that are not dealt with by these Statutes the board makes a decision, subject to the next general meeting as mentioned in article 13 of these Statutes.

Article 20

Legal matters

1. The venue of the DSWCI is in Denmark.
2. Danish law will be followed.

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These Statutes were agreed upon at the annual general meeting held on May 19th 1975 at Århus, Denmark and amended at the annual general meetings on June 11th 1983, June 10th 1989 and May 18th 1996 near Copenhagen, Denmark. Furthermore, they were amended at the annual general meetings in Vejers Strand on May 27, 2007 and June 05, 2010.