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## Sea View Golf Club (Inc.) <br> CONSTITUTION

The Rules now in force are hereby revoked and the following Rules shall form the Constitution of the Sea View Golf Club (Inc).

## 1 Description, Location and Purpose

1.1 The Sea View Golf Club (Inc.) is an association incorporated under the Act situated on Class "A" Reserves A6613 and A1664 at Cottesloe, Western Australia, for the purposes of community recreation as enabled by the Land Administration Act 1997.

### 1.2 Objectives

The objectives of the Club are to:
1.2.1 conduct a golf club and provide a golf course, a clubhouse and associated facilities for the use of members and visitors;
1.2.2 provide as far as reasonably practical a safe and harmonious place for members, employees, contractors and visitors;
1.2.3 promote, encourage and foster the playing of the game of golf;
1.2.4 operate and maintain the golf course in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the lease from the Town of Cottesloe;
1.2.5 promote, encourage and foster junior golf;
1.2.6 maintain the golf course as a focal point within the Town of Cottesloe;
1.2.7 maintain the reserves as a scenic and sustainable amenity for the local community;
1.2.8 maintain the clubhouse for Club, private and community activities; and
1.2.9 undertake and or do such things or activities which are necessary, incidental or conducive to the advancement of these objects.

### 1.3 Terms used

In this Constitution unless the contrary appears:
Act means the Associations Incorporation Act 2015;
board means the board of management of the Club as defined in Rules 26 and 27 and board member or member of the board means a person who is an office holder or director of the board;
books of the Club include the following -
(a) a register of members;
(b) financial records, financial statements or financial reports, however compiled, recorded or stored;
(c) a document;
(d) any other record of information;

By-Laws means the By-Laws of the Club made by the board and under Rule 61; Club means the incorporated association to which this Constitution applies; clubhouse means the clubhouse of the Sea View Golf Club (Inc.) adjacent to the Sea View Golf Course;
Commissioner means the person for the time being designated as the Commissioner under Section 153 of the Act;
committee(s) means a committee appointed by the board under Rule 47;
director(s) means a member of the board who is not the holder of an office referred to in Rule 27.2.
financial records include:
(a) invoices, receipts, orders for the payment of money, bills of exchange, cheques, promissory notes and vouchers;
(b) documents of prime entry; and
(c) working papers and other documents needed to explain -
i) the methods by which financial statements are prepared; and
ii) adjustments to be made in preparing financial statements;
financial report has the meaning given in Section 63 of the Act;
financial statements mean the financial statements in relation to the Club required under Part 5 Division 3 of the Act;
financial year of the Club has the meaning given in Rule 2;
general meeting means a meeting of the Club that all members are entitled to receive notice of and attend including the annual general meeting;
member(s) unless otherwise qualified, means a member of any class or category of membership of the Club, and a voting member is a member of one of the classes of membership referred to in Rule 8.2 who is entitled to vote at any general meeting and to become a member of the board and a social member is a member who is entitled to use the facilities at the clubhouse but not to use the golf course;
office holder means a person holding one of the offices referred to in Rule 27.2;
President means the person holding office as the President of the Club;
register of members means the register of members referred to in Section 53 of the Act and Rule 13;

Rule means a Rule in this Constitution;
Secretary means the person appointed to be Club Secretary by the board and includes a person delegated to act on behalf of the Secretary;
special general meeting means a general meeting of the Club other than the annual general meeting;
special resolution means a resolution passed at a general meeting by three-fourths of the voting members who cast a vote at the meeting or in advance under Rule 33.6;

Treasurer means the board member holding office as the treasurer of the Club.

## 2 Financial year

The financial year of the Club commences on the first of January and ends on the thirty-first of December in each year.

## 3 The Club to be a not-for-profit body

3.1 The property and income of the Club must be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects or purposes of the Club and no part of the property or income may be paid or otherwise distributed, directly or indirectly, to any member, except in good faith in the promotion of those objects or purposes.
3.2 A payment may be made to a member out of the funds of the Club only if authorised under Rule 3.3.
3.3 A payment to a member out of the funds of the Club is authorised if it is -
3.3.1 the payment in good faith to a member as reasonable remuneration for any services provided to the Club, or for goods supplied to the Club, in the ordinary course of business; or
3.3.2 the payment of interest, on money borrowed by the Club from the member, at a rate not greater than the cash rate published from time to time by the Reserve Bank of Australia; or
3.3.3 the payment of reasonable rent to the member for premises leased by the member to the Club; or
3.3.4 the reimbursement of reasonable expenses properly incurred by the member on behalf of the Club.

## 4 Eligibility for membership

Any person who supports the objects or purposes of the Club is eligible to become a member.

## 5 Applying for membership

5.1 A person who wants to become a member must apply in writing in the form determined by the board to the Club.
5.2 The application must include a member's nomination of the applicant for membership.
5.3 The application must be signed by the applicant and the member nominating the applicant.
5.4 The applicant must specify in the application the class of membership to which the application relates.

## 6 Dealing with membership applications

6.1 The board must consider each application for membership of the Club and decide whether to accept or reject the application.
6.2 Subject to Rule 6.3 the board must consider applications in the order in which they are received by the Club.
6.3 The board may delay its consideration of an application if the board considers that any matter relating to the application needs to be clarified by the applicant or that the applicant needs to provide further information in support of the application.
6.4 The board must not accept an application unless the applicant -
6.4.1 is eligible under Rule 4; and
6.4.2 has applied under Rule 5.
6.5 The board may reject an application even if the applicant -
6.5.1 is eligible under Rule 4; and
6.5.2 has applied under Rule 5.
6.6 The board must notify the applicant of the board's decision to accept or reject the application as soon as practicable after making the decision.
6.7 If the board rejects the application, the board is not required to give the applicant its reasons for doing so.

## 7 Becoming a member

7.1 An applicant for membership of the Club becomes a member when-
7.1.1 the board accepts the application; and
7.1.2 the applicant pays any membership and other fees payable to the Club under Rule 12.
7.2 The board shall, give the member a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws in force when the membership commences.

## 8 Members

8.1 The Club consists of voting members and other members.
8.2 Voting members are ordinary members, nine hole members, life members, six day members, and intermediate members.
8.3 The board may make By-Laws to create classes of membership other than voting members.
8.4 A person can only belong to one class of membership.
8.5 The board may make By-Laws limiting the number of members of any class of membership.

## 9 When membership ceases

9.1 A person ceases to be a member when any of the following takes place-
9.1.1 the person dies;
9.1.2 the person resigns from the Club under Rule 10;
9.1.3 the person is expelled from the Club under Rule 15;

### 9.1.4 the person ceases to be a member under Rule 12.4.

9.2 The Secretary must keep a record, for at least one year after a person ceases to be a member of -
9.2.1 the date on which the person ceased to be a member; and
9.2.2 the reason why the person ceased to be a member.

## 10 Resignation

10.1 A member may resign from membership of the Club by giving written notice of the resignation to the Secretary.
10.2 The resignation takes effect -
10.2.1 when the Secretary receives the notice; or
10.2.2 if a later time is stated in the notice, at that later time.
10.3 A person who has resigned from membership of the Club remains liable for any fees and other sums that are owed to the Club (the owed amount) at the time of resignation.
10.4 The owed amount may be recovered by the Club in a court of competent jurisdiction as a debt due to the Club.
10.5 A member who has been a member and resigned their membership may, at the discretion of the board and upon written application, be readmitted as a member without payment of an additional entrance fee, provided the period between the resignation from the Club and the application does not exceed one year.

## 11 Rights not transferable

The rights of a member are not transferable and end when membership ceases.

## 12 Membership fees, levies and other charges

12.1 The board must not later than the $30^{\text {th }}$ October in each year determine the entrance fee (if any) and the annual membership fee (if any) to be paid for membership of the Club and any other fees, levies, subscriptions or premiums required to be paid by members.
12.2
12.2.1 The fees or other payments determined under Rule 12.1 may be different for different classes of membership and for members in different situations;
12.2.2 Subject to Rule 12.2.3 an increase in the total amount of fees and other payments referred to in Rule 12.1 except that portion which is attributable to the goods and services tax shall not be increased by more than 10 per cent of the current rate unless previously approved by a special general meeting.
12.2.3 Rule 12.2.2 shall not apply to the fees for social members.
12.3 Subject to Rule 12.4 a member must make any payment referred to in Rule 12.1 to the Secretary by the date (the due date) determined by the board.
12.4 If a member has not paid the annual membership fee, or any instalment permitted by the board, or paid in full any bar or other levy imposed by the board, by the first day of February or any other date on which a payment is due, the member shall be notified in writing that unless written arrangements are made to pay the amount or amounts outstanding by the first day of March or any other date two months after payment is due, their membership will be terminated and they will cease to be a member.
12.5 If the member fails to pay the amounts referred to in Rule 12.4 or make written arrangements to pay by the date referred to in Rule 12.4 the member shall cease to be a member.
12.6 If a person who has ceased to be a member under Rule 12.5 or Rule 12.8 offers to pay the outstanding fee and or levy after the due date has passed -
12.6.1 the board may, at its discretion, accept that payment; and
12.6.2 if the payment is accepted, the person's membership is reinstated from the date the payment is accepted.
12.7 The board may, on application by an ordinary member or a six day member reduce their annual subscription by twenty-five percent if he or she has attained the age of sixty-five years and been an ordinary member or a six day member of the Club for a total of twenty-five years.

## 12.8

12.8.1 The board may, on the authority of a special resolution carried at the annual general meeting or a special general meeting, impose a levy on members at such rate or rates of such amount as to meet the immediate financial requirements of the Club occasioned by a financial emergency, or to meet the cost of work of a significant capital nature or for the purchase of capital equipment for which ordinary revenue, after allowing for the costs of administration, may not be sufficient.
12.8.2 The rate of the levy may be adjusted to reflect the membership categories of members and may be reduced, at the discretion of the board, in the case of a member who can establish that the levy would cause him or her financial hardship.
12.8.3 Notice of the proposed levy explaining the reason for the levy and the financial position of the Club shall be circulated to all members with the notice of the general meeting required under Rule 51.
12.8.4 The notice in Rule 12.8 .3 shall state the last date, or if it is to be paid by instalments last dates, when the levy will become due and any member who has not paid the levy or made written arrangements to pay by the due date shall be notified in writing that unless written arrangements are made to pay the amount due within two months from the due date their membership will be
terminated and they will cease to be a member but the board may reinstate his or her membership under Rule 12.6.

## 13 Register of members

13.1 The Secretary, or another person authorised by the board, is responsible for maintaining a register of members which must include each member's name and residential address or postal address or email address or information by means of which written contact can be made with the member.
13.2 The register of members must include the class of membership to which each member belongs and the date on which each member became a member.
13.3 The register of members must be kept at the clubhouse or at another place determined by the board.
13.4 A member who wishes to inspect the register of members must contact the Secretary to make the necessary arrangements and the Secretary must make the register available for inspection.
13.5 If -
13.5.1 a member inspecting the register of members wishes to take a copy of or take an extract from the register; or
13.5.2 a member makes a written request to be provided with a copy of the register of members;
the board may require the member to provide a statutory declaration setting out the purpose for which the copy or extract is required and declaring that the purpose is connected with the affairs of the Club.

## 14 Disciplinary action, disputes and mediation

In Rules 15 to 25 member in relation to a member who is expelled from the Club includes a former member.

## 15 Suspension or expulsion

15.1 The board may decide to suspend a member's membership or to expel a member from the Club if -
15.1.1 the member contravenes the Act or this Constitution; or
15.1.2 the member acts detrimentally to the interests of the Club.
15.2 The Secretary must give the member written notice of the proposed suspension or expulsion at least 28 days before the board meeting at which the proposal is to be considered by the board.
15.3 The notice given to the member must state -
15.3.1 when and where the board meeting is to be held; and
15.3.2 the grounds on which the proposed suspension or expulsion is based; and
15.3.3 the member, or the member's representative, may make written submissions to the board about the proposed suspension or expulsion provided the written submissions are served on the Secretary at least seven days before the board meeting; and
15.3.4 that the member, or the member's representative, may attend the meeting and will be given a reasonable opportunity to make oral submissions to the board about the proposed suspension or expulsion.
15.4 At the board meeting the board must -
15.4.1 give the member, or the member's representative, a reasonable opportunity to make oral submissions to the board about the proposed suspension or expulsion; and
15.4.2 give due consideration to any written or oral submissions so made; and
15.4.3 decide -
15.4.3.1 whether or not to suspend the member's membership and, if the decision is to suspend the membership, the period of suspension; or
15.4.3.2 whether or not to expel the member from the Club.
15.5 A decision of the board to suspend the member's membership or to expel the member from the Club takes immediate effect.
15.6 The board must give the member written notice of the board decision, and the reasons for the decision, within seven days after the board meeting at which the decision is made.
15.7 A member whose membership is suspended or who is expelled from the Club may, within 14 days after receiving the board's decision under Rule 15.6 give written notice to the Secretary requesting the appointment of a mediator under Rule 23.
15.8 If notice is given under Rule 15.7, the member who gives notice and the board are the parties to the mediation.

## 16 Consequences of suspension

16.1 During the period a member's membership is suspended, the member -
16.1.1 loses any rights (including voting rights) arising as a result of membership; and
16.1.2 is not entitled to a refund, rebate, relief or credit for membership fees paid or payable to the Club.
16.2 When a member's membership is suspended, the Secretary must record in the register of members -
16.2.1 that the member's membership is suspended; and
16.2.2 the date on which the suspension takes effect; and
16.2.3 the period of the suspension.
16.3 When the period of suspension ends, the Secretary must record in the register of members that the member's membership is no longer suspended.

## 17 Resolving disputes - terms used:

grievance procedure means the procedure set out in Rules 18, 19 and 20.
party to a dispute includes a person-
17.1 who is a is a party to the dispute; and
17.2 who ceases to be a member within six months before the dispute has come to the attention of each party to the dispute.

## 18 Application

The grievance procedure applies to disputes -
18.1 between members; or
18.2 between one or more members and the Club.

## 19 Parties to attempt to resolve dispute

The parties to a dispute must attempt to resolve the dispute between themselves within 14 days after the dispute has come to the attention of each party.

## 20 How the grievance procedure is started

20.1 If the parties to a dispute are unable to resolve the dispute between themselves within the time required by Rule 19 any party to the dispute may start the grievance procedure by giving written notice to the Secretary of-
20.1.1 the parties to the dispute; and
20.1.2 the matters that are the subject of the dispute.
20.2 Within 28 days after the Secretary is given notice a board meeting must be convened to consider and determine the dispute.
20.3 The Secretary must give each party to the dispute written notice of the board meeting at which the dispute is to be considered and determined at least seven days before the meeting is held.
20.4 The notice given to each party to the dispute must state -
20.4.1 when and where the board meeting is to be held; and
20.4.2 that the party, or the party's representative, may attend the meeting and will be given a reasonable opportunity to make:
20.4.2.1 written submissions provided a copy of each written submission has been provided to the Secretary for each member of the board at least two days before the meeting; and
20.4.2.2 oral submissions;
to the board about the dispute.
20.5 If -
20.5.1 the dispute is between one or more members and the Club; and
20.5.2 any party to the dispute gives written notice to the Secretary stating that the party does not agree to the dispute being determined by the board; and
20.5.3 requests the appointment of a mediator under Rule 23, the board must not determine the dispute.

## 21 Determination of dispute by the board

21.1 At the board meeting at which a dispute is to be considered and determined, the board must -
21.1.1 give each party to the dispute, or the party's representative, a reasonable opportunity to make oral submissions to the board about the dispute; and
21.1.2 give due consideration to written submissions received by the Secretary at least two days before the hearing and any oral submissions; and
21.1.3 determine the dispute.
21.2 The board must give each party to the dispute written notice of the board's determination, and reasons for the determination, within seven days after the board meeting at which the determination is made.
21.3 A party to the dispute may, within 14 days after receiving notice of the board's determination under Rule 21.2 give written notice to the Secretary requesting the appointment of a mediator under Rule 23.
21.4 If notice is given under Rule 21.3 each party to the dispute is a party to the mediation.

## 22 Mediation

22.1 Rules 23 to 25 apply if written notice has been given to the Secretary requesting the appointment of a mediator -
22.1.1 by a member under Rule 15.7 ; or
22.1.2 by a party to a dispute under Rules 20.5.3 or 21.3.

## 23 Appointment of a mediator

23.1 The mediator must be a person chosen -
23.1.1 if the appointment of a mediator was requested by a member under Rule 15.7 - by agreement between the member and the board; or
23.1.2 if the appointment of a mediator was requested by a party to $a$ dispute under Rule 21 - by agreement between the parties to the dispute.
23.2 If there is no agreement then subject to Rules 23.3 and 23.4 the board must appoint the mediator.
23.3 The person appointed mediator by the board must be a person who acts as mediator for another not-for-profit body or a person nominated by the Commissioner if the appointment of a mediator was requested by -
23.3.1 a member under Rule 15.7; or
23.3.2 a party to a dispute under Rule 20.5.3; or
23.3.3 a party to a dispute under Rule 21.3 and the dispute is between one or more members and the Club.
23.3.4 the person appointed as mediator by the board may be a member or former member of the Club but must not -
23.3.4.1 have a personal interest in the matter that is the subject of the mediation; or
23.3.4.2 be biased in favour of or against any party to the mediation.

## 24 Mediation process

24.1 The parties to the mediation must attempt in good faith to settle the matter that is the subject of the mediation.
24.2 Each party to the mediation must give the mediator a written statement of the issues that need to be considered at the mediation at least five days before the mediation takes place.
24.3 In conducting the mediation, the mediator must -
24.3.1 give each party to the mediation every opportunity to be heard; and
24.3.2 allow each party to the mediation to give due consideration to any written statement given by another party; and
24.3.3 ensure that natural justice is given to the parties to the mediation throughout the mediation process.
24.4 The mediator cannot determine the matter that is the subject of the mediation.
24.5 The mediation must be confidential, and any information given at the mediation cannot be used in any other proceedings that take place in relation to the matter that is the subject of the mediation.
24.6 The costs of the mediation are to be paid by the party or parties to the mediation that requested the appointment of the mediator.
24.7 If a dispute cannot be resolved by mediation the Club or a party to the dispute may make an application to the State Administrative Tribunal under Section 182 of the Act to have the dispute determined by that Tribunal.

## 25 Consequence of a decision to suspend or expel being revoked

If -
25.1 mediation takes place because a member whose membership is suspended or who is expelled from the Club gives notice under Rule 15.7; and
25.2 as a result of the mediation, the decision to suspend the member's membership or expel the member is revoked,
that revocation does not affect the validity of any decision made at a board meeting or general meeting during the period of suspension or expulsion.

## 26 Powers of the board

26.1 The board members are the persons who, as the management committee of the Club, have the power to manage the affairs of the Club.
26.2 No board member or employee of the Club or any other person shall, on behalf of the Club, spend borrow or enter into a contract requiring the payment immediately or over time of an amount exceeding the limiting amount set out in the By-Laws without approval by resolution of the board.
26.3 Subject to the Act, these Rules, and any By-Laws and any resolution passed at a general meeting, the board has the power to do all things necessary or convenient to be done for the proper management of the affairs of the Club.
26.4 The board must take all reasonable steps to ensure that the Club complies with the Act, these Rules and the By-Laws.

## 27 Board members

27.1 The board members consist of -
27.1.1 the office holders of the Club; and
27.1.2 at least one director.
27.2 The following are the office holders of the Club -

### 27.2.1 President;

27.2.2 Vice-President;
27.2.3 Men's Captain;
27.2.4 Men's Vice-Captain;
27.2.5 Women's Captain; and
27.2.6 Treasurer.
27.3 A person may not be the President, Vice-President, Men's Captain or Men's Vice-Captain unless the person is an ordinary member, a six day member or a life member.
27.4 Only a male can be Men's Captain or Vice-Captain and only a female can be Women's Captain.
27.5 A person may be a member of the board if they are a voting member of the Club who is over the age of 18 years.
27.6 A person must not hold two or more of the offices mentioned in Rule 27.2 at the same time.

## 28 President and Vice-President

28.1 Subject to Rule 26.2 it is the duty of the President to oversee the business of the Club and to direct the Secretary regarding the business to be conducted at each board and general meeting of the Club.
28.2 The President is the principal officer of the Club and has the powers and duties relating to convening and presiding at board and general meetings provided for in these Rules.
28.3 The President or his appointed delegate shall represent the Club at meetings of golf related organisations, clubs and associations.
28.4 The Vice-President shall deputise for the President when necessary, and as a member of the board, participate in the overall management of the Club.

## 29 Secretary

The Secretary may be an employee of the Club, a member of the board, or a member of the Club, whose duties are determined by the board as amended from time to time and include all matters referred to in this Constitution and the following subject always to Rule 6.2 -
29.1 dealing with the Club's correspondence;
29.2 consulting with the President regarding the business to be conducted at each board meeting and general meeting and following the directions of the President on the management of the Club;
29.3 preparing the notices required for meetings and for the business to be conducted at meetings and ensuring that each board member has a copy of this Constitution and the By-Laws;
29.4 maintaining the register of members and recording in the register any changes in the membership as required under Section 53(1) of the Act;
29.5 maintaining an up to date copy of this Constitution and any By-Laws made under this Constitution;
29.6 maintaining a record of board members and other members authorised to act on behalf of the Club;
29.7 ensuring the safe custody of the books of the Club including the records, financial statements and financial reports and the Club seal;
29.8 maintaining full and accurate minutes of board meetings and general meetings;
29.9 maintaining a register of assets containing up to date records of all non-consumable property of the Club including all fixtures, fittings, furniture, equipment and other items;
29.10 attending all meetings of the board with the right to speak but, unless elected or appointed to the board, not vote on any issue;
29.11 such other duties as the board may from time to time determine.

## 30 Treasurer

The Treasurer has the following duties -
30.1 ensuring that amounts paid to the Club are credited to the appropriate account of the Club, as directed by the board,
30.2 ensuring that the Club complies with the relevant requirements of Part 5 of the Act;
30.3 ensuring that correct records and accounts are kept that show the financial status of the Club;
30.4 ensuring that financial budgets are prepared for consideration by the board and the annual general meeting;
30.5 coordinating the preparation of the Club's financial report before its submission to the Club's annual general meeting;
30.6 providing any assistance required by an auditor or reviewer conducting an audit or review of the financial statements or financial report; and
30.7 carrying out any other duties given to the Treasurer under these Rules or by the board.

## 31 How members become board members

A member becomes a board member if the member -
31.1 is elected to the board at a general meeting; or
31.2 is appointed to the board to fill a casual vacancy under Rule 38.

## 32 Nomination of board members

32.1 At least 42 days before an annual general meeting the Secretary must send written notice to all the voting members -
32.1.1 calling for nominations for election to the board; and
32.1.2 stating the date by which nominations must be received by the Secretary.
32.2 A member who wishes to be to be considered for election to the board at the annual general meeting must nominate for election by sending written notice of the nomination to the Secretary at least 21 days before the annual general meeting.
32.3 The written notice must include a statement by another member in favour of the nomination.
32.4 A member must nominate for one specified position of office holder or to be a director but a person who nominates as an office holder may also nominate to be a director if not elected to the office for which they have nominated.
32.5 A member whose nomination does not comply with this Rule is not eligible for election to the board unless the member is nominated under Rule 33.2 or 34.2.2.

## 33 Election of office holders and absentee voting

33.1 At the annual general meeting, a separate election must be held for each of board member positions referred to in Rule 27.1 that is being contested.
33.2 If there is no nomination for a position, the chairperson of the meeting may call for nominations from voting members at the meeting.
33.3 If only one voting member has nominated for a position, the chairperson of the meeting must declare the voting member elected to the position.
33.4 If more than one voting member has nominated for a position, the voting members at the meeting must vote in accordance with procedures that have been determined by the board to decide who is to be elected to the position.
33.5 Subject to Rule 33.6 each voting member present at the meeting may vote for one voting member who has nominated for the position.
33.6 A voting member who is unable to attend a general meeting may lodge an absentee vote to elect office holders or on any other item which is to be the subject of a vote at a general meeting; and-
33.6.1 a locked ballot box shall be provided in the clubhouse two weeks prior to the meeting; and
33.6.2 a voting member may obtain a ballot paper and the name of any person who has nominated for an office from the Secretary and vote by depositing their completed ballot paper in the ballot box;
and the votes in the ballot box shall be included in determining the number of votes cast at the general meeting.
33.7 A voting member who has nominated for a position may vote for him or herself.
33.8 On the election of a new President that person may take over as chairperson of the meeting.
33.9 The Vice-President and the Vice-Captain shall be appointed by the board from the board members.

## 34 Election of directors

34.1 At the annual general meeting, the Club must decide by resolution the number of directors to hold office for the next year.
34.2 If the number of members nominating for the position of director is not greater than the number to be elected, the chairperson of the meeting -
34.2.1 must declare each of those members to be elected to the position; and
34.2.2 may call for further nominations from the voting members at the meeting to fill any positions remaining unfilled after the elections.
34.3 If the number of eligible members nominating for the position of director either in advance or at the meeting is greater than the number to be elected the voting members at the meeting must vote in accordance with procedures that have been determined by the board to decide the members
who are to be elected as directors.
34.4 A member who has nominated for the position of director may vote for him or herself.

## 35 Term of office

35.1 The President, Women's Captain, Treasurer and directors shall be elected for terms of two years; and
35.2 The Men's Captain shall be elected and Vice-President and Men's Vice-Captain appointed by the board for terms of two years in alternate years to the election or appointment of the office holders referred to in Rule 35.1, and
35.3 The term of office of an office holder or director begins when the member is elected or is appointed and, subject to Rules 36 and 37, ends when the position is declared vacant at the annual general meeting or board meeting at which their term of office expires but he or she may be re-elected to the position.

## 36 Resignation and removal from office

36.1 A board member may resign from the board by written notice given to the Secretary.
36.2 The resignation takes effect when the notice is received by the Secretary or, if a later time is stated in the notice, at the later time.
36.3 At a general meeting, the Club may by resolution -
36.3.1 remove a board member from office; and
36.3.2 elect a voting member who is eligible to fill the vacant position.
36.4 A board member who is the subject of a proposed resolution under Rule 36.3.1 may make written representations (of a reasonable length) to the Secretary or the chairperson at least two days before the meeting and ask that the representations be provided to the members.
36.5 the Secretary or the chairperson may give a copy of the representations to each member, or if they are not so given, the board member may require them to be read out at the general meeting at which the resolution is to be considered.

## 37 When membership of the board ceases

A person ceases to be a member of the board if the person-
37.1 dies; or
37.2 resigns or is removed from office under Rule 36; or
37.3 becomes ineligible to act as a board member because of bankruptcy or criminal convictions under Section 39 of the Act.
37.4 becomes permanently unable to act as a board member because of mental or physical disability; or
37.5 fails to attend three consecutive scheduled board meetings;
and on ceasing to be a member of the board the former member of the board or their personal representative must deliver the relevant documents and records referred to in Section 41 of the Act to the Secretary as soon as is practical.

## 38 Filling casual vacancies

38.1 The board may appoint a member who is eligible under Rule 27 to fill a position that has become vacant or was not filled by election at the most recent annual general meeting or if a member was removed under Rule 36 and no member was elected in his or her place.
38.2 If the position of Secretary becomes vacant the board must within seven days appoint a person to act as Secretary until the position is filled.
38.3 Subject to the requirement for a quorum under Rule 44, the board may continue to act despite any vacancy in its membership.
38.4 If there are fewer board members than required for a quorum under Rule 44 the board may only act to appoint board members under this Rule or to convene a general meeting.

## 39 Validity of acts

The acts of the board or of a board member are valid despite any defect that may afterwards be discovered in the election, appointment or qualification of a board member.

## 40 Payments to board members

A board member is entitled to be paid out of the funds of the Club for any out-ofpocket expenses for travel and accommodation properly incurred in attending a board meeting, or a general meeting or otherwise in connection with the business of the Club.

## 41 Board meetings

41.1 The board will generally meet once per month and must meet at least ten times per year on the dates, and at the times and places determined by the board.
41.2 The date, time, and place of the first board meeting must be determined as soon as practicable after the annual general meeting at which the board members are elected.
41.3 Special board meetings may be convened by the President or any two board members.

## 42 Notice of board meetings

42.1 Notice of each board meeting must be given to each board member at least 48 hours before the time of the meeting.
42.2 The notice must state the date, time and place of the meeting and must describe the general nature of the business to be conducted at the meeting and may be given by written notice or by means of electronic communication.
42.3 Unless Rule 42.4 applies the only business that may be conducted at the meeting is business described in the notice.
42.4 Urgent business that has not been described in the notice may be conducted at the meeting if the board members at the meeting unanimously agree to treat that business as urgent.

## 43 Procedure and order of business

43.1 The President or, in the President's absence the Vice-President, must preside as chairperson of each board meeting.
43.2 If the President and the Vice-President are absent or unwilling to act as chairperson of a meeting, the board members at the meeting must choose one of them to act as chairperson of the meeting.
43.3 The procedure to be followed at a board meeting must be determined from time to time by the board.
43.4 The order of business at the board meeting may be determined by the board members at the meeting.
43.5 The Secretary must attend the meeting and act as Secretary and may advise the board on any issue but not vote on any matter of business unless he or she is a member of the board.
43.6 A person who is not a board member may attend a board meeting if invited to do so by the board, but has no right to any agenda, minutes or other document circulated at the meeting, must not comment outside the meeting on any matter discussed at the meeting and cannot vote on any matter of business.

## 44 Quorum for board meetings

44.1 Subject to Rule 38.4, no business is to be conducted unless a quorum of at least four members of the board is present.
44.2 If a quorum is not present within 30 minutes after the notified commencement time of a board meeting-
44.2.1 in the case of a special meeting the meeting lapses; and
44.2.2 otherwise, the meeting is adjourned to the same time day and place the following week.
44.3 If -
44.3.1 a quorum is not present within 30 minutes after the commencement time of a board meeting held under Rule 44.2.2; and
44.3.2 at least two board members are present at the meeting; those members present are taken to constitute a quorum.

## 45 Voting at board meetings

45.1 Each board member attending a board meeting has one vote on any question arising at the meeting.
45.2 A motion is carried if a majority of the board members present at the board meeting vote in favour of the motion.
45.3 If the votes are divided equally on a question the President or the chairperson of the meeting has a second or casting vote.
45.4 A vote may take place by the board members indicating their agreement or disagreement or by a show of hands, unless the board decides that a secret ballot is needed to determine a particular question.
45.5 If a secret ballot is needed, the President or chairperson of the meeting must decide how the ballot is to be conducted.

## 46 Minutes of board meetings

46.1 The board must ensure that minutes are taken and kept of each board meeting.
46.2 The minutes must record the following -
46.2.1 the names of board members attending the meeting;
46.2.2 the name of any person attending the meeting by invitation;
46.2.3 the business considered at the meeting; and
46.2.4 any motion on which a vote is taken at the meeting and the result of the vote.
46.3 The President or the chairperson must ensure that the minutes of a board meeting are reviewed and signed as correct by him or her or the chairperson of the next board meeting.
46.4 The minutes of a board meeting must be entered in the Club's minute book as soon as practical after they have been signed by the President or the chairperson.
46.5 When the minutes of a board meeting have been signed as correct they are, until the contrary is proved, evidence that -
46.5.1 the meeting to which the minutes relate was duly convened and held;
46.5.2 the matters recorded as having taken place at the meeting took place as recorded;
46.5.3 any appointment made at the meeting was validly made; and
46.5.4 any disclosure of material personal interest required by Section 42 of the Act was made in the terms recorded in the minutes.

47 Committees and subsidiary offices
47.1 To help the board in the conduct of the Club's business, the board may, in writing, do either or both of the following -
47.1.1 appoint one or more committees;
47.1.2 create one or more subsidiary offices and appoint people to those offices.
47.2 A committee may consist of the number of people, whether or not members, that the board considers appropriate.
47.3 A person may be appointed to a subsidiary office whether or not the person is a member or an employee of the Club.
47.4 Subject to any directions given by the board -
47.4.1 a committee may meet and conduct business as it considers appropriate; and
47.4.2 the holder of a subsidiary office may carry out the functions given to the holder as the holder considers appropriate.

## 48 Delegation to committees and holders of subsidiary offices

48.1 The board may, in writing, delegate to a committee or the holder of a subsidiary office the exercise of any power or the performance of any duty of the board except -
48.1.1 the power to delegate a duty imposed on the board by the Act or another written law; or
48.1.2 the power to enter into a contract of employment with a person who is to become an employee of the Club.
48.2 The power or duty, the exercise or performance of which has been delegated to a committee or the holder of a subsidiary office under this Rule, may be exercised or performed by the committee or holder in accordance with the terms of the delegation.
48.3 The delegation may be made subject to any conditions, qualifications, limitations, or exceptions that the board specifies in the document by which the delegation is made.
48.4 The delegation does not prevent the board from exercising or performing at any time the power or duty delegated.
48.5 Any act or thing done by a committee or by the holder of a subsidiary office, under the delegation has the same force and effect as if it had been done by the board or where appropriate the holder of the office whose power has been delegated.
48.6 The board may, in writing, amend or revoke the delegation.

## 49 Annual general meeting

49.1 The board must determine the date, time and place of the annual general meeting.
49.2 If it is proposed to hold the annual general meeting more than 6 months after the end of the Club's financial year, the Secretary must apply to the Commissioner for permission under Section 50(3)(b) of the Act within four months after the end of the financial year.
49.3 The ordinary business of the annual general meeting is as follows -
49.3.1 to confirm the minutes of the previous annual general meeting and of any special general meeting held since then if the minutes of that meeting have not been confirmed;
49.3.2 to receive and consider -
49.3.2.1 the board's annual report on the Club's activities during the preceding financial year; and
49.3.2.2 the financial report of the Club for the preceding financial year presented under Part 5 of the Act; and
49.3.2.3 a copy of the review or auditor's report on the financial statements or financial report;
49.3.3 to elect the board members of the Club who are required to be elected;
49.3.4 to appoint or remove a reviewer or auditor of the Club in accordance with the Act;
49.3.5 to consider any other business of which notice has been given in accordance with these Rules or which the chairperson allows to be conducted at the annual general meeting.

## 50 Special general meetings

50.1 The board may convene a special general meeting.
50.2 The board must convene a special general meeting if at least $20 \%$ of the voting members require a special general meeting to be convened.
50.3 The members requiring a special general meeting to be convened must -
50.3.1 make the requirement by written notice given to the Secretary; and
50.3.2 state in the notice the business to be considered at the meeting; and
50.3.3 each sign the notice and write their name legibly beside the signature.
50.4 The special general meeting must be convened within seven days after notice is given under Rule 50.3.1.
50.5 If the board does not convene a special general meeting within the seven day period, the members making the requirement (or any of them) may convene the special general meeting.
50.6 A special general meeting convened by members under Rule 50.5 must be held within 3 months after the date the original requirement was made and may only consider the business stated in the notice by which the requirement was made.
50.7 The Club must reimburse any reasonable expenses incurred by the members convening a special general meeting under Rule 50.5

## 51 Notice of general meetings

51.1 The Secretary or, in the case of a special general meeting convened under Rule 55, the members convening the meeting, must give to each member -
51.1.1 at least 21 days' notice of the annual general meeting or a general meeting if a special resolution is to be proposed at the meeting; or
51.1.2 at least 14 days' notice of a general meeting in any other case; and
51.1.3 if the member is a voting member notify the member that he or she is entitled to vote at the meeting.
51.2 The notice must -
51.2.1 specify the date, time and place of the meeting;
51.2.2 indicate the general nature of each item of business to be considered at the meeting;
51.2.3 if the meeting is the annual general meeting, include the names of the members who have nominated for the election to the board and an office or both;
51.2.4 if a special resolution is proposed -
51.2.4.1 set out the wording of the proposed resolution; and
51.2.4.2 state that the resolution is intended to be proposed as a special resolution.

## 52 Presiding member and quorum for general meetings

52.1 The President, or in the President's absence, the Vice-President must preside as chairperson of each general meeting.
52.2 If the President and the Vice-President are absent or unwilling to act as chairperson of a general meeting, the board members at the meeting must choose one of them to act as chairperson of the meeting.
52.3 No business is to be conducted at a general meeting unless a quorum of at least 20 voting members is present in person.
52.4 If a quorum is not present within 30 minutes after the notified commencement time of a general meeting -
52.4.1 in the case of a special general meeting the meeting lapses; or
52.4.2 in the case of the annual general meeting the meeting is adjourned to -
52.4.2.1 the same time and day of the following week; and
52.4.2.2 the same place unless the chairperson specifies another place at the time of the adjournment or written notice of another place is given to the members before the day to which the meeting is adjourned.
52.5 If -
52.5.1 a quorum is not present within 30 minutes after the
commencement time of an annual general meeting held under Rule 52.4.2; and
52.5.2 at least two voting members are present at the meeting, those members present are taken to constitute a quorum.

## 53 Adjournment of general meeting

53.1 The chairperson of a general meeting at which a quorum is present may, with the consent of the majority of the voting members present at the meeting, adjourn the meeting to another time at the same place or at another place.
53.2 No business may be conducted on the resumption of an adjourned meeting other than the business that remained unfinished when the meeting was adjourned.
53.3 Notice of the adjournment of the meeting under this Rule is not required unless the meeting is adjourned for 14 days or more, in which case notice of the meeting must be given in accordance with Rule 51.

## 54 Voting at a general meeting

54.1 On any question arising at a general meeting-
54.1.1 only voting members are entitled to vote and each voting member has one vote; and
54.1.2 voting members may vote personally or in advance under Rule 33.6.
54.2 Except in the case of a special resolution, a motion is carried if a majority of the voting members present at a general meeting vote in favour of the motion.
54.3 In the case of a special resolution the motion is carried by the votes of three-fourths of the voting members present who cast a vote at the meeting in favour of the motion.
54.4 If votes are divided equally on a question, the chairperson of the meeting has a second or casting vote.
54.5 If the question is whether or not to confirm the minutes of a previous general meeting, only voting members who were present at that meeting may vote.
54.6 For a person to be eligible to vote at a general meeting the voting member must have been a voting member at the time notice of the meeting was given under Rule 51 and have paid all fees and other money payable to the Club by the member.

## 55 When special resolutions are required

A special resolution is required if it is proposed at a general meeting to -
55.1 adopt this Constitution; or
55.2 alter the Constitution including changing the name of the Club; or
55.3 impose a levy on members under Rule 12.8; or
55.4 decide to apply for registration as a prescribed body corporate; or
55.5 approve the terms of an amalgamation with one or more other incorporated associations; or
55.6 be wound up voluntarily or by the Supreme Court; or
55.7 cancel the incorporation of the Club; or
55.8 do any other thing which the board decides requires a special resolution.

## 56 Determining whether resolution carried

56.1 In this Rule poll means the process of voting in relation to a matter that is conducted in writing.
56.2 Subject to Rules 56.4, the chairperson of a general meeting may, on the basis of general agreement or disagreement or by a show of hands, declare that a resolution has been carried or carried unanimously or carried by a particular majority or lost.
56.3 If a resolution is a special resolution, the record under Rules 57.2 must identify the resolution as a special resolution.
56.4 If a poll is demanded on any question by the chairperson of the meeting or by at least three other voting members -
56.4.1 the poll must be taken at the meeting in the manner determined by the chairperson but the votes of voting members who have voted in advance must be included; and
56.4.2 the chairperson must declare the determination of the resolution on the basis of the poll.
56.5 If a poll is demanded on the election of the chairperson or on a question of an adjournment, the poll must be taken immediately.
56.6 If a poll is demanded on any other question, the poll must be taken before the close of the meeting at a time determined by the chairperson.

## 57 Minutes of general meeting

57.1 The Secretary, or a person authorised by the board from time to time, must take and keep minutes of each general meeting.
57.2 The minutes must record the business considered at the meeting, any resolution on which a vote is taken and the result of the vote.
57.3 In addition, the minutes of each annual general meeting must record -
57.3.1 the names of the members attending the meeting and if they were voting members; and
57.3.2 the financial statements presented to the meeting; and
57.3.3 any report of the review or auditor's report on the financial statements presented to the meeting.
57.4 The minutes of a general meeting must be entered in the Club's minute book within 30 days after the meeting is held.
57.5 The chairperson must ensure that the minutes of a general meeting are reviewed and signed as correct by the chairperson of the meeting or the chairperson of the next general meeting and that any necessary corrections are entered in the minute book.
57.6 When the minutes of a general meeting have been signed as correct they are, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, taken to be proof that -
57.6.1 the meeting to which the minutes relate was duly convened and held;
57.6.2 the matters recorded as having taken place at the meeting took place as recorded; and
57.6.3 any election or appointment purportedly made at the meeting was validly made.

## 58 Source of funds

The funds of the Club may be derived from entrance fees, annual subscriptions, levies, donations, bar receipts, kitchen receipts, fund-raising activities, grants, gifts, interest and any other sources approved by the board.

## 59 Control of funds

59.1 The Club must have an account or accounts in the name of the Club with a financial institution or financial institutions from which all expenditure of the Club is made and into which all funds received by the Club are deposited.
59.2 Subject to any restrictions imposed at a general meeting and in the By-Laws, the board may approve expenditure on behalf of the Club.
59.3 The board may authorise the Treasurer and the Secretary to expend funds on behalf of the Club up to a specified limit without requiring approval from the board for each item on which the funds are expended.
59.4 An account of all money expended on behalf of the Club must be provided to the Treasurer or a person acting in his or her position and a board member or person authorised by the board every two weeks in respect of the previous two weeks to check, sign off and report to the board on any inappropriate payment.
59.5 All funds of the Club must be deposited into an account held by the Club within five working days of their receipt.

## 60 Financial statements and financial report

60.1 For each financial year, the board must ensure that the requirements imposed on the Club under Part 5 of the Act relating to the financial report of the Club are met.
60.2 Without limiting Rule 60.1 those requirements include-
60.2.1 the preparation of the financial report;
60.2.2 the review or auditing of the financial report;
60.2.3 the presentation to the annual general meeting of the financial report; and
60.2.4 the presentation to the annual general meeting of the copy of the report of the review or auditor's report, on the financial report.
60.3 The Club must retain the financial records, financial reports and financial statements for at least seven years after the transactions covered by the records are completed.

## 61 By-Laws

61.1 Subject to the exceptions provided in Rules 8.3 and 8.5 , the Club by resolution at a general meeting may make, amend or revoke By-Laws.
61.2 By-Laws may-
61.2.1 establish classes of membership and provide for the rights and obligations of each class of membership and impose limits on the number of members in each class of membership;
61.2.2 provide for the engagement of a professional golfer for the Club and his or her rights and responsibilities:
61.2.3 limit the amount which the board may expend on any single item of expenditure or the amount which may be borrowed with or without security by the Club without the approval of members by resolution at a general meeting;
61.2.4 impose restrictions on the powers of the board, including the power to dispose of the Club's assets;
61.2.5 impose requirements relating to the financial reporting and financial accountability of the Club and the auditing of the Club's accounts;
61.2.6 set out particular responsibilities of employees of the Club and of committees;
61.2.7 impose local rules to regulate the playing of golf on the course and the use of the clubhouse; and
61.2.8 provide for any other matter the board considers necessary to be dealt with in the By-Laws.
61.3 A By-law is of no effect to the extent that it is inconsistent with the Act, the regulations, or these Rules.
61.4 A By-law relating to financial reporting and financial accountability may only impose requirements on the Club that are additional to and do not restrict a requirement imposed on the Club under Part 5 of the Act.
61.5 At the request of a member the Club must make a paper or electronic copy of the By-Laws available for inspection by the member.

## 62 Executing documents and the common seal

62.1 The Club may execute a document without using a common seal if the document is signed by two board members or one board member and a person authorised by the board.
62.2 The common seal shall include the name of the Club in legible characters and must be kept in the custody of the Secretary.
62.3 The common seal must not be affixed to any document except by the authority of a resolution of the board and in the presence of at least two members of the board, who each must sign every document to attest that the document was sealed in their presence.
62.4 The Secretary must make a written record of each use of the common seal.

## 63 Giving notice to members

63.1 In this Rule recorded means recorded in the register of members.
63.2 A notice or other document that is to be given to a member under these Rules is taken not to have been given to the member unless it is in writing and -
63.2.1 delivered by hand to the member in person or at their recorded address; or
63.2.2 sent by prepaid post to the recorded postal address of the member; or
63.2.3 sent by electronic transmission to the recorded number or recorded electronic address of the member.

## 64 Custody of books and securities

64.1 Unless otherwise decided by the board and subject to Rule 66.2 the books of the Club and any securities of the Club must be kept in the custody of or under the control of the Secretary.
64.2 Unless otherwise decided by the board the financial records and the financial reports of the Club must be kept in the custody or under the control of the Treasurer
64.3 The books of the Club must be retained for at least seven years.

## 65 Record of office holders

65.1 The record of board members and other persons authorised to act on behalf of the Club must be kept in the custody or under the control of the Secretary.
65.2 The record must contain -
65.2.1 the names and addresses of the persons who are members of the board, or hold other offices of the Club provided for in this Constitution or who are authorised to use the common seal of the Club, or any person who is appointed or acts as trustee for the Club; and
65.2.2 address in Rule 65.2.1 means a residential or business address, or a post office box address, or an email address.
65.3 The Club must, upon the request of a member, make available the record for the inspection of the member.
65.4 The member may make a copy of or take an extract from the record but may not remove the record for that purpose.
65.5 A person who uses or discloses information in the record for a purpose that is not directly connected with the affairs of the Club or the administration of the Act is subject to the penalty in Section 58(5) of the Act.

## 66 Inspection of records and documents

66.1 Rule 66.2 applies to a member who wants to inspect-
66.1.1 the register of members;
66.1.2 the record of the names and addresses of board members, and other persons authorised to act on behalf of the Club; or
66.1.3 any other record or document of the Club.
66.2 The member must contact the Secretary to make the necessary arrangements for the inspection.
66.3 The inspection must be free of charge.
66.4 If the member wants to inspect a document that records the minutes of a board meeting, the right to inspect that document is subject to any decision the board has made about the minutes of board meetings generally, or the minutes of a specific meeting, being available for inspection by members.
66.5 The member may make a copy of or take an extract from a record or document referred to in Rule 66.1 but does not have the right to remove the record or document for that purpose.
66.6 The member must not use or disclose information in a record or document referred to in Rule 66.1 except for a purpose that is directly connected with the affairs of the Club or is related to complying with a requirement of the Act subject to the penalty in Sections 57 and 58 of the Act.

67 Publication by board members of statements about Club business prohibited
A board member must not publish, or cause to be published, any statement about the business conducted by the Club at a general meeting or a board meeting unless the board member has been authorised to do so by the board and this authority has been recorded in the minutes of the board meeting at which it was given.

## 68 Distribution of surplus property on cancellation of incorporation or winding up

68.1 In this Rule surplus property, in relation to the Club means property remaining after the satisfaction of -
68.1.1 the debts and liabilities of the Club; and
68.1.2 the costs, charges and expenses of winding up or cancelling the incorporation of the Club, but does not include books relating to the management of the Club.
68.2 On cancellation of the incorporation or the winding up of the Club, its surplus property must be distributed as determined by special resolution to the persons mentioned in Section 24 of the Act.

## 69 Alteration of Constitution

If the Club wants to alter or rescind any of these Rules in this Constitution, or to make additional Rules, the Club may only do so by special resolution and by otherwise complying with Part 3 Division 2 of the Act.

## 70 Indemnities

70.1 All officers, whether honorary or paid, and all employees of the Club shall be indemnified against all liability properly incurred by them in the performance of their duties or when acting for the benefit of the Club.
70.2 The Club shall at all times hold a policy or policies of insurance to cover all liabilities referred to in Rule 70.1.

