

CITY OF MELVILLE BRIDGE CLUB CONSTITUTION

This Constitution supersedes all previous constitutions and all resolutions passed under such constitutions are hereby rescinded.

1. NAME

The name of the Club shall be the "*CITY OF MELVILLE BRIDGE CLUB INCORPORATED*" (or INC) hereinafter referred to as the Club.

2. DEFINITIONS

In this Constitution the following words and expressions shall have the meanings hereby assigned to them unless such meanings are excluded by or are repugnant to the context of the subject matter:

- 2.1 "ACT" shall mean the "Associations Incorporation Act 1987" and all subsequent amendments thereto.
- 2.2 "ABF" shall mean the "Australian Bridge Federation Incorporated
- 2.3 "AGM" shall mean the "Annual General Meeting" of the Club.
- 2.4 "APPEALS COMMITTEE" shall mean the 'ad hoc' committee appointed by the Tournament Committee to consider and adjudicate on an appeal by any player relative to a ruling given by any tournament director in a Club event.
- 2.5 "BAWA" shall mean the "Bridge Association of Western Australia Incorporated".
- 2.6 "BY-LAWS" shall mean the laws governing all aspects of the conduct of Members and the use of the Club premises and facilities as promulgated by the Management Committee.
- 2.7 "CONSTITUTION" shall have the same meaning as Clauses specified and referred to as such in the Act.
- 2.8 "MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE" shall mean the Committee elected at the AGM to manage the affairs of the Club.
- 2.9 "SPECIAL RESOLUTION" shall mean any resolution passed at an Annual or Special General Meeting of the Club by a majority vote of not less than 75% (three fourths) of the Members present, entitled to vote and voting in person.
- 2.10 "ORDINARY RESOLUTION" other than Special Resolution shall mean any resolution passed at an Annual or Special General Meeting of the Club, by a simple majority vote of the Members present, entitled to vote and voting in person.
- 2.11 "SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS" shall mean the regulations governing the play of bridge in Club events, as determined and promulgated by the Tournament Committee and in accordance with the Laws of Duplicate Bridge.

- 2.12 "TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE" shall mean a standing sub-committee of the Management Committee delegated with the responsibility to regulate and administer all aspects of bridge play in Club events in accordance with the Australian Laws of Duplicate Bridge and be responsible to the Management Committee.
- 2.13 "STANDING ORDERS" shall mean the Clauses governing the conduct of business and proceedings at all General Meetings of the Club and regular meetings of the Management Committee as determined and promulgated by the Management Committee.
- 2.14 "THE CLUB" means the Association referred to in Clause 1.
- 2.15 "THE CHAIRPERSON" shall mean:
- (a) In relation to the proceedings at a Committee Meeting or General Meeting, the person presiding at the Committee Meeting or General Meeting in accordance with Clause 10.1(a); or
 - (b) Otherwise than in relation to the proceedings referred to in paragraph (a), the person referred to in paragraph 10.1 (a); or
 - (c) If that person is unable to perform his or her functions, the Vice Chairperson.
- 2.16 "THE COMMISSIONER" shall mean the Commissioner for Consumer Protection exercising powers under the Act.
- 2.17 "THE COMMITTEE" means the Committee of Management of the Association referred to in Clause 10.1.
- 2.18 "THE SECRETARY" shall mean the Secretary referred to in Clause 10.1(c).
- 2.19 "THE TREASURER" shall mean the Treasurer referred to in Clause 10.1(d).
- 2.20 "THE VICE-CHAIRPERSON" shall mean the Vice-Chairperson referred to in Clause 10.1 (b).

3. **OBJECTS**

The Objects of the Club shall be:

- (a) To promote and encourage the game of contract bridge.
- (b) To affiliate with the ABF and BAWA and co-operate with kindred clubs and associations.
- (c) To provide social interaction for Members.
- (d) To provide adequate and comfortable premises for the Club together with all necessary facilities, including provisions for people living with disability, and a satisfactory and safe environment according to law.
- (e) To ensure that the property and income of the Club is applied solely towards the promotion of the Objects of the Club and that no part of that property or income may be paid or otherwise distributed, directly or indirectly, to Members , except in good faith in the promotion of these Objects.
- (f) To do all such other things as are conducive or incidental to the promotion of these objects.

4. **MEMBERSHIP**

- 4.1 Membership shall be open to all persons subscribing to the Objects of the Club and agreeing to comply with its Constitution.
- 4.2 Applicants for membership must complete and sign the Application Form provided for that purpose and must be proposed and seconded by current financial Members.
- 4.3 All applications for membership shall be posted on the Club notice board for a period of not less than fourteen days before consideration by the Management Committee.
- 4.4 The Management Committee shall consider and accept, reject or defer such applications without applying any discrimination.
- 4.5 There shall be the following classes of Members:
 - (a) **Ordinary Member**

An Ordinary Member is deemed to be a person who has been duly approved by the Management Committee and who has paid the appropriate Joining Fee (if any) and the full Annual Subscription.
 - (b) **Life Member**

A Life Member is deemed to be any Ordinary Home Club Member for at least 10 continuous years who, on the recommendation of the Management Committee, for valuable services rendered to the Club, has been appointed to Life Membership by a simple majority vote of Members present, entitled to vote and voting in person at a General Meeting of the Club. Life Members shall hold the honour during their lifetime and shall be exempt from the payment of Annual Subscriptions and other fees, and shall have all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of Ordinary Members
 - (c) **Honorary Member**

An Honorary Member is deemed to be a person who has been duly appointed to Honorary Membership by the Management Committee for such period as the Management Committee sees fit. An Honorary Member shall not be required to pay the Joining Fee (if any) or the Annual Subscription and shall have all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of Ordinary Members but may not vote at General Meetings of the Club or be members of the Management Committee.
 - (d) **Youth Member**

A Youth Member will be aged 18 years to 25 years and will pay 50% of the Annual Subscription.
- 4.6 The maximum number of guests per member per day for the purposes of Section 48(4)(b) of the ACT is two (2). No member may have more than two guests to any function of the Club.

5. REGISTER OF MEMBERS OF CLUB

- 5.1 The Secretary, on behalf of the Club, must comply with Section 27 of the ACT by keeping and maintaining in an up to date condition a register of the members of the Club and their postal or residential addresses and, upon the request of a member of the Club, shall make the register available for the inspection of the member and the member may make a copy of or take an extract from the register but shall have no right to remove the register for that purpose.
- 5.2 The Secretary must cause the name of a person who dies or who ceases to be a member under Clause 6 to be deleted from the register of members referred to in Clause 5.1.
- 5.3 The Club shall keep an up to date register of members in respect of each class of membership. This register must be continually available for inspection at the club premises.

6. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE CLUB

- 6.1 Membership of the Club may be terminated upon:
 - (a) receipt by the Secretary or another Committee member of a notice in writing from a member of his or her resignation from the Club. Such person remains liable to pay to the Club the amount of any subscription due and payable by that person to the Club but unpaid at the date of termination; or
 - (b) non-payment by a member of his or her subscription within three months of the date fixed by the Committee for subscriptions to be paid, unless the Committee decides otherwise in accordance with Clause 7.2; or
 - (c) expulsion of a member in accordance with Clause 7.

7. SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION OF MEMBERS OF CLUB

- 7.1 If the Committee considers that a member should be suspended or expelled from membership of the Club because his or her conduct is detrimental to the interests of the Club, the Committee must communicate, either orally or in writing, to the member:
 - (a) notice of the proposed suspension or expulsion and of the time, date and place of the Committee Meeting at which the question of that suspension or expulsion will be decided; and
 - (b) particulars of that conduct,not less than 30 days before the date of the Committee Meeting referred to in Clause 7.1(a).
- 7.2 At the Committee Meeting referred to in a notice communicated under Clause 7.1(a) the Committee may, having afforded the member concerned a reasonable opportunity to be heard by, or to make representations in writing to, the Committee, suspend or expel or decline to suspend or expel that member from membership of the Club and must forthwith, after deciding whether or not to suspend or expel that member, communicate that decision in writing to that member.

- 7.3 Subject to Clause 7.1 a member has his or her membership suspended or ceases to be a member 14 days after the day on which the decision to suspend or expel a member is communicated to him or her under Clause 7.2.
- 7.4 A member who is suspended or expelled under Clause 7.2 must, if he or she wishes to appeal against that suspension or expulsion, give notice to the Secretary of his or her intention to do so within the period of 14 days referred to in Clause 7.3.
- 7.5 When notice is given under Clause 7.4:
- (a) the Club in a General Meeting must either confirm or set aside the decision of the Committee to suspend or expel the member, after having afforded the member who gave that notice a reasonable opportunity to be heard by, or to make representations in writing to, the Club in the General Meeting; and
 - (b) the member who gave that notice is not suspended or does not cease to be a member unless and until the decision of the Committee to suspend or expel him or her is confirmed under this Clause 7.5.

8. SUBSCRIPTIONS AND FEES

- 8.1 The annual subscription will comprise 2 parts: the club annual subscription, to be paid by home-club and non home-club members; and the BAWA and ABF affiliation and capitation fees which home-club members will be charged.
- 8.2 The amount of annual subscription and the nomination fee will be set by the Management Committee but must be ratified by members at an AGM or a Special Meeting called for that purpose (BAWA and ABF affiliation/capitation fees are not included in these amounts).
- 8.3 The annual subscription shall become due and payable on 1 July each year. Payment of the annual subscription by 30 July each year shall validate membership until 30 June the following year.
- 8.4 Competition entrance fees, table charges and other levies for Members and visitors shall be as determined by the Management Committee from time to time.
- 8.5 The financial year of the Club shall commence on 1 July and end on 30 June in the following year.
- 8.6 **Transitional Clause**
- The first year's annual subscription fee will be \$30 and nomination fee will be \$20 and thereafter it will be determined at the AGM.

9. GENERAL MEETINGS

- 9.1 The Secretary shall give each Member at least fourteen days' notice of every General Meeting required under this Constitution. The notice shall state the date, time, venue and purpose of the meeting. Such notices will be available for collection from the Club personally by Members and

notices not claimed by the sixteenth day prior to the meeting will be posted to the Member's last notified address.

- 9.2 The AGM shall be held within 4 months of the end of the financial year each year on a day and at a time to be determined by the Management Committee.
- 9.3 Notices of the AGM shall include the Agenda for the meeting, together with details of all Notices of Motions that have been submitted by Members for consideration at the AGM and any voting papers necessary.
- 9.4 Notices from Members of Motions to be considered at the AGM shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary not later than 30 June each year.
- 9.5 A Special General Meeting of the Club shall be held on the petition of one-third of the Members or thirty Members, whichever is the lesser number. The President must be the recipient of such petition. The meeting shall be held within thirty-five days of the receipt of the petition.
- 9.6 A Special General Meeting may also be convened by a 75% majority decision of the full Management Committee or by the President alone. The meeting shall be held within thirty-five days of such decision. All costs involved in convening such Special General Meetings shall be borne by the Club.
- 9.7 At all Special General Meetings only the business for which the meeting has been called shall be discussed.
- 9.8 The quorum for all General Meetings shall be not less than one-third of the total Membership or thirty Members of the Club, whichever is the lesser number.
- 9.9 Voting on all motions at Annual and Special General Meetings may be by show of hands, secret ballot or division at the discretion of the President but proxy voting shall not be allowed.

10. **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

- 10.1 The affairs of the Club shall be managed exclusively by a Management Committee comprising:
 - (a) President
 - (b) Vice-President
 - (c) Secretary
 - (d) Treasurer
 - (e) Tournament Manager
 - (f) House Manager
 - (g) Four Ordinary Committee Members
- 10.2 All Members of the Management Committee shall be over the age of 18 years and either Ordinary or Life Members of the Club.
- 10.3 All Members of the Management Committee shall be elected at the AGM except that in the event of a casual vacancy arising due to any reason, the Members of the Management Committee shall have the power to co-opt a replacement.

- 10.4 The elected Management Committee shall hold office from the declaration of the results of the election at the AGM until the declaration of the results of the election at the next election when they shall retire.
- 10.5 All Members of the Management Committee shall be eligible for re-election from year to year except that the President shall not hold the same office for more than three consecutive years.

11. ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- 11.1 A nominations list shall be displayed on the Club notice board by 15 June each year and shall be closed on 30 July.
- 11.2 All nominations shall be signed by the Proposer, Seconder and Nominee.
- 11.3 Candidates may be nominated for any number of offices but no Proposer may nominate more than one candidate for an office in which a single person is required.
- 11.4 At least fourteen days prior to the AGM, the Secretary shall provide each eligible Member with a voting paper on which shall be shown the names of all candidates for each position, together with appropriate instructions for marking the voting paper. Not more than one such voting paper shall be issued to each Member.
- 11.5 At the same time that voting papers are issued, a sealed Ballot Box shall be made available for Members to post their voting paper at any time before the commencement of the AGM. Members unable to attend the Club during this period may send their voting paper by post addressed to the Secretary in a sealed envelope clearly marked "voting paper" and these shall be deposited in the Ballot Box unopened.
- 11.6 At the commencement of the AGM, the Ballot Box shall be closed and the votes counted. The Management Committee shall nominate two returning officers (excluding members of the Management Committee).
- 11.7 Each returned voting paper shall contain a vote for only one candidate for each of the positions in which a single person is required and only four votes for the Ordinary Committee Members. Voting papers not complying with these requirements shall be declared invalid.
- 11.8 The results of the voting shall be determined in favour of the candidate for each position receiving the greatest number of votes. In the event of a tied vote for any position, the result shall be determined by the drawing of lots by the Returning Officer.

12. DUTIES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- 12.1 The *President* shall:
- (a) Preside at General Meetings of the Club and the Management Committee.
 - (b) Be responsible for the proper conduct of Club affairs as set out in this Constitution.
 - (c) Co-ordinate Club policy as approved by the Management Committee.

- (d) Represent the Club at official functions when invited by kindred clubs, associations and other organisations.
- (e) Be entitled to attend meetings of the Tournament Committee and all sub-committees as an ex officio member.

12.2 The *Vice-President* shall:

- (a) Assist the President at all times.
- (b) Deputise for the President when requested.
- (c) Preside at any General Meetings of the Club and meetings of the Management Committee in the absence of the President.
- (d) Liaise between BAWA and the Club on all matters of mutual concern and represent the Club at all General Meetings of BAWA.

12.3 The *Secretary* shall:

- (a) Conduct the general correspondence of the Club.
- (b) Record the minutes of all General Meetings of the Club and meetings of the Management Committee.
- (c) Issue notices of General Meetings of the Club together with all such documentation as may be required for such meetings.
- (d) Have custody of all Club documents pertaining to the position.
- (e) Attend to other such secretarial matters as directed by the President.

12.4 The *Treasurer* shall:

- (a) Ensure all monetary payments due to the Club are received and receipts issued for these where appropriate.
- (b) Ensure all monies received are paid into such account at such bank as may be determined by the Management Committee from time to time.
- (c) Ensure payment of all Accounts approved for payment by the Management Committee.
- (d) Provide petty cash floats to Members approved by the Management Committee as and when necessary.
- (e) Prepare a statement of Receipts, Payments, and Balances for each regular meeting of the Management Committee.
- (f) Maintain a record of the Annual Subscription payments of each Member of the Club and advise the Masterpoints Secretary of any Members in default of such payments.
- (g) Keep books of the accounts of the Club and prepare an Annual Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for the AGM and present these to the Auditor for auditing and certification.
- (h) Arrange for the provision of copies of the Annual Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet to be available at the Club for perusal of Members at least seven days prior to the AGM.
- (i) Have custody of all account books and documents relative to the financial affairs of the Club.

12.5 The *Tournament Manager* shall:

- (a) Assume responsibility for the correct functioning of all bridge events held in the Club.
- (b) Arrange for Tournament Directors to direct Club bridge events.
- (c) Assume responsibility for the upkeep and replenishment of all materials used in bridge events.
- (d) Preside at all meetings of the Club Tournament Committee.

12.6 The *House Manager* shall:

- (a) Take charge of catering arrangements for all Club events and special functions.
- (b) Assume responsibility for the cleanliness and upkeep of all internal areas, furnishings and facilities within the Club premises and make all necessary arrangements for the employment and supervision of hired help and/or contractors as required for these purposes.
- (c) Maintain an imprest account of all petty cash expenses incurred on behalf of the Club in respect of House Management duties and submit such account to the Treasurer as and when required.
- (d) Attend to such other House Management duties as may be directed by the President from time to time.
- (e) Co-opt Members of the Club to assist with these duties as and when required.

12.7 The *Ordinary Committee Members* shall:

- (a) Back up and assist the office bearers of the Management Committee wherever possible and deputise for them as and when required by the President.
- (b) Liaise between Members of the Club and the Management Committee on all matters of mutual concern.
- (c) Take an active part in the formulation of Management Committee policies and decisions.
- (d) Perform such other duties as may be required by the President from time to time.

13. DUTIES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE/PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEE

13.1 The Committee shall meet together for the dispatch of business not less than 10 times in each year and the Chairperson, or at least half the members of the Committee, may at any time convene a meeting of the Committee.

13.2 Each Committee Member has a deliberative vote.

13.3 A motion arising at a Committee Meeting must be decided by a majority of votes, but if there is no majority, the person presiding at the Committee Meeting will have a casting vote in addition to his or her deliberative vote.

13.4 At a Committee Meeting five Committee members shall constitute a quorum.

- 13.5 Subject to these Clauses, the procedure and order of business to be followed at a Committee Meeting must be determined by the Committee members present at the Committee Meeting.
- 13.6 As required under Sections 21 and 22 of the ACT, a Committee member having any direct or indirect pecuniary interest in a contract, or proposed contract made by, or in the contemplation of, the Committee (except if that pecuniary interest exists only by virtue of the fact that the member of the Committee is a member of a class of persons for whose benefit the Club is established), must:
- (a) as soon as he or she becomes aware of that interest, disclose the nature and extent of his or her interest to the Committee; and
 - (b) not take part in any deliberations or decision of the Committee with respect to that contract.
- 13.7 Clause 13.6(a) does not apply with respect to a pecuniary interest that exists only by virtue of the fact that the member of the Committee is an employee of the Club.
- 13.8 The Secretary must cause every disclosure made under Clause 13.6(a) by a member of the Committee to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting of the Committee at which it is made.

14. POWERS OF CLUB

The powers conferred on the Club are the same as those conferred by Section 13 of the ACT, so that subject to the ACT and any additions, exclusions or modifications inserted below, the Club may do all things necessary or convenient for carrying out its objects and purposes and, in particular, may:

- (a) acquire, hold, deal with and dispose of any real or Club property;
- (b) open and operate bank accounts;
- (c) invest its money:
 - (i) in any security in which trust monies may lawfully be invested, or
 - (ii) in any other manner authorised by the Clauses of the Club;
- (d) borrow money upon such terms and conditions as the Club thinks fit;
- (e) give such security for the discharge of liabilities incurred by the Club as the Club thinks fit;
- (f) appoint agents to transact any business of the Club on its behalf;
- (g) enter into any other contract it considers necessary or desirable; and
- (h) may act as trustee and accept and hold real and personal property upon trust, but does not have power to do any act or thing as a trustee that, if done otherwise than as a trustee, would contravene this ACT or the Clauses of the Club.

15. MINUTES OF MEETING OF CLUB

- 15.1 The Secretary must cause proper minutes of all proceedings of all General Meetings and Committee Meetings to be taken and then to be entered within 30 days of the holding of each General Meeting or

Committee Meeting, as the case requires, in a minute file kept for that purpose.

15.2 The Chairperson must ensure that the minutes taken of a General Meeting or Committee Meeting under Clause 15.1 are checked and signed as correct by the Chairperson of the General Meeting or Committee Meeting to which those minutes relate, or by the Chairperson of the next succeeding General Meeting or Committee Meeting, as the case requires.

15.3 When minutes have been entered and signed as correct under this Clause they are, until the contrary is proved, evidence that:

- (a) the General Meeting or Committee Meeting to which they relate (in this sub-Clause called “the meeting”) was duly convened and held;
- (b) all proceedings recorded as having taken place at the meeting did in fact take place at the meeting; and
- (c) all appointments or elections purporting to have been made at the meeting have been validly made.

16. **CASUAL VACANCIES IN MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE**

A casual vacancy occurs in the office of a Committee member and that office becomes vacant if the Committee member:

- (a) dies;
- (b) resigns by notice in writing delivered to the Chairperson or, if the Committee member is the Chairperson, to the Vice-Chairperson and that resignation is accepted by resolution of the Committee;
- (c) is convicted of an offence under the ACT;
- (d) is permanently incapacitated by mental or physical ill-health;
- (e) is absent for more than:
 - (i) 3 consecutive Committee Meetings; or
 - (ii) 3 Committee Meetings in the same financial year without tendering an apology to the person presiding at each of those Committee Meetings, of which meetings the member received notice, and the Committee has resolved to declare the office vacant;
- (f) ceases to be a member of the Club; or
- (g) is the subject of a resolution passed by a General Meeting of members terminating his or her appointment as a Committee member.

17. **TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE**

The Tournament Committee shall be a standing sub-committee appointed by the Management Committee recommended by the Tournament Manager and shall be responsible to the Management Committee and shall:

17.1 Comprise the Tournament Manager and at least four additional Members, at least one of whom shall be a Member of the Management Committee.

17.2 Meet as and when required by either the Tournament Manager or the President.

- 17.3 Appoint a Minutes Secretary at each of its meetings.
- 17.4 Formulate and promulgate a calendar of all Club major events for the forthcoming calendar year, in co-ordination with BAWA, ABF and similar events in other metropolitan clubs as far as is practicable.
- 17.5 Arrange inter-club events with other metropolitan clubs.
- 17.6 Select players to represent the Club at inter-club events.
- 17.7 Formulate and promulgate conditions governing the format of Club Championship events.
- 17.8 Formulate and promulgate Supplementary Regulations as necessary to supplement the International Code - Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge and BAWA Regulations as applicable.
- 17.9 For each event, select an Appeals Committee Chairperson who shall convene a committee and conduct the proceedings with all expediency.

18. BANK ACCOUNTS

All cheques drawn on Club bank accounts shall be signed by any two of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, except where any two of these are members of the same family or are in a permanent relationship. In this case, one of the persons so involved shall relinquish their signatory rights and the Management Committee shall nominate an alternative signatory from the Management Committee.

19. AUDITOR

An Auditor shall be appointed by the Management Committee. The Auditor shall not be a member of the Management Committee and shall have the following duties, powers and responsibilities:

- 19.1 To inspect the Register of Members, Annual Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet and certify same.
- 19.2 To call at any time for the production of any books, accounts and any other documents relative to the affairs of the Club.

20. COMMON SEAL OF THE CLUB

- 20.1 The Club must have a Common Seal on which its corporate name appears in legible characters.
- 20.2 The Common Seal of the Club must not be used without the express authority of the Committee and every use of that Common Seal must be recorded in the minute book referred to in Clause 15.1.
- 20.3 The affixing of the Common Seal of the Club must be witnessed by any two of the Chairperson, the Secretary and the Treasurer.
- 20.4 The Common Seal of the Club must be kept in the custody of the Secretary or of such other person as the Committee from time to time decides.

21. INSPECTION OF RECORDS

A Member may at any reasonable time inspect without charge the Constitution, Membership Register, record of Office Bearers and other books, documents, records and securities of the Club.

22. WINDING UP

22.1 The Club shall be deemed capable of continuing its corporate existence so long as there shall be sufficient Members to form the Management Committee by the Clauses provided. Should at any time the Membership fall below such Members, then the Club shall cease to exist and shall, subject to the provisions of the Act, be wound up by those Members remaining who shall have full power thereupon to wind up the affairs of the Club.

22.2 The Club may also be wound up by a Special Resolution at any General Meeting of the Club called for that purpose.

22.3 If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Association there remains after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same must not be paid to or distributed among the members or former members. The surplus property must be given or transferred to another association incorporated under the Act which has similar objects and which is not carried out for the purpose of profit or gain to its individual members, and which association shall be determined by resolution of the members.

23. INTERPRETATION OF CLAUSES

The interpretation of these Clauses or of any of the By-Laws, Standing Orders or Supplementary Regulations made thereunder shall be the sole determination of the Management Committee whose decisions, until set aside by a Special Resolution at an Annual or Special General Meeting of the Club, shall be binding on all Members.

24. AMENDMENTS TO THIS CONSTITUTION

So long as the Club shall hold a liquor licence, prior to making any change to this Constitution, certified particulars of the proposed changes shall be submitted to the Director of Liquor Licensing and no effect shall be given to such changes until the Director of Liquor Licensing has signified his approval.

No part of this Constitution shall be repealed, amended or added to except by a Special Resolution passed at an Annual or Special General Meeting for which due notice has been given to all Members as provided for elsewhere in this Constitution. All such amendments repeals and/or additions shall not become effective until the appropriate approvals have been received from the Commissioner for Fair Trading as provided for under the ACT.

Adopted at a Special General Meeting of the Club held on Sunday 24th August 2014.

Amendments to Clauses 4.5(b), 5.3, 8.3 and 22.3 approved at a Special General Meeting of the Club held on 13th November 2014.

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President

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Secretary