

The “Goths’ Village” Masłomęcz Association

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

CHAPTER I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The name of the Association shall be **Masłomęckie Stowarzyszenie Wioska Gotów (The Goths’ Village Masłomęcz Association)**, in abbreviated form

Wioska Gotów (The Goths’ Village), hereinafter referred to as “Association”.

2. The area of activity of the Association shall be the territory of the Republic of Poland. For proper implementation of the statutory objectives the Association may carry out its activities outside the territory of Poland in line with local laws.

3. The Association shall be established for an unlimited period of time. It has a legal personality. The Association shall operate in accordance with the Act of 7 April 1989, The Associations Act (Dz.U. – Journal of Laws 2001, No 79, item 855 as amended) and the provisions of these articles.

4. The Association can collaborate with other national and international organisations having

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similar aims.

5. The activity of the association shall be based primarily on social work of its members. In order to carry out its activities, the Association shall have the right to hire employees.

CHAPTER II

AIMS AND MEANS OF ACTION

7. The aims of the Association shall be:

- a) to popularise knowledge of the cultural and historical heritage of the Hrubieszów region,
- b) to promote archaeology in a broad sense,
- c) to promote tourist attractions in the Hrubieszów region,
- d) to implement the "Gotania" project.

8. In order to implement its aims the Association is to:

- a) establish the historical re-enactment group reconstructing the everyday life in the Hrubieszów

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Basin between the 2nd and the 4th centuries AD,

b) organise cyclical educational and tourism events and shows on the subject of archaeology,

c) participate in cyclical educational and tourism events on the subject of archaeology and history, organised by other historical re-enactment groups and associations with similar statutory aims,

d) organise academic archaeological conferences, seminars, museum lectures, exhibitions, traditional crafts workshops for organised groups and individual visitors,

e) provide groups visiting the Goths' Village in Masłomęcz and the Hrubieszów region with tourism services,

f) improve skills through training courses and craft workshops organised for members of the Association,

g) expand and maintain the infrastructure within the Goths' Village, which is the basic area of activity for the realisation of the statutory aims of the Association,

h) actively cooperate with local authorities, academic centres, museum and other non-governmental organisations on educational and exhibition undertakings connected with archaeology and history,

i) create and administer the website of the Association,

j) publish promotional and popular science publications,

k) draw up promotional materials.

CHAPTER III

MEMBERS – RIGHTS AND OBGLIGATIONS

9. Members of the Association can be natural or legal persons. A legal person can only be a supporting member of the Association.

10. Members of the Association can be:

a) ordinary,

b) supporting,

c) honorary members.

11. An ordinary member of the Association shall be any natural person who:

a) has submitted a membership declaration in writing,

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b) presented a positive opinion from two members of the Association.

12. Ordinary members shall be approved after submitting a written declaration on the basis of the resolution of the Management Board of the Association.

13. A supporting member of the Association shall be a natural or legal person who declares financial, material or substantive help with the realisation of the Association's aims.

14. Supporting members shall be approved after submitting a written declaration on the basis of the resolution of the Management Board.

15. An honorary member shall be a natural person who has made an outstanding contribution to the activity and development of the Association.

16. Honorary members shall be approved by the General Meeting upon the application of 10 members of the Association.

17. Ordinary members shall be entitled to:

a) passive and active participation in elections to the authorities of the Association,

b) benefit from accomplishments, property and all forms of activity of the Association,

c) participate in meetings, lectures and events organised by the Association,

d) report conclusions on the activities of the Association.

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18. Ordinary members shall be required to:

- a) participate in the activities of the Association and realisation of its aims,
- b) abide by the provisions of the articles and resolutions of the authorities of the Association,
- c) pay membership fees regularly.

19. Supporting and honorary members shall not have active or passive electoral rights, yet they shall be entitled to participate in statutory authorities of the Association with advisory votes; apart from that they shall have the same rights as ordinary members.

20. Supporting members are obliged to carry out their declared responsibilities, and abide by the provisions of the articles and regulations of the authorities of the Association.

21. Honorary members are exempt from membership fees.

22. Membership of the Association shall terminate upon:

- a) written resignation submitted to the Management Board,
- b) exclusion by the Management Board:
 - for violation of the articles of association and non-observance of resolutions of the authorities

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of the Association,

- for blatant non-participation in the activities of the Association,
- for non-payment of membership fees for a period of six months,
- upon written request of three members of the Association,

c) the loss of civil rights pursuant to a final judgement,

d) the death of a member and the loss of legal personality by a legal person.

23. Members are entitled to make an appeal to the General Meeting against the resolution of the Management Board concerning the acceptance or termination of membership. The resolution of the General Meeting is final.

CHAPTER IV

AUTHORITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

24. The authorities of the Association shall be:

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a) The General Meeting,

b) The Management Board,

c) The Audit Committee.

25. Term of office of the authorities.

a) The term of office of elective authorities of the Association shall be 3 years and they shall be elected in an open voting by an absolute majority of votes.

b) Members elected to the authorities of the Association may not serve the same function for more than two terms of office.

26. Resolutions of all authorities of the Association shall be passed by a simple majority of votes in the presence of at least 50% of members entitled to vote, unless otherwise provided by the provisions of the articles.

27. The General Meeting shall be the supreme authority of the Association. Members of the General Meeting shall be:

a) with a decisive vote – ordinary members,

b) with an advisory vote – supporting and honorary members, and invited guests.

28. The General Meeting may be convened as an annual or extraordinary meeting.

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29. The Annual General Meeting shall be convened by the Management Board of the Association once per two years. The date and place of the session shall be announced to all members by the Management Board at least 7 days prior to the meeting.

30. The Extraordinary General Meeting may be held at any time. It shall be convened on the initiative of the Management Board, upon the request of the Audit Committee or written request of at least 1/3 of the general number of ordinary members of the Association.

31. Resolutions of the General Meeting shall be passed by a simple majority of votes in the presence of at least 50% of the general number of members. The vote is open.

32. The General Meeting shall have the following authority:

- a) determining the main directions of activity and development of the Association,
- b) adopting amendments to the articles of the association,
- c) electing and dismissing all authorities of the Association,
- d) providing the Management Board with a vote of approval upon the request of the Audit Committee,
- e) examination of reports on the activity of the Management Board and the Audit Committee,
- f) ratifying a budget,

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g) fixing the rate of membership fees and any other payments to the benefit of the Association,

h) passing resolutions on the appointment of an honorary member,

i) examination and approval of reports of the authorities of the Association,

j) examination of requests and demands submitted by members of the Association or its authorities,

k) examination of appeals against resolutions of the Management Board,

l) passing resolutions on the dissolution of the Association and the allocation of its property,

m) passing resolutions regarding other cases submitted for consideration, and in all cases not restricted to the competence of other authorities of the Association.

33. The Management Board shall be set up to run the whole activity of the Association in accordance with the resolutions of the General Meeting, and to represent the Association.

34. The Management Board shall consist of 3 to 7 persons including the president and two vice-presidents. The president and vice-presidents shall be elected by the Management Board from among its members.

35. Meetings of the Management Board shall be held according to requirements, but at least once a month. Meetings shall be convened by the president.

36. The Management Board shall have the following authority:

- a) realisation of the Association's aims and objectives,
- b) enactment of resolutions passed by the General Meeting,
- c) drawing up work plans and budget,
- d) administering the property of the Association,
- e) passing resolutions on acquiring, transferring and charging the property of the Association,
- f) representing the Association,
- g) convening the General Meeting,
- h) accepting and dismissing members.

37. The Audit Committee shall be appointed to exercise control over the activities of the Association.

38. The Audit Committee shall consist of 3 to 5 members, including the president, vice-president and secretary.

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39. The Audit Committee shall have the following authority:

- a) controlling activities of the Management Board,
- b) presenting inspection reports to the General Meeting
- c) the right to put forward a proposal for convening the General Meeting and the meeting of the Management Board,
- d) submitting motions for the vote of approval for the authorities of the Association,
- e) reporting its activities to the General Meeting.

40. If the number of members of the authorities of the Association diminishes during the term of office, new members can be co-opted by the remaining members of the authority in question. The number of members co-opted in this way cannot exceed 50% of the number of members of the authority.

CHAPTER V

PROPERTY AND FUNDS

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41. The property of the Association shall be derived from the following sources:

a) membership fees,

b) donations, inheritances, bequests,

c) subsidies and revenue from public generosity.

42. All funds can be stored only in the account of the Association.

43. The Association shall run its financial management in line with applicable laws.

44. Decisions on acquiring, transferring and charging the property of the Association shall be made by the Management Board.

45. Concluding agreements, granting the power of attorney and submitting declarations of intent, especially regarding financial issues shall require the signatures of two members of the Management Board acting together.

CHAPTER VI

FINAL PROVISIONS

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46. Resolutions on amendments to the articles of association and the dissolution of the Association shall be passed by the General Meeting by qualified majority voting – (2/3 majority), in the presence of at least 50% of members entitled to vote.

47. On enacting a resolution to dissolve the Association, the General Meeting determines the means of liquidation and the purpose for which the Association's property shall be used.

48. In matters not regulated by the articles of the association, the provisions of the Associations Act shall apply.