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ASSOCIATIONS INCORPORATION ACT 1964 (TAS)

CONSTITUTION

of

BOWLS TASMANIA INC

1. NAME OF ASSOCIATION

The name of the Association is Bowls Tasmania Inc ("**Association**").

2. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

2.1 Definitions

In this Constitution unless the contrary intention appears:

"Act" means the *Associations Incorporation Act 1964 (Tas)*.

"Affiliate Member" means an individual who is an umpire, referee, coach or other official who is associated with the Association but who is not an Individual Member.

"Association" means Bowls Tasmania Inc.

"Board" means the body consisting of the Directors.

"Bowls Australia" means the National Sporting Organisation for Bowls in Australia "Bowls Australia Inc"(or as otherwise known from time to time).

"Chief Executive Officer" means the Chief Executive Officer of the Association for the time being appointed under this Constitution. Where the Association does not have a Chief Executive Officer, the Association secretary or Public Officer will, subject to confirmation by the Board, assume the functions of the Chief Executive Officer under this Constitution.

"Club" means a Bowls club that is a member or otherwise affiliated with a Regional Authority or an organisation that is otherwise recognised by the Associations as a Club.

"Constitution" means this Constitution of the Association.

"Delegate" means the person(s) appointed from time to time to act for and on behalf of a Regional Authority. For the avoidance of doubt, provided it gives written notice to the Chief Executive Officer, a Regional Authority may appoint an alternate Delegate to represent from time to time.

"Director" means a member of the Board and includes any person acting in that capacity from time to time appointed in accordance with this Constitution but does not include the Chief Executive Officer.

"Financial year" means the year ending on March 31 in each year.

"General Meeting" means the annual or any special general meeting of the Association.

"IF" means the International Federation for Bowls "World Bowls Ltd".

"Individual Member" means a registered, financial member of a Club or a natural person who is otherwise recognised by the Association as an Individual Member.

“Intellectual Property” means all rights subsisting in copyright, business names, names, trade marks (or signs), logos, designs, equipment including computer software, images (including photographs, videos or films) or service marks relating to the Association or any activity of or conducted, promoted or administered by the Association in Tasmania.

“Life Member” means an individual appointed as a Life Member of the Association under **rule 7.2**.

“Member” means a member for the time being of the Association under **rule 7**.

“Objects” means the objects of the Association in **rule 3**.

“Policies” means the policies created by the Board or management of the Association from time to time.

“Public Officer” means the person appointed to be the public officer of the Association in accordance with the Act.

“Regional Authority” means a Bowls regional association, which is a Member or is otherwise affiliated with the Association.

“Regional Consultative Committee” means the standing committee described in rule 21.7(c).

“Register” means a register of Members kept and maintained in accordance with **rule 9**.

“Regulations” mean any Regulations made by the Board under **rule 37**.

“Seal” means the common seal of the Association.

“Special Resolution” means a special resolution defined in the Act.

2.2 Interpretation

In this Constitution:

- (a) a reference to a function includes a reference to a power, authority and duty;
- (b) a reference to the exercise of a function includes, where the function is a power, authority or duty, a reference to the exercise of the power or authority of the performance of the duty;
- (c) words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa;
- (d) words importing any gender include the other genders;
- (e) references to persons include corporations and bodies politic;
- (f) references to a person include the legal personal representatives, successors and permitted assigns of that person;
- (g) a reference to a statute, ordinance, code or other law includes regulations and other statutory instruments under it and consolidations, amendments, re-enactments or replacements of any of them (whether of the same or any legislative authority having jurisdiction); and

- (h) a reference to "writing" shall unless the contrary intention appears, be construed as including references to printing, lithography, photography and other modes of representing or reproducing words in a visible form, including messages sent by electronic mail.

2.3 Severance

If any provision of this Constitution or any phrase contained in it is invalid or unenforceable, the phrase or provision is to be read down if possible, so as to be valid and enforceable, and otherwise shall be severed to the extent of the invalidity or unenforceability, without affecting the remaining provisions of this Constitution.

2.4 The Act

Except where the contrary intention appears, in this Constitution, an expression that deals with a matter under the Act has the same meaning as that provision of the Act. Model rules under the Act are expressly displaced by this Constitution.

3. OBJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Association is established solely for the Objects. The Objects of the Association are to:

- (a) participate as a member of Bowls Australia so Bowls can be conducted, encouraged, promoted, advanced and administered in Tasmania;
- (b) conduct, encourage, promote, advance and administer Bowls throughout Tasmania;
- (c) ensure the maintenance and enhancement of the Association, Bowls Australia, the Members and Bowls, its standards, quality and reputation for the benefit of the Members and Bowls;
- (d) at all times promote mutual trust and confidence between the Association, Bowls Australia and the Members in pursuit of these Objects;
- (e) at all times act on behalf of, and in the interest of, the Members and Bowls in Tasmania;
- (f) promote the economic and community service success, strength and stability of the Association, the Members and Bowls in Tasmania;
- (g) affiliate and otherwise liaise with Bowls Australia and adopt its rule and policy framework to further these Objects and Bowls;
- (h) use and protect the Intellectual Property;
- (i) apply the property and capacity of the Association towards the fulfilment and achievement of these Objects;
- (j) strive for Government, commercial and public recognition of the Association as the controlling body for Bowls in Tasmania;
- (k) abide by, promulgate, enforce and secure uniformity in the application of, the rules of Bowls as may be determined from time to time by Bowls Australia or IF and as may be necessary for the management and control of Bowls and related activities in Tasmania;
- (l) advance the operations and activities of the Association throughout Tasmania;

- (m) further develop Bowls into an organised institution and with these Objects in view, to foster, regulate, organise and manage examinations, competitions, displays and other activities and to issue badges, medallions and certificates and award trophies to successful Members;
- (n) review and/or determine any matters relating to Bowls which may arise, or be referred to it, by any Member;
- (o) recognise any penalty imposed by any Member;
- (p) act as arbiter (as required) on all matters pertaining to the conduct of Bowls in Tasmania, including disciplinary matters;
- (q) pursue such commercial arrangements, including sponsorship and marketing opportunities as are appropriate to further the interests of Bowls in Tasmania;
- (r) adopt and implement such policies as may be developed by Bowls Australia, including (as relevant and applicable) member protection, anti-doping, health and safety, junior Bowls, infectious diseases and such other matters as may arise as issues to be addressed in Bowls;
- (s) represent the interests of its Members and of Bowls generally in any appropriate forum in Tasmania;
- (t) have regard to the public interest in its operations;
- (u) do all that is reasonably necessary to enable these Objects to be achieved and enable Members to receive the benefits which these Objects are intended to achieve;
- (v) promote the health and safety of Members and all other participants in Bowls in Tasmania;
- (w) seek and obtain improved facilities for the enjoyment of Bowls in Tasmania; and
- (x) undertake and or do all such things or activities which are necessary, incidental or conducive to the advancement of these Objects.

4. POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Solely for furthering the Objects, the Association has, in addition to the rights, powers and privileges conferred on it under the Act, the legal capacity and powers of a company as set out under section 124 of the *Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)*.

5. STATUS AND COMPLIANCE OF ASSOCIATION

5.1 Recognition of Association

The Association is a member of Bowls Australia and is recognised by Bowls Australia as the controlling authority for Bowls in Tasmania and subject to compliance with this Constitution and the Bowls Australia constitution shall continue to be so recognised and shall administer Bowls in Tasmania in accordance with the Objects.

5.2 Compliance of Association

The Members acknowledge and agree the Association shall:

- (a) be or remain incorporated in Tasmania;
- (b) apply its property and capacity solely in pursuit of the Objects and Bowls;

- (c) do all that is reasonably necessary to enable the Objects to be achieved;
- (d) act in good faith and loyalty to ensure the maintenance and enhancement of Bowls, its standards, quality and reputation for the benefit of the Members and Bowls;
- (e) at all times act in the interests of the Members and Bowls;
- (f) not resign, disaffiliate or otherwise seek to withdraw from Bowls Australia without approval by Special Resolution; and
- (g) abide by the Bowls Australia constitution and the rules of Bowls.

5.3 Operation of Constitution

The Association and the Members acknowledge and agree:

- (a) that they are bound by this Constitution and that this Constitution operates to create uniformity in the way in which the Objects and Bowls are to be conducted, promoted, encouraged, advanced and administered throughout Tasmania and;
- (b) to ensure the maintenance and enhancement of Bowls, its standards, quality and reputation for the benefit of the Members and Bowls;
- (c) not to do or permit to be done any act or thing which might adversely affect or derogate from the standards, quality and reputation of Bowls and its maintenance and enhancement;
- (d) to promote the economic and community service success, strength and stability of each other and to act interdependently with each other in pursuit of their respective objects;
- (e) to act in the interests of Bowls and the Members;
- (f) that should a Member have administrative, operational or financial difficulties the Association may act to assist the Member in whatever manner the Association considers appropriate.

6. ASSOCIATION'S CONSTITUTION

6.1 Constitution of the Association

This Constitution will clearly reflect the objects of Bowls Australia and will conform to the Bowls Australia constitution, subject always to the Act.

6.2 Operation of Bowls Australia constitution

- (a) The Association will take all reasonable steps to ensure this Constitution conforms to the Bowls Australia constitution subject always to the Act.
- (b) The Association shall provide to Bowls Australia a copy of this Constitution and all amendments to this document. The Association acknowledges and agrees that any changes to the objectives of this Constitution will need prior approval by Bowls Australia.

6.3 Register

The Association shall maintain, in a form acceptable to Bowls Australia but otherwise in accordance with the Act, a Register of all Regional Authorities, Clubs, Life Members and Individual Members.

7. MEMBERS

7.1 Categories of Members

The Members of the Association shall consist of:

- (a) Regional Authorities, which subject to this Constitution, shall be represented by a Delegate, and which shall have the right to receive notice of General Meetings and to be present, debate and vote on behalf of the Regional Authority at General Meetings;
- (b) Clubs, which subject to this Constitution, shall have the right to be present at General Meetings but not to receive notice of or to debate or vote at General Meetings;
- (c) Life Members, who subject to this Constitution, shall have the right to receive notice of General Meetings and to be present and to debate at General Meetings, but shall have no voting rights;
- (d) Individual Members who shall have the right to be present at General meetings but shall have no rights, to receive notice of or to debate or vote at General Meetings; and
- (e) such new or other categories of Members as may be established by the Board. Any new category of Member established by the Board can not be granted voting rights without the approval of the Association in General Meeting.

7.2 Life Members

- (a) The Board may recommend to the Annual General Meeting that any natural person who has rendered distinguished service to the Association or Bowls, where such service is deemed to have assisted the advancement of Bowls in Tasmania, be appointed as a Life Member.
- (b) A resolution of the Annual General Meeting to confer life membership (subject to **rule 7.2(c)**) on the recommendation of the Board must be a Special Resolution. The vote on such resolution will be taken by secret ballot.
- (c) A person must accept or reject the Association's resolution to confer life membership in writing. Upon written acceptance, the person's details shall be entered upon the Register, and from the time of entry on the Register the person shall be a Life Member.

8. AFFILIATION

8.1 Regional Authorities

- (a) To be, or remain, eligible for membership, a Regional Authority must be incorporated or in the process of incorporation. This process must be complete within one year of applying for membership under this Constitution.
- (b) For such time as the Regional Authority is not incorporated, the secretary of any such unincorporated Regional Authority shall be deemed to be the Member (on behalf of the unincorporated entity), and shall be entitled to exercise the same

voting and other rights and have the same obligations and shall follow such procedures on behalf of the unincorporated Regional Authority as incorporated Members, to the extent that this is possible.

- (c) Any dispute or uncertainty as to the application of this Constitution to an unincorporated Regional Authority shall be resolved by the Board in its sole discretion.
- (d) Failure to incorporate within the period stated in **rule 8.1(a)** shall result in the expulsion of the secretary (acting on behalf of the unincorporated entity) from membership. The expelled unincorporated entity shall not be entitled to re-apply for membership until it becomes incorporated.

8.2 Application for Affiliation

An application by a Regional Authority for affiliation must be:

- (a) from a group of Bowls clubs (**Applicant**) located within a geographical area in Tasmania or be an incorporated entity of which such Bowls clubs are members;
- (b) in writing on the form prescribed from time to time by the Board (if any) and be from the Applicant or its nominated representative and lodged with the Association and:
 - (i) present a case indicating relevant demographic, economic, social and other pertinent matters which give support for the view that the proposed Regional Authority, if established, would be viable over a long period of time and be able to manage a regional competition to a standard broadly comparable to that of the existing Regional Authorities;
- (c) accompanied by a copy of the applicant's constitution or proposed constitution (which must be acceptable to the Association and must substantially conform to this Constitution) and the applicant's register of members; and
- (d) accompanied by the appropriate fee (if any).

8.3 Discretion to Accept or Reject Application from Regional Authority

- (a) The Association may accept or reject an application whether the applicant has complied with the requirements in **rules 8.1** and **8.2** or not. The applicant may request a reason for being accepted or denied and such request will not be reasonably denied.
- (b) Where the Association accepts an application, the applicant shall, become a Member. Membership shall be deemed to commence upon acceptance of the application by the Association. The Chief Executive Officer shall amend the Register accordingly as soon as practicable.
- (c) Where the Association rejects an application the Association shall refund any fees forwarded with the application and the application shall be deemed rejected by the Association.

8.4 Re-Affiliation of Regional Authorities

- (a) Regional Authorities must re-affiliate annually with the Association in accordance with the procedures set down by the Association in Regulations from time to time.
- (b) Upon re-affiliation a Regional Authority must lodge with the Association an updated copy of its constitution (including all amendments) and must provide details of any change in its Delegate and any other information reasonably

required by the Association. Each Regional Authority must ensure that its constitution is amended to conform to any amendments made to this Constitution and/or to the Bowls Australia constitution.

8.5 Deemed Membership

- (a) All members which or who are, prior to the approval of this Constitution under the Act, members of the Association, shall be deemed Members from the time of approval of this Constitution under the Act.
- (b) Regional Authorities and Clubs shall provide the Association with such details as are reasonably required by the Association under this Constitution within one (1) month of the approval of this Constitution under the Act.
- (c) Any members of the Association prior to approval of this Constitution under the Act, who are not deemed Members under **rule 8.5(a)** shall be entitled to carry on such functions analogous to their previous functions as are provided for under this Constitution.

9. REGISTER OF MEMBERS

9.1 Association to keep Register

The Association shall keep and maintain a Register in which shall be entered (as a minimum):

- (a) the full name, address, category of membership and date of entry to membership of each Regional Authority, Club and Individual Member; and
- (b) the full name, residential address and date of entry to membership of each Director and Life Member; and
- (c) where applicable, the date of termination of membership of any Regional Authority, Club or Life Member.

Regional Authorities, Clubs, Directors and Life Members shall provide notice of any change and required details to the Association within one month of such change.

9.2 Inspection of Register

Having regard to the Act, confidentiality considerations and privacy laws, an extract of the Register, excluding the address or other direct contact details of any Life Member or Director, shall be available for inspection (but not copying) by Members, upon reasonable request.

9.3 Use of Register

Subject to the Act, confidentiality considerations and privacy laws, the Register may be used to further the Objects, in such manner as the Board considers appropriate.

10. EFFECT OF MEMBERSHIP

Members acknowledge and agree that:

- (a) this Constitution constitutes a contract between each of them and the Association and that they are bound by this Constitution and the Regulations and the Bowls Australia constitution and regulations;
- (b) they shall comply with and observe this Constitution and the Regulations and any determination, resolution or policy which may be made or passed by the Board or

other entity with delegated authority;

- (c) by submitting to this Constitution and Regulations they are subject to the jurisdiction of the Association and Bowls Australia;
- (d) the Constitution and Regulations are necessary and reasonable for promoting the Objects and particularly the advancement and protection of Bowls in Tasmania; and
- (e) they are entitled to all benefits, advantages, privileges and services of Association membership.

11. DISCONTINUANCE OF MEMBERSHIP

11.1 Notice of Resignation

- (a) A Member having paid all arrears of fees payable to the Association may resign or withdraw from membership of the Association by giving one month's notice in writing to the Association of such resignation or withdrawal.
- (b) A Regional Authority may not resign, disaffiliate or otherwise seek to withdraw from the Association without approval by Special Resolution of the Regional Authority. A copy of the relevant minutes of the Regional Authority meeting showing that the Special Resolution has been passed by the Regional Authority must be provided to the Association.
- (c) If a Regional Authority or Club ceases to be a Member under this Constitution, the Association membership of all Individual Members affiliated or registered with or through the Club or Regional Authority shall not automatically cease at that time, but shall be dealt with in accordance with the Regulations.
- (d) Upon the Association receiving notice of resignation of membership given under **rules 11.1(a) and (b)**, an entry in the Register shall be made recording the date on which the Member who or which gave notice ceased to be a Member.

11.2 Discontinuance for breach

- (a) Membership of the Association may be discontinued by the Board upon breach of any rule of this Constitution or the Regulations, including but not limited to the failure to pay any monies owed to the Association, failure to comply with the Regulations or any resolutions or determinations made or passed by the Board or any duly authorised committee.
- (b) Membership shall not be discontinued by the Board under **rule 11.2(a)** without the Board first giving the accused Member the opportunity to explain the breach and/or remedy the breach.
- (c) Where a Member fails, in the Board's view to adequately explain the breach, that Member's membership shall be discontinued under **rule 11.2(a)** by the Association giving written notice of the discontinuance to the Member. The Register shall be amended to reflect any discontinuance of membership under this **rule 11.2** as soon as practicable.

11.3 Discontinuance for failure to re-affiliate

Membership of the Association may be discontinued by the Board if a Regional Authority has not re-affiliated with the Association within one month of re-affiliation falling due. The Register shall be amended to reflect any discontinuance of membership under this **rule 11.3** as soon as practicable.

11.4 Member to Re-Apply

A Member whose membership has been discontinued under **rules 11.2 or 11.3**:

- (a) must seek renewal or re-apply for membership in accordance with this Constitution; and
- (b) may be re-admitted at the discretion of the Board.

11.5 Forfeiture of Rights

- (a) A Member who or which ceases to be a Member, for whatever reason, shall forfeit all rights in and claims upon the Association and its property and shall not use any property of the Association including Intellectual Property.
- (b) Any Association documents, records or other property in the possession, custody or control of that Member shall be returned to the Association immediately. Where a Regional Authority ceases to be a Member it shall also forfeit all representation rights on the Board and at General Meetings.

11.6 Delegate Position Lapses

The position of Delegate shall lapse immediately on cessation of membership of a Regional Authority.

11.7 Membership may be Reinstated

Membership which has been discontinued under this **rule 11** may be reinstated at the discretion of the Board, with such conditions as it deems appropriate.

11.8 Refund of Membership Fees

Membership fees or subscriptions paid by the discontinued Member may be refunded on a pro-rata basis to the Member upon discontinuance.

12. DISCIPLINE

- (a) Where the Board is advised or considers that a Member has allegedly:
 - (i) breached, failed, refused or neglected to comply with a provision of this Constitution, the Regulations, the Bowls Australia constitution or regulations or any resolution or determination of the Board or any duly authorised committee; or
 - (ii) acted in a manner unbecoming of a Member, or prejudicial to the purposes and interests of the Association, Bowls Australia and/or Bowls; or
 - (iii) brought the Association, Bowls Australia, any other Member or Bowls into disrepute;

the Board may commence or cause to be commenced, disciplinary proceedings against that Member, and that Member, will be subject to, and submits unreservedly to the jurisdiction, procedures, penalties and the appeal mechanisms of the Association set out in the Regulations.

- (b) The Board may appoint a Judiciary Committee to deal with any disciplinary matter referred to it. Such a Judiciary Committee shall operate in accordance with the procedures expressed in the Regulations but subject always to the Act.

13. SUBSCRIPTIONS AND FEES

The annual membership subscription (if any) and any fees or other levies payable by Members to the Association, the time for and manner of payment, shall be as determined by the Board.

14. POWERS OF THE BOARD

Subject to the Act and this Constitution, the business of the Association shall be managed, and the powers of the Association shall be exercised, by the Board. In particular, the Board as the governing body for Bowls in Tasmania shall be responsible for acting on State and local issues in accordance with the Objects and shall operate for the benefit of the Members and the community throughout Tasmania and shall govern Bowls in Tasmania in accordance with this Constitution and in particular the Objects.

15. COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD

15.1 Composition of the Board

- (a) The Board shall comprise:
- (i) six (6) elected Directors;
who must all be Individual Members and who shall be elected under **rule 16**; and
 - (ii) at least one (1) and up to three (3) appointed Directors (including the Treasurer);
who need not be Individual Members and who may be appointed by the Directors under **rule 17**.
- (b) A Director cannot also be Delegate or a member of a committee of management (by whatever name) of a Regional Authority.

15.2 Election and Appointment of Directors

- (a) The elected Directors shall be elected under **rule 16**.
- (b) The appointed Directors shall be appointed under **rule 15**.

15.3 Portfolios

- (a) The Board shall appoint a President from amongst its number. The President shall be the nominal head of the Association and will act as chair of any Board meeting or General Meeting at which he is present. If the chairperson is not present, or is unwilling or unable to preside at a meeting the remaining Directors shall appoint another Director to preside as chair for that meeting only.
- (b) The Board may allocate other portfolios and/or titles to Directors and may determine the roles and responsibilities of any Director.

16. ELECTED DIRECTORS

16.1 Elections

- (a) Elections shall be conducted in such manner and by such method as may be determined by the Board from time to time provided that they comply with this **rule 16**.
- (b) Each Regional Authority shall be entitled to elect two (2) elected Directors and

such elected Directors shall be elected by the Clubs located within each region.

- (c) If there are insufficient nominations received to fill a Regional Authority's elected Director position(s) the positions will be deemed casual vacancies under **rule 18.1**.

16.2 Term of Appointment for Elected Directors

- (a) Directors elected under this **rule 16** shall be elected for a term of three (3) years. Subject to provisions in this Constitution relating to earlier retirement or removal of Directors, elected Directors shall remain in office from the conclusion of the first Annual General Meeting after which they are elected by a Regional Authority until the conclusion of the third Annual General Meeting after such time.
- (b) Two elected Directors shall retire and two Elected Directors shall be elected each year.
- (c) The sequence of retirements under **rules 16.2(b)** and **16.2(c)** to ensure rotational terms shall be determined by the Board.
- (d) Following the adoption of this Constitution, no person who has served as an elected Director for a period of two (2) consecutive terms shall be eligible for election as an elected Director until the third Annual General Meeting following the date of conclusion of his last term as an elected Director.

17. APPOINTED DIRECTORS

17.1 Appointment of Directors

The elected Directors must appoint one (1), and may appoint up to three (3), appointed Directors.

17.2 Qualifications for Appointed Directors

The appointed Directors may have specific skills in commerce, finance, marketing, law or business generally or such other skills which complement the Board composition. They do not need to be Individual Members but must be natural persons. Appointed Directors can not also be a Delegate or a member of a committee of management (by whatever name) of a Regional Authority.

17.3 Term of Appointment for Appointed Directors

- (a) Appointed Directors may be appointed by the elected Directors under this Constitution for a term of one (1) year, which shall commence from the first Board meeting after the Annual General Meeting until after the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting.
- (b) The Board may adjust the term of an appointed Director at any time.
- (c) No person who has served as an appointed Director for a period of six (6) consecutive full terms shall be eligible for appointment as an appointed Director until the next Annual General Meeting following the date of conclusion of his last term as an appointed Director.

18. VACANCIES ON THE BOARD

18.1 Casual Vacancies

Any casual vacancy occurring in the position of Director may be filled by the remaining Directors from among appropriately qualified persons as nominated by the Regional Authority that was entitled to elect the Director whose office has become vacant. Where the relevant Regional Authority cannot identify an appropriately qualified person, the remaining Directors may identify and appoint an appropriately qualified person. Any casual vacancy may only be filled for the remainder of the Director's term under this Constitution.

18.2 Grounds for Termination of Director

In addition to the circumstances in which the office of a Director becomes vacant by virtue of the Act, the office of a Director becomes vacant if the Director:

- (a) dies;
- (b) becomes bankrupt or makes any arrangement or composition with her creditors generally;
- (c) becomes of unsound mind or a person whose person or estate is liable to be dealt with in anyway under the law relating to mental health;
- (d) resigns her office in writing to the Association;
- (e) is absent without the consent of the Board from meetings of the Board held during a period of six (6) months;
- (f) holds any office of employment with the Association;
- (g) is directly or indirectly interested in any contract or proposed contract with the Association and fails to declare the nature of her interest;
- (h) in the opinion of the Board (but subject always to this Constitution):
 - (i) has acted in a manner unbecoming or prejudicial to the Objects and interests of the Association; or
 - (i) has brought the Association into disrepute;
- (i) is removed by Special Resolution; or
- (j) would otherwise be prohibited from being a director of a corporation under the *Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)*.

18.3 Board May Act

In the event of a casual vacancy or vacancies in the office of a Director or Directors, the remaining Directors may act but, if the number of remaining Directors is not sufficient to constitute a quorum at a meeting of the Board, they may act only for the purpose of increasing the number of Director to a number sufficient to constitute such a quorum.

19. MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

19.1 Board to Meet

The Board shall meet at least 4 times each year and otherwise as often as is deemed necessary for the dispatch of business (and shall be at least as often as is required under

the Act) and subject to this Constitution may adjourn and otherwise regulate its meetings as it thinks fit. A Director may at any time convene a meeting of the Board within a reasonable time.

19.2 Decisions of Board

Subject to this Constitution, questions arising at any meeting of the Board shall be decided by a majority of votes and a determination of a majority of Directors shall for all purposes be deemed a determination of the Board. All Directors shall have one (1) vote on any question. Where voting is equal, the chairperson may not exercise a casting vote and the motion will be lost.

19.3 Resolutions not in Meeting

- (a) A resolution in writing, signed or assented to by any form of visible or other electronic communication by all the Directors for the time being present in Australia shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of Directors duly convened and held. Any such resolution may consist of several documents in like form each signed by one (1) or more of the Directors.
- (b) Without limiting the power of the Board to regulate its meetings as it thinks fit, a meeting of the Board may be held where one (1) or more of the Directors is not physically present at the meeting, provided that:
 - (i) all persons participating in the meeting are able to communicate with each other effectively simultaneously and instantaneously whether by means of telephone or other form of communication;
 - (ii) notice of the meeting is given to all the Directors entitled to notice in accordance with the usual procedures agreed upon or laid down from time to time by the Board or this Constitution and such notice specifies that Directors are not required to be present in person;
 - (iii) if a failure in communications prevents **rule 19.3(b)(i)** from being satisfied by that number of Directors which constitutes a quorum, and none of such Directors are present at the place where the meeting is deemed by virtue of the further provisions of this Rule to be held then the meeting shall be suspended until **rule 19.3(b)(i)** is satisfied again. If such condition is not satisfied within fifteen (15) minutes from the interruption the meeting shall be deemed to have terminated or adjourned; and
 - (iv) any meeting held where one (1) or more of the Directors is not physically present shall be deemed to be held at the place specified in the notice of meeting provided a Director is there present and if no Director is there present the meeting shall be deemed to be held at the place where the chairperson of the meeting is located.

19.4 Quorum

At meetings of the Board the number of Directors whose presence is required to constitute a quorum is 51%.

19.5 Notice of Board Meetings

Unless all Directors agree to hold a meeting at shorter notice (which agreement shall be sufficiently evidenced by their apology or presence) not less than fourteen (14) days written notice of the meeting of the Board shall be given to each Director. The agenda shall be forwarded to each Director not less than four (4) days prior to such meeting.

19.6 Chairperson

The President (or such other Director as appointed by the Board in accordance with **rule 15.3(a)**) shall act as chair of any Board meeting.

19.7 Directors' Interests

A Director is disqualified by holding any place of profit or position of employment in the Association or in any company or incorporated association in which the Association is a shareholder or otherwise interested or from contracting with the Association either as vendor, purchaser or otherwise except with express resolution of approval of the Board. Any such contract or any contract or arrangement entered into by or on behalf of the Association in which any Director is in any way interested will be void unless approved by the Board.

19.8 Conflict of Interest

A Director shall declare his interest in any:

- (a) contractual matter;
- (b) selection matter;
- (c) disciplinary matter; or
- (d) financial matter;

in which a conflict of interest arises or may arise, and shall, unless otherwise determined by the Board, absent himself from discussions of such matter and shall not be entitled to vote in respect of such matter. If the Director votes the vote shall not be counted. In the event of any uncertainty as to whether it is necessary for a Director to absent himself from discussions and refrain from voting, the issue should be immediately determined by vote of the Board, or if this is not possible, the matter shall be adjourned or deferred.

19.9 Disclosure of Interests

- (a) The nature of the interest of such Director must be declared by the Director at the meeting of the Board at which the relevant matter is first taken into consideration if the interest then exists or in any other case at the first meeting of the Board after the acquisition of the interest. If a Director becomes interested in a matter after it is made or entered into the declaration of the interest must be made at the first meeting of the Board held after the Director becomes so interested.
- (b) All disclosed interests must also be disclosed to each Annual General Meeting in accordance with the Act.

19.10 General Disclosure

A general notice that a Director is a member of any specified firm or company and is to be regarded as interested in all transactions with that firm or company is sufficient declaration under **rule 19.9** as regards such Director and the said transactions. After such general notice it is not necessary for such Director to give a special notice relating to any particular transaction with that firm or company.

19.11 Recording Disclosures

Any declaration made, any disclosure or any general notice given by a Director in

accordance with **rules 19.8, 19.9** and/or **19.10** must be recorded in the minutes of the relevant meeting.

20. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

20.1 Appointment of Chief Executive Officer

A Chief Executive Officer may be appointed by the Board for such term and on such conditions as the Board thinks fit.

20.2 Chief Executive Officer to act as secretary and Public Officer

The Chief Executive Officer shall act as and carry out the duties of secretary and Public Officer of the Association and shall administer and manage the Association in accordance with the Act and this Constitution.

20.3 Specific Duties

The Chief Executive Officer shall:

- (a) as far as practicable attend all Board meetings and all General Meetings;
- (b) prepare the agenda for all Board and General Meetings;
- (c) record and prepare minutes of the proceedings of all Board meetings and General meetings, and shall use his best endeavours to distribute those minutes to Regional Authorities promptly from the date of the meeting;
- (d) regularly report on the activities of, and issues relating to, the Association;
- (e) carry out such other duties as set out in a position description or employment agreement (if any) and as otherwise determined by the Board.

20.4 Board Power to Manage

Subject to the Act, this Constitution, the Regulations and any policy directive of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer has power to perform all such things as appear necessary or desirable for the proper management and administration of the Association. No resolution passed by the Association in General Meeting shall invalidate any prior act of the Chief Executive Officer or the Board which would have been valid if that resolution had not been passed.

20.5 Chief Executive Officer may employ

The Chief Executive Officer may in consultation with the Board, as appropriate, employ such personnel as are deemed necessary or appropriate from time to time and such appointments shall be for such period and on such conditions as the Chief Executive Officer determines.

21. DELEGATIONS

21.1 Board may Delegate Functions

The Board may by instrument in writing create or establish or appoint special committees, individual officers and consultants to carry out such duties and functions, and with such powers, as the Board determines from time to time. In exercising its power under this rule the Board must take into account broad stakeholder involvement

21.2 Delegation by Instrument

The Board may in the establishing instrument delegate such functions as are specified in the instrument, other than:

- (a) this power of delegation; and
- (b) a function imposed on the Board or the Chief Executive Officer by the Act or any other law, or this Constitution or by resolution of the Association in General Meeting.

21.3 Delegated Function Exercised in Accordance With Terms

A function, the exercise of which has been delegated under this rule, may whilst the delegation remains unrevoked, be exercised from time to time in accordance with the terms of the delegation.

21.4 Procedure of Delegated Entity

The procedures for any entity exercising delegated power shall, subject to this Constitution and with any necessary or incidental amendment, be the same as that applicable to meetings of the Board under **rule 19** above. The entity exercising delegated powers shall make decisions in accordance with the Objects, and shall promptly provide the Board with details of all material decisions and shall provide any other reports, minutes and information as the Board may require from time to time.

21.5 Delegation may be Conditional

A delegation under this rule may be made subject to such conditions or limitations as to the exercise of any function or at the time or circumstances as may be specified in the delegation.

21.6 Revocation of Delegation

The Board may by instrument in writing, at any time revoke wholly or in part any delegation made under this rule, and may amend or repeal any decision made by such body or person under this rule.

22.7 Standing Committees

- (a) The following committees shall be standing committees of the Association:

- Regional Consultative Committee;
- Selection Committee;
- Coaching Committee;
- Officiating Committee;
- Match Committee; and
- Youth Development Committee.

and will function as a committee of the Board in accordance with this **rule 21** and will be constituted and carry out such duties and functions, and with such powers, as the Board determines and prescribes in an instrument of delegation or in the Regulations.

- (b) The board shall determine the number of persons to be appointed to each Standing Committee and may appoint members of the Standing Committees in such manner and at such time as it determines to be appropriate.

Regional Consultative Committee

- (c) The Regional Consultative Committee shall consist of:
 - (i) Two (2) representatives from each Regional Authority; and
 - (ii) Each director (or such number of Directors as determined to be appropriate by the board).

- (d) The Regional Consultative Committee (**RCC**) will:
 - (i) meet regularly and provide feedback to the Board and suggest alternatives to proposals developed by the Board. The RCC may also submit proposals for consideration by the Board;
 - (ii) debate and discuss operational and strategic initiatives and provide guidance and information to the Board;
 - (iii) not act as a decision making body

- (e) Regional Consultative Committee members will report to their Regional Authority regarding the discussion and debate at each meeting.

22. SEAL

- (a) The Association may have a Seal upon which its corporate name shall appear in legible characters.

- (b) The Seal shall not be used without the express authorisation of the Board, and every use of the Seal shall be recorded in the minute books of the Associations. The affixing of the Seal must be witnessed by two (2) Directors, unless the Board determines otherwise.

23. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- (a) An Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held in accordance with the Act and this Constitution and on a date and at a venue to be determined by the Board.

- (b) All General Meetings other than the Annual General Meeting shall be Special General Meetings and shall be held in accordance with this Constitution.

24. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

24.1 Special General Meetings May be Held

The Board may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a Special General Meeting of the Association and, where, but for this rule more than fifteen (15) months would elapse between Annual General Meetings, shall convene a Special General Meeting before the expiration of that period.

24.2 Requisition of Special General Meetings

- (a) The Chief Executive Officer shall, on the requisition in writing of ten (10) per cent of Members entitled to vote, convene a Special General Meeting.

- (b) The requisition for a Special General Meeting shall state the object(s) of the meeting, shall be signed by the Members making the requisition and be sent to

the Association and may consist of several documents in a like form, each signed by one or more of the Members making the requisitions.

- (c) If the Chief Executive Officer does not cause a Special General Meeting to be held within one (1) month after the date on which the requisition is sent to the Association, the Members making the requisition, or any of them, may convene a Special General Meeting to be held not later than three (3) months after that date.
- (d) A Special General Meeting convened by Members under this Constitution shall be convened in the same manner, or as nearly as possible as that, in which meetings are convened by the Board.

25. NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

- (a) Notice of every General Meeting shall be given to every Regional Authority and Life Member or other Member entitled to receive notice at the address appearing in the Register kept by the Association. The auditor, Chief Executive Officer and Directors shall also be entitled to notice of every General Meeting, which shall be sent to their last notified address. No other person shall be entitled as of right to receive notices of General Meetings.
- (b) A notice of a General Meeting shall specify the place and day and hour of meeting and shall state the business to be transacted at the meeting.
- (c) At least twenty-one (21) days' notice of a General Meeting shall be given to those Members entitled to receive notice, together with:
 - (i) the agenda for the meeting; and
 - (ii) any notice of motion received from Members entitled to vote.
- (d) Notice of every General Meeting shall be given in the manner authorised in **rule 39**.

26. BUSINESS

- (a) The business to be transacted at the Annual General Meeting includes the consideration of accounts and the reports of the Board and auditors, the election of Directors under this Constitution and the appointment of the auditors.
- (b) All business that is transacted at a General Meeting and all business that is transacted at an Annual General Meeting, with the exception of those matters set down in **rule 26(a)** shall be special business.
- (c) No business other than that stated on the notice for a General Meeting shall be transacted at that meeting.

27. NOTICES OF MOTION

Members entitled to vote, or a Director of Bowls Tasmania may submit notices of motion for inclusion as special business at a General Meeting. All notices of motion must be submitted in writing to the Chief Executive Officer not less than thirty-five (35) days (excluding receiving date and meeting date) prior to the General Meeting. Any motion that is not passed as a resolution of a General Meeting cannot be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer for inclusion as special business until the next Annual General Meeting.

28. PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

28.1 Quorum

No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business. A quorum for General Meetings shall be 51% of Members entitled to vote as represented by their Delegates.

28.2 Chairperson to preside

The chairperson of the Board shall, subject to this Constitution, preside as chair at every General Meeting except:

- (a) in relation to any election for which the chairperson is a nominee; or
- (b) where a conflict of interest exists.

If the chairperson is not present, or is unwilling or unable to preside the Delegates present shall appoint another Director to preside as chairperson for that meeting only.

28.3 Adjournment of Meeting

- (a) If within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, a quorum is not present the meeting shall be adjourned until the same day in the next week at the same time and place or to such other day and at such other time and place as the chairperson may determine and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, the meeting will lapse.
- (b) The chairperson may, with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present, and shall, if so directed by the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.
- (c) When a meeting is adjourned for thirty (30) days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of an original meeting.
- (d) Except as provided in **rule 28.3(c)** it shall not be necessary to give any notice of an adjournment or the business to be transacted at any adjourned meeting.

28.4 Voting Procedure

At any meeting a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless a poll is (before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands) demanded by:

- (a) the chairperson; or
- (b) a simple majority of Delegates on behalf of their Members.

28.5 Recording of Determinations

Unless a poll is demanded under **rule 28.4**, a declaration by the chairperson that a resolution has on a show of hands been carried or carried unanimously or by a particular

majority or lost and an entry to that effect in the book containing the minutes of the proceedings of the Association shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number of the votes recorded in favour of or against the resolution.

28.6 Where Poll Demanded

If a poll is duly demanded under **rule 28.4** it shall be taken in such manner and either at once or after an interval or adjournment or otherwise as the chairperson directs and the result of the poll shall be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded.

28.7 Resolutions not in Meeting

- (a) A resolution in writing, signed or assented to by any form of visible or other electronic communication by Delegates of all Members which (or who) are entitled to vote shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a General Meeting duly convened and held. Any such resolution may consist of several documents in like form each signed by one (1) or more of such Delegates.
- (b) Subject to this Constitution, a General Meeting may be held where one (1) or more Delegates of Members entitled to vote are not physically present at the meeting, provided that:
 - (i) all persons participating in the meeting are able to communicate with each other effectively simultaneously and instantaneously whether by means of telephone or other form of communication;
 - (ii) notice of the meeting is given to all Members entitled to vote in accordance with the usual procedures set out in this Constitution and such notice specifies that Members who are entitled to vote are not required to be present in person;
 - (iii) if a failure in communications prevents **rule 19.3(b)(i)** from being satisfied by that number of Members which constitutes a quorum, and none of such Members are present at the place where the meeting is deemed by virtue of the further provisions of this rule to be held then the meeting shall be suspended until **rule 19.3(b)(i)** is satisfied again. If such condition is not satisfied within fifteen (15) minutes from the interruption the meeting shall be deemed to have terminated or adjourned; and
 - (iv) any meeting held where one (1) or more of the Members entitled to vote is not physically present shall be deemed to be held at the place specified in the notice of meeting provided a Member entitled to vote is there present and if no such Member is there present the meeting shall be deemed to be held at the place where the chairperson of the meeting is located.

29. VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS

29.1 Members Entitled to Vote

Each Regional Authority shall be entitled to one (1) vote at General Meetings which, subject to this rule shall be exercised by the Regional Authority's Delegate. No other Member shall be entitled to vote but shall subject to this Constitution have, and be entitled to exercise, those rights set out in **rule 5.1**. The Directors and Chief Executive Officer shall have no right to vote at General Meetings but are permitted to speak for or against a motion.

29.2 Chairperson May Not Exercise Casting Vote

Where voting at General Meetings is equal the chairperson may not exercise a casting vote and the motion will be lost.

29.3 Postal Voting

No motion shall be determined by a postal ballot unless determined by the Board. If the Board so determines, the postal ballot shall be conducted under the procedures set by the Board from time to time.

29.4 PROXY VOTING

Proxy voting is not permitted.

30. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

- (a) The grievance procedure set out in this rule applies to disputes under these rules between a Regional Authority and:
 - (i) another Regional Authority; or
 - (ii) the Association.
- (b) The parties to the dispute must meet and discuss the matter in dispute, and, if possible, resolve the dispute within fourteen (14) days after the dispute comes to the attention of all parties.
- (c) If the parties are unable to resolve the dispute at the meeting or if a party fails to attend that meeting, then the parties must, within ten (10) days, refer the dispute to for resolution to an independent tribunal established by the Board in accordance with the procedures determined by the Board from time to time.
- (d) The Board may prescribe additional grievance procedures in Regulations consistent with this **rule 30**.

31. RECORDS AND ACCOUNTS

31.1 Records

The Association shall establish and maintain proper records and minutes concerning all transactions, business, meetings and dealings of the Association and the Board and shall produce these as appropriate at each Board or General Meeting.

31.2 Records Kept in Accordance with Act

Proper accounting and other records shall be kept in accordance with the Act. The books of account shall be kept in the care and control of the Chief Executive Officer.

31.3 Association to Retain Records

The Association shall retain such records for seven (7) years after the completion of the transactions or operations to which they relate.

31.4 Board to Submit Accounts

The Board shall submit to the Members at the Annual General Meeting the statements of account of the Association in accordance with this Constitution and the Act.

31.5 Accounts Conclusive

The statements of account when approved or adopted by an Annual General Meeting shall

be conclusive except as regards any error discovered in them within three months (3) after such approval or adoption.

31.6 Accounts to be Sent to Members

The Chief Executive Officer shall cause to be sent to all persons entitled to receive notice of Annual General Meetings in accordance with this Constitution, a copy of the statements of account, the Board's report, the auditor's report and every other document required under the Act (if any).

31.7 Negotiable Instruments

All cheques, promissory notes, bankers, drafts, bills of exchange and other negotiable instruments, and all receipts for money paid to the Association, shall be signed, drawn, accepted, endorsed or otherwise executed, as the case may be, by any two (2) duly authorised Directors or in such other manner as the Board determines.

32. AUDITOR

(a) A properly qualified auditor or auditors shall be appointed by the Association in General Meeting. The auditor's duties shall be regulated in accordance with the

Act, or if no relevant provisions exist under the Act, in accordance with the *Corporations Act* and generally accepted principles, and/or any applicable code of conduct. The auditor may be removed by the Association in General Meeting.

(b) The accounts of the Association shall be examined and the correctness of the profit and loss accounts and balance sheets ascertained by an auditor or auditors at the conclusion of each Financial Year.

33. INCOME

33.1 Income and property of the Association shall be derived from such sources as the Board determines from time to time.

33.2 The income and property of the Association shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the Objects.

33.3 Except as prescribed in this Constitution or the Act:

(a) no portion of the income or property of the Association shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise to any Member; and

(b) no remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth shall be paid or given by the Association to any Member who holds any office of the Association.

33.4 Nothing in **rules 33.2** or **33.3** shall prevent payment in good faith of or to any Member for:

(a) any services actually rendered to the Association whether as an employee, Director or otherwise;

(b) goods supplied to the Association in the ordinary and usual course of operation;

(c) interest on money borrowed from any Member;

(d) rent for premises demised or let by any Member to the Association;

(e) any out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Member on behalf of the Association;

provided that any such payment shall not exceed the amount ordinarily payable between ordinary commercial parties dealing at arm's length in a similar transaction.

34. WINDING UP

- (a) Subject to this Constitution the Association may be wound up in accordance with the Act.
- (b) The liability of the Members of the Association is limited.
- (c) Every Member undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Association if it is wound up while a Member, or within one year after ceasing to be a Member, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Association contracted before the time at which it ceases to be a Member and the costs, charges and expenses of winding up the Association, such an amount not exceeding one dollar (\$1.00).

35. DISTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY ON WINDING UP

If upon winding up or dissolution of the Association there remains after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any assets or property, the same shall not be paid to or distributed amongst the Members but shall be given or transferred to another organisation or organisations having objects similar to the Objects and which prohibits the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their Members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Association by this Constitution. Such organisation(s) to be determined by the Members in General Meeting at or before the time of dissolution, and in default thereof by such judge of the Supreme Court of Tasmania or other Court as may have or acquire jurisdiction in the matter.

36. ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION

This Constitution shall not be altered except by Special Resolution.

37. REGULATIONS

37.1 Board to Formulate Regulations

The Board may formulate, issue, adopt, interpret and amend such Regulations for the proper advancement, management and administration of the Association, the advancement of the purposes of the Association and Bowls in Tasmania as it thinks necessary or desirable. Such Regulations must be consistent with the Constitution, the Bowls Australia constitution, any regulations made by Bowls Australia and any policy directives of the Board.

37.2 Regulations Binding

All Regulations, Rules and Bylaws deemed applicable are binding on the Association and all Members.

37.3 Notifications Binding on Members

Amendments, alterations, interpretations or other changes to Regulations shall be advised to Members by means of Bulletins approved by the Board and prepared and issued by the Chief Executive Officer. Regional Authorities and Clubs shall take reasonable steps to distribute information in the Bulletins to Individual Members. The matters in the Bulletins are binding on all Members.

38. STATUS AND COMPLIANCE OF REGIONAL AUTHORITIES AND CLUBS

38.1 Compliance

Regional Authorities acknowledge and agree that they shall:

- (a) be or remain incorporated in Tasmania;
- (b) provide the Association with copies of their audited accounts, annual financial reports and other associated documents as soon as practicable, following the Regional Authority or Club's annual general meeting;
- (c) recognise the Association as the authority for Bowls in Tasmania and Bowls Australia as the national authority for Bowls;
- (d) adopt and implement such communications and Intellectual Property policies as may be developed by the Association from time to time; and
- (e) have regard to the objects in any matter of the Regional Authority or Club pertaining to Bowls.

Regional Authorities acknowledge and agree that they shall:

- (f) nominate a Delegate annually to attend General Meetings (if entitled to do so), and shall inform the Association of the details of that person accordingly.

38.2 Regional Authority Constitutions

- (a) The constituent documents of Regional Authorities will clearly reflect the Objects and will conform to this Constitution.
- (b) Regional Authorities will take all reasonable steps necessary to ensure their constituent documents conform to this Constitution.
- (c) Regional Authorities shall provide to the Association a copy of their constituent documents and all amendments to these documents. Regional Authorities acknowledge and agree that the Association has power to veto any provision in a Regional Authority constitution which, in the Association's opinion, is contrary to the Objects.
- (d) The constituent documents of each Regional Authority shall, at the earliest available opportunity, but within one year of the commencement of this Constitution, recognise the Association as the authority for Bowls in Tasmania and Bowls Australia as the national authority for Bowls in Australia.

38.3 Register

Regional Authorities and Clubs shall maintain, in a form acceptable to the Association, a register of all Members of the Regional Authority or Club. Each Regional Authority and Club shall provide a copy of the register at a time and in a form acceptable to the Association, and shall provide regular updates of the register to the Association.

39. NOTICE

- (a) Notices may be given by the Association to any person entitled under this Constitution to receive any notice by sending the notice by pre-paid post or facsimile transmission or where available, by electronic mail, to the Member's registered address or facsimile number or electronic mail address, or in the case of a Delegate, to the last notified address, facsimile number or electronic mail address.
- (b) Where a notice is sent by post, service of the notice shall be deemed to be effected by properly addressing, prepaying and posting the notice. Service of the notice is deemed to have been effected three (3) days after posting.
- (c) Where a notice is sent by facsimile transmission, service of the notice shall be deemed to be effected upon receipt of a confirmation report confirming the

facsimile was sent to/or received at the facsimile number to which it was sent.

- (d) Where a notice is sent by electronic mail, service of the notice shall be deemed to be effected the next business day after it was sent.

40. PATRONS AND VICE PATRONS

The Association at its Annual General Meeting may appoint annually on the recommendation of the Board a Patron and such number of Vice Patrons as it considers necessary, subject to approval of that person or persons.

41. INDEMNITY

- (a) Every Director and employee of the Association shall be indemnified out of the property and assets of the Association against any liability incurred by them in their capacity as Director or employee in defending any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, in which judgement is given in their favour or in which they are acquitted or in connection with any application in relation to any such proceedings in which relief is granted by the Court.
- (b) The Association shall indemnify its Directors and employees against all damages and losses (including legal costs) for which any such Director or employee may be or become liable to any third party in consequence of any act or omission except wilful misconduct:
 - (ii) in the case of a Director, performed or made whilst acting on behalf of and with the authority, express or implied of the Association; and
 - (iii) in the case of an employee, performed or made in the course of, and within the scope of their employment by the Association.

