



BLUFF NATIONAL PARK GOLF CLUB

CONSTITUTION

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1. Name:

The name of the club shall be the BLUFF NATIONAL PARK GOLF CLUB, hereafter referred to as “the Club”.

2. Club dress:

- a) The emblem of the Club will be the Blue Heron.
- b) Club dress for representative purposes shall be determined by the Committee from time to time.
- c) Appropriate golf attire is required at all times on the golf course.

The following is considered to be appropriate gentlemen’s attire – shirts with collar and sleeves, slacks, tailored shorts, socks, golf shoes with soft spikes, belts are required on trousers with shirts tucked into trousers.

Ladies are to wear collared golf shirts, slacks, tailored shorts or skirts, socks and golf shoes with soft spikes.

- d) Any jersey, windbreaker, golf cap or golf hat must be neat, tidy and appropriate. Clothing made from denim material is not accepted.

3. Objectives of the Club:

- a) To provide its members and visitors with facilities to play the game of golf.
- b) To preserve the spirit and traditions of golf and protect its interests.
- c) The establishment and maintenance of such social, cultural and sporting amenities as may be determined from time to time by the Committee.

4. Rules of the Game:

The rules of the game of golf adopted by the Club will be those of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, subject to such modification or addition to suit local circumstances as may be made from time to time by the Committee, and subject to the constitution rules and regulations of KZN Golf Union, as a member thereof.

If any doubt or dispute shall arise as to the proper construction or interpretation of any rules of golf the matter shall be referred to the Committee for decision.

5. Corporate Status:

The Club shall be an Association, not for gain, with perpetual succession and the capacity to acquire rights and incur obligations independently of its members. All assets, funds or property of the Club shall be held or registered in the name of the Club as a registered non-profit organization. All income and property of the Club shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its objectives and no portion shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly to any member or members, provided that nothing contained shall prohibit the payment of *bona fide* remuneration to any servant of the Club or to any member, person or entity in consideration of any services actually rendered to the Club.

6. Legal Proceedings:

- a) All actions or suits at law brought by or against the Club shall be in the name of the Club.
- b) Club facilities and the golf course shall be used by members and visitors at their own risk.
- c) In any action between the Club and a member, the member shall not be entitled to plead partnership.
- d) By-Laws
 - i) Dress code to be strictly adhered to.
 - ii) Rowdiness, as well as the use of foul or abusive language is strictly prohibited.
 - iii) Bad behaviour on the course or elsewhere within the confines of the property is not allowed.
 - iv) No golfer will be entitled to play golf without the appropriate preceding payment being made.
 - v) Two or more players playing out of one golf bag is strictly prohibited.
 - vi) Proof of registration with an appropriate body or association with an official handicap must be submitted by all players to be eligible for prizes.

- vii) Golfers are expected to maintain their starting interval. Slow play cannot be tolerated. If a group of players fails to keep its place on the course and loses more than one clear hole on the players ahead, it must allow the group following behind through.
- viii) If lightning is in the area all play shall cease.
- ix) Stopping at the halfway house must not exceed 15 minutes.

7. Powers of the Club:

In pursuance of its objects, the Club shall have the following powers: -

- a) To open and operate banking and other accounts,
- b) To invest or employ in such manner as the Club shall deem fit, such funds as are not immediately required by the Club.
- c) To borrow or raise money.
- d) To secure the payment of money or the performance of any obligations of the Club, in such a manner as the Club shall deem fit, and in particular, by the execution of Mortgage Bonds/pledges or otherwise charges upon the whole or part of the Clubs immovable property rights or privileges.
- e) To receive income from rental for the use of any moveable or immovable asset of the Club.
- f) To accept donations, gifts, legacies, bequests, and benefits of any nature or kind.
- g) To purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any moveable or immovable property, rights or privileges.
- h) To improve, develop, manage, sell, exchange, lease, donate, sub-divide, consolidate, dispose of, turn to account, or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property and the rights of the Club.
- i) To appoint and dismiss any officers, agents and employees and to determine their duties and responsibilities. To appoint and dismiss an auditor and agree on remuneration.
- j) To bring or defend any action or any other legal proceedings in any court of law or to refer to arbitration any matter or thing in dispute.

- k) To appoint sub-committees to investigate, report on and promote matters referred to them and to revoke any such appointments.
- l) To make, amend and repeal by-laws, rules and regulations not inconsistent with terms of this Constitution.
- m) To appoint such delegates to represent the Club as may be necessary from time to time.
- n) To arrange terms and reciprocity with other clubs.
- o) To merge with another club or clubs.
- p) To publish and distribute among members, reports of proceedings and activities of the Club and to publish and circulate literature for the enlightenment of members of the public.
- q) To register the name of the Club, its badge, moto, flag and or this Constitution and rules with any appropriate authority.
- r) To conduct any lawful business for the furtherance of the objects of the Club.
- s) Generally, to do all such acts and things as are incidental to the attainment of the Clubs objects.
- t) To amend, suspend or repeal this Constitution.

8. Membership Categories:

- a) Definitions:
 - i. "MEMBER" means any person who has been duly elected as a member of the Club and is in good standing, and who does not fall into another recognized category of member.
 - ii. "SENIOR MEMBER" means any gentleman member over 60 years of age or any lady member over 55 years of age. Senior members shall have full rights of a member.
 - iii. "JUNIOR MEMBER" means a member 18 year of age or younger. They shall not vote at any meetings of the Club or exercise a vote at any ballot of the Club.

- iv. "STUDENT MEMBER" means any person under 24 years of age who can produce a valid student card for full-time study at a recognized institution of tertiary education. They shall not vote at any meetings of the Club or exercise a vote at any ballot of the Club.
- v. "RECIPROCAL MEMBER" means any person belonging to a golf club to which the Club has confirmed reciprocal association. These members pay members green fees with no voting or ballot rights.
- vi. "ABSENTEE MEMBER" means a member who leaves KwaZulu-Natal to reside elsewhere for a period of at least one year, and who wishes to remain a member at a reduced subscription determined by the Committee. These members may re-join upon return after payment of the applicable subscription fee. These members have no voting or ballot rights.
- vii. "COUNTRY MEMBER" means any person who resides and works beyond a radius of 80 kilometers from the Club, and who does not play golf at the Club in excess of four (4) times a month. These members pay members green fees with no voting or ballot rights.
- viii. "WEEKDAY MEMBER" means any person who joins the Club with a view to only playing golf during weekdays, and who is not permitted to play as a weekday member over weekends or public holidays. These members pay members green fees with no voting or ballot rights.
- ix. "NATIONAL SERVICES MEMBER" means any active member of the National Services such as the South African National Defense Force, the South African Police Services etc. These members pay members green fees with no voting or ballot rights.
- x. "HONOURARY MEMBER" means this membership is conferred as an honour on a person of high standing, by the Committee, without the requirements of application of or membership fees. Honorary Members will pay members green fees. Honorary Members may not cast a vote at any Club meetings.
- xi. "CORPORATE MEMBER" means any organization or entity that has requested and been granted corporate membership due to the number of

players or frequency of playing at the Club. These members pay members green fees and have voting and ballot rights.

- xii. "HONOURARY LIFE MEMBER" means by reason of his/her having conferred some special service to or benefit upon the Club, has been elected as an Honorary Life Member at an Annual General Meeting, provided that any motion to nominate an Honorary Life Member shall first be submitted in writing by the proposer and seconder thereof and be approved by the Committee and shall appear on the Agenda for such a meeting. Honorary Life Members will pay members green fees. Honorary Life Members shall have full rights of a member.
- xiii. "HONOURARY LIFE PRESIDENT and HONOURARY LIFE VICE-PRESIDENT". The Committee shall have the right to recommend to any Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of members, the election of members to these two positions. Such office shall be held during their lifetime, and they shall be entitled to all member privileges without payment of annual membership. They shall be entitled to attend committee meetings and cast their vote. Honorary Life President and Vice President will pay members green fees.
- xiv. "SOCIAL MEMBER" means a member with limited privileges of the Club without voting rights and without golfing membership rights.

9. Membership Application:

- a) Application for membership must be in writing on the prescribed Membership Application Form, obtained from the Club office.
- b) Each candidate for membership shall be proposed and seconded by Club members who are in good standing. This application will be submitted to the Committee for decision, where the Committee votes against the admission of a particular candidate the application for membership shall be turned down. Such person may not apply for membership of the Club again for a period of twelve (12) months.
- c) A candidate who has been elected in the above way will be officially notified of his/her acceptance of membership. Membership will be confirmed in writing once

payment covering membership fee, subscription, and levy in proportion to the period of the year of such application is made.

d) If at any time after the election of a member, it appears that he/she was elected under a misrepresentation, the Committee shall have power to terminate the membership forthwith and no fees will be refunded.

e) Liability of Members:

The liability of every member of the Club, for the debts of the Club, shall be limited to the amount of subscription due by such member, in terms of this constitution. No member shall be personally liable for the debts of the Club.

f) Proprietary Rights of Members:

Any person ceasing, for any reason, to be a member of the Club, shall have no partnership or other interest in any of the assets of the Club.

g) Notices to Members:

i. Any notice posted on the Noticeboard of the Club by the authority of either the Committee or the Executive Officer shall be deemed to have been duly served upon each member of the Club at the time when it was posted.

ii. A notice may be served by the Club upon any member personally or by sending it through electronic media.

iii. All notices of meetings will be posted as in (i).

h) Membership Fees:

i. Upon his or her election to membership, a newly elected member shall be notified by the Executive Officer that he or she has been elected and the Executive Officer shall advise that a copy of the constitution is available on the Noticeboard and the Club's website and shall call upon him or her to pay the amount of his or her subscription.

ii. Until he or she has paid his or her subscription, a newly elected member shall not be entitled to use any of the amenities of the Club.

iii. In the event of a newly elected member failing to pay the amount of his or her subscription within 1 (one) month of the date upon which he or she is

notified by the Executive Officer of election to membership, such member shall be deemed to have resigned from the Club.

- iv. Membership fees shall be payable in respect of categories of membership, as prescribed by the Committee.
- v. The Committee may, in its discretion, remit, in whole or in part, any of the fees herein provided for.
- vi. Subscriptions shall be due on the 1st day of January each year, save in the case of newly elected members whose membership fee shall be payable in accordance with the provision of rule 9 (iii) above.
- vii. The Executive Officer must submit the names of persons who have not paid their annual fees or made acceptable payment arrangements to the Committee by the end of January of that year. These persons shall be informed in writing or by electronic mail by the Executive Officer of the pending termination of their membership and the suspension of their SAGA card. Failing to settle arrears within 21 days will result in termination of membership and suspension of their SAGA card.
- viii. The Committee has the discretionary powers to re-instate such person as a member on such terms as the Committee may decide on.

10. Conduct of Members:

- a) Any member contravening any rule, by-law or regulation of the Club or whose conduct, in the opinion of the Committee is contrary to the interest of the Club or to the interests of other members of the Club, shall be liable to expulsion from the Club by the Committee or it may suspend such member's rights to use the amenities of the Club for such period and upon such conditions as it may determine appropriate. Any person who has been expelled under the provisions of this Rule shall be permanently barred from entering the Club premises;
- b) Any member aggrieved by a decision of the Committee under (a) above shall have a right to appeal against such decision to a Special General Meeting of members, provided that he or she complies fully with the provisions of Rule 16 (b) relating to the calling of a Special General Meeting.

- c) For the purpose of this rule, failure to pay, when due, any debt owing to the Club or the club professional when called upon by the Committee to do so, shall be deemed to be *prima facie* evidence of conduct inimical to the interest of the Club.

11. Restrictions and Penalties:

- a) No profit from the sale of liquor or any other thing by the Club shall accrue to any individual without the approval of the Committee;
- b) Any member intending to resign from the Club shall notify the Executive Officer in writing of such resignation on or before the 31st December in any year and shall otherwise be liable for his or her subscription for the ensuing year;
- c) A person who has ceased to be a member –
 - i. Shall remain liable for fees as are due and unpaid,
 - ii. Shall not be entitled to recover any sums by reason of termination of membership prior to the end of that current year.
- d) The Committee shall at all times have discretion regarding any of the foregoing sub-clauses pertaining to clause 11.

12. Office Bearers:

- a) The Office Bearers of the Club, each of whom shall be either an Honourary Life Member or a member of at least THREE (3) years standing, shall consist of: -
 - i. PRESIDENT
 - ii. CAPTAIN
 - iii. VICE-CAPTAIN
 - iv. LADY CAPTAIN
 - v. LADY VICE-CAPTAIN
 - vi. Six (6) Committee members who with the Captains and Vice Captains, shall comprise the Committee of the Club in which, subject to such Resolutions as may be passed from time to time by members in an Annual General Meeting, shall be vested the powers, management and control of the Club.
- b) The Executive Officer of the Club shall be the Secretary of the Committee;

- c) The Office Bearers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, shall take office on election and remain in office until their successors have been elected.
- d) All Office Bearers shall retire annually, but shall be eligible for re-election, except in the case of the Club Captains and Vice-Captains, who may remain in office until voted out during an Annual General Meeting or until resignation from such position.
- e) The Committee shall have power to fill any casual vacancy in the Committee whether such vacancy arises from the death, resignation or disqualification of any Office Bearer, or otherwise howsoever and to co-opt a member, eligible to be an Office Bearer.
- f) A notice specifying the Office Bearers to be elected at the Annual General Meeting shall be displayed on the Club Noticeboard one (1) week before the Annual General Meeting each year;
- g) Office Bearers shall be nominated in writing, in a form prescribed by the Committee, signed by the proposers and seconders, (each of whom shall be either an Honorary Life Member, or Member of at least two (2) years good standing, and by the nominees by eight (8) o'clock in the evening, one week before the date of the Annual General Meeting;
- h) Should the number of nominees exceed the number of vacancies to occur among the Office Bearers, such Office Bearers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting by secret ballot;
- i) The Executive Officer will prepare a Voters Roll of members in good standing. Only these members will be issued with a ballot paper and be entitled to vote.
- j) Only members in good standing may attend the Annual General Meeting.
- k) The President or in the event of an Honorary Life President being elected, such person shall *ex-officio* be a member of the Committee.
- l) The Captains and Vice-Captains shall, *ex-officio*, be members of all Sub-Committees appointed hereunder.
- m) No employee of the Club may serve on the Committee as a result of possible conflict of interest, however, they may be appointed to a sub-committee.

13. The Committee:

a) All powers of the Club as per Clause 7, shall vest in the Committee which shall have full power to manage all the business and affairs of the Club and shall in all things, act for and in the best interest of the Club.

b) The powers of the Club shall be exercised by two signatories of any two of the following:

The Captain, two Committee Members, especially deputed for the purpose by the Committee, and the Executive Officer.

c) No structural alteration or material rearrangement of the course shall be carried out until the Committee has posted upon the Club Noticeboard for a period of not less than twenty-one (21) days, a notice setting out full details of the Committee's intentions in regard to such alteration or rearrangement together with the estimate of the costs thereof.

d) All by-laws and regulations made by the Committee shall be binding on all members of the Club unless and until repealed by the Committee or by a resolution passed at a General Meeting of the members of the Club.

e) The Committee shall have power to settle any disputes between members or between members and the Club and in the event of any party to such dispute being dissatisfied with the decision of the Committee he or she has the right to appeal against such decision to a Special General Meeting of members, provided that written notice of intention to exercise such right of appeal is given to the Executive Officer of the Club within seven (7) days of the date upon which the Committee communicated the decision appealed against, and such Special General Meeting shall be convened within one (1) month of receipt by the Executive Officer of the said notice, and in accordance with the procedure as laid down in Clause 16 (B).

f) The Committee shall cause to be kept a Register of members and there shall be recorded therein: -

- i. The name and address (both business and residential),
- ii. The email address and cellular telephone contact details,
- iii. The date of birth,

- iv. The date upon which each became a member,
- v. The date upon which any ceased to be a member,
- vi. Such a Register will be open to the inspection of members at all times subject to such reasonable restrictions as the Committee may impose from time to time provided that none of the foregoing provisions shall apply in respect of Honorary Members under Clause 8(vii),
- g) Every member, other than an Honorary Members under Clause 8(vii), shall cause his or her address and contact details, or change thereof, to be recorded by the Executive Officer in the Register of members.
- h) The Committee shall cause proper records to be kept and annual financial statements to be prepared each year reflecting the financial position of the Club as at 28 February, and the result of its operations for the year ending that date. The Annual Financial Statements shall include: -
 - i. A report by the Committee on the operations and state of affairs of the Club and its golfing activities,
 - ii. A Balance Sheet,
 - iii. An Income Statement,
 - iv. A Statement of source and application of funds,
- i) A copy of the Annual Financial Statements, together with a copy of the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and any Special General Meeting, shall be posted on the Club Noticeboard at least seven (7) days before the Annual General Meeting.

14. Competitions and Trophies:

- a) The Committee shall determine the dates of all official competitions and place these dates on the Club Noticeboard.
- b) The period of currency of floating trophies which may be donated to or instituted by the Club, shall be limited to one (1) year except as is otherwise decided by members at an Annual General Meeting.

15. Visitors:

- a) Subject to such exceptions as may be prescribed by the Committee, visitors shall not be entitled to take part in official Club competitions unless with an official handicap issued by a competent organization or body.
- b) The Committee shall have power to close the course to visitors at any time and to refuse to permit any visitors to use any or all facilities of the Club.
- c) The Committee may, in its discretion permit people who are not members of the Club to use the facilities of the Club to the extent necessary to enable them to take golf lessons.
- d) Any person who is not a member of the Club and who, having been duly authorized thereto, participates in any golf competition or match on the course shall be an Honorary Member of the Club for the day or days on which the said competition or match takes place.

16. Meetings:

A) Annual General Meetings

- a) The Annual General Meeting of members shall be held before the 30 April each year, on a day and at a time appointed by the Committee. A notice of meeting shall be posted on the Club Noticeboard thirty (30) days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.
- b) The following will be entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting: -
Members in good standing as under Clause 8 (a).
- c) The provisions of Clause 13(i) will be in place seven (7) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- d) Notice of any motion to be put to the Annual General Meeting shall be in writing, signed by the proposer and seconder thereof, both of whom shall be members eligible to vote, and shall be delivered to the Executive Officer at least twenty-

eight (28) days prior to the AGM. Such motion shall be included in the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting concerned.

- e) Thirty (30) members eligible to vote shall form a quorum at an Annual General Meeting and if, within half an hour from the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, a quorum is not present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the following week (at the same venue and time) and if that be a Public Holiday, to the next succeeding day other than a Public Holiday and if at such adjourned meeting a quorum is not present, within half an hour of the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, those members present and eligible to vote shall be a quorum;
- f) Every member eligible to vote shall have one vote provided that the Chairman of the Meeting shall have a casting vote in addition to his deliberate vote;
- g) Voting shall be by Secret Ballot for election of Office Bearers and by show of hand for all other motions on the Agenda.
- h) Counting shall be conducted by the Executive Officer and two (2) further members elected by those present and eligible to vote. Three (3) scrutineers shall be elected by those present and eligible to vote to validate the counting process and report the result to the Chairman of the Meeting.
- i) A resolution shall be passed by a simple majority of those present and voting.
- j) No member shall be entitled to vote by proxy.
- k) The Chairman of the meeting shall be the Captain, whom failing, such member of the Committee as may be nominated by the Captain, and failing such nomination, any member of the Committee shall call the members to order for the purpose of electing a Chairman of the meeting;
- l) The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be: -
 - i. To confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and any Special General Meeting held since the previous Annual General Meeting;
 - ii. To adopt the Annual Financial Statements,
 - iii. To elect Office Bearers,

- iv. To consider and adopt (with or without amendment moved by member present and eligible to vote) or reject any motion of which due notice was given;
- v. If necessary to adjourn the meeting to such venue, time and date as members present and legible may decide.
- m) The auditor shall be entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting and speak thereat.
- n) Proper minutes of all Annual General Meetings shall be kept.

B) Special General Meetings

- a) Special General Meeting of members may be called at the discretion of the Committee or upon a requisition addressed to the Executive Officer signed by at least 30 members eligible to vote, setting forth clearly the business such meeting is required to transact.
- b) The following will be entitled to attend the Special General Meeting:
Members in good standing as under Clause 8 (a).
- c) At least 14 days' notice of a Special General Meeting of members shall be placed on the Club Noticeboard accompanied by an agenda.
- d) Thirty (30) members eligible to vote shall form a quorum at an Special General Meeting and if, within half an hour from the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, a quorum is not present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the following week (at the same venue and time) and if that be a Public Holiday, to the next succeeding day other than a Public Holiday and if at such adjourned meeting a quorum is not present, within half an hour of the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, those members present and eligible to vote shall be a quorum;
- e) Every member eligible to vote shall have one vote provided that the Chairman of the Meeting shall have a casting vote in addition to his deliberate vote;
- f) Voting shall be by show of hands;
- g) Counting shall be conducted by the Executive Officer and two (2) further members elected by those present and eligible to vote. Three (3) scrutineers

shall be elected by those present and eligible to vote to validate the counting process and report the result to the Chairman of the Meeting.

- h) A resolution shall be passed by a simple majority of those present and voting.
- i) The Chairman of the meeting shall be the Captain, whom failing, such member of the Committee as may be nominated by the Captain, and failing such nomination, any member of the Committee shall call the members to order for the purpose of electing a Chairman of the meeting;
- j) The business of the Special General Meeting: -
 - i. To consider and adopt or reject the motion under consideration.
 - ii. If necessary, to adjourn the meeting to such venue, time and date as members present and eligible to vote may decide.
- k) The Auditor shall be entitled to attend the Special General Meeting and speak thereat.
- l) Proper minutes of the Special General Meeting shall be kept and confirmed at the next Annual General Meeting.

C) Committee Meetings:

- a) The Committee shall meet at least once every month and shall cause proper minutes to be kept of all its meetings by the Executive Officer.
- b) Any member of the Committee who fails to attend three (3) consecutive monthly meetings without the permission of the Committee shall *ipso facto* cease to be a member of the Committee.
- c) The Chairman of the meeting shall be the Captain, whom failing, such member of the Committee as may be nominated by the Captain, and failing such nomination, any member of the Committee shall call the members to order for the purpose of electing a Chairman of the meeting;
- d) At the meeting of the Committee six (6) members shall form a quorum. The chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to his deliberate vote.
- e) The chairman may exercise the right to request a member to recuse him or herself in order to discuss a matter which involves them directly.

- f) If a quorum is not met the meeting will be adjourned for one (1) week at the same venue and time.

D) Sub-Committee Meetings:

- a) The Committee shall have the power to fill casual vacancies in order to alter the composition or terms of reference of any sub-committee appointed by the Committee as it may from time to time deem fit.
- b) All sub-committees shall meet as and when necessary and shall keep and lodge proper minutes of their meetings with the Executive Officer, who shall table the same at the next meeting of the Committee.

17. Ladies' Section:

The ladies' section of the Club shall be headed by a Lady Captain and Vice-Captain who are duly elected at the Annual General Meeting, to serve on the Committee for a period of two (2) years. They are eligible for re-election thereafter. The ladies section falls under the constitution of the Club.

18. Evidence:

- a) A copy of this constitution or any by-law, rule or regulation of the Club, certified as such by the Executive Officer, can be accepted as evidence for any purpose whatsoever.
- b) In the event of a resolution of a meeting being required as evidence for any purpose whatsoever, a copy thereof certified as such by the Chairman of the meeting concerned and the Executive Officer may be accepted.

19. Dissolution:

- a) The Club may be dissolved or merged with another Club with similar purposes and objects in each case only: -
 - i. On a resolution passed by a Special General Meeting.

- ii. On an application to a Court of Law by any member on the grounds that the Club has become dormant or is unable to fulfil its objects.
- b) On merger, the assets of the Club shall accrue to that Club with which the merger is affected.
- c) On dissolution, the assets of the Club shall be realized by a liquidator appointed by the Special General Meeting or the Court, as the case may be, and the net proceeds shall, subject to the directions of the Special Meeting or the Court, whichever is applicable, be delivered to another club, society, or association with objects similar to those of the Club.

20. Amendments:

This Constitution and any by-law, rule or regulation, or any part thereof, shall not be amended, suspended, added to or repealed other than by a resolution passed at a duly constituted Special General Meeting of the Club.

However, any amendment required by law shall be made forthwith by the Committee, and such amendments shall be subject to ratification at the next Annual General Meeting.