

***SOUTH AUSTRALIAN
HOMING PIGEON
ASSOCIATION INC.***

CONSTITUTION

S.A.H.P.A. Inc. Headquarters

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CONSTITUTION:**NAME**

1. The Association shall be called "South Australian Homing Pigeon Association Incorporated," and hereafter referred to as the Association.

REGISTERED OFFICE

2. The Registered Office of the Association shall be at 10 Baulderstone Road, Gepps Cross, or such other place as may from time to time, be determined by the Committee of Management.

a) Visitors to Licensed Premises

Each ordinary member of the Club may, on any one day introduce up to 5 visitors to the Club premises, or such lesser number as may be fixed by the Licensing Authority. Liquor must not be supplied to a visitor unless the visitor is in the company of a member who has entered the name of the visitor in a book kept for the purpose and has signed their name opposite the name of the visitor.

OBJECTS

3. The objects of the Association shall be:
 - 1) The encouragement of breeding, training and racing of the working homing pigeon.
 - 2) The organizing, controlling and regulating of the sport of pigeon racing and training in the State of South Australia.
 - 3) The breeding and training of homing pigeons for the purposes of national defence.
 - 4) The organizing and promoting of such tests and competitions as may be deemed necessary from time to time to achieve these objects.
 - 5) To ensure that the birds are sent in charge of fully qualified convoyers that they may be fed, watered and have every attention during the journey and at race points.
 - 6) To make such arrangements that the convoyer shall have full information as to the state of the weather between Adelaide and the race points, and to ensure that every reasonable precaution has been taken to provide a fair race with fair returns.
 - 7) To have a uniform system of race marking, setting and opening of clocks, checking on race marks, and the compiling of race reports. This rule shall include electronic timing- see ETS Race Rule 41 and the EBSS rules and conditions.
 - 8) The protection of birds and owners by the adoption of such measures as may from time to time be deemed necessary or advisable for the protection of the birds or the members of associated clubs in their relation as owners or fliers of homing pigeons.
 - 9) Mediate disputes that may arise, whether between clubs and their members or between members of clubs, or between clubs or their members and the Association, on appeal being made by any party or parties to such dispute.
 - 10) The acquisition by any lawful means of property or funds for the purpose of carrying out the aforesaid objects or other objects of the Association for the time being. Including, such special object or objects as shall be determined on by the Association, whether such acquisition shall be by subscription, gift, devise or bequest of real or personal property, or the sale of goods or other real personal property or by the purchase, exchange or such other means as may be approved of, by the Association.
 - 11) To borrow or raise money by the issue of debentures or debenture stocks, bonds, mortgages or any other securities founded or based upon all or any of the property of the Association, or without any such security, and upon such terms as to priority or otherwise as the Association shall think fit.
 - 12) To provide land and a clubhouse, for the furtherance of such objects and for the accommodation of the members and their friends, and for such purposes to purchase, take or lease, exchange or otherwise acquire land, and to erect, maintain and alter any buildings or erections that may be required for the purposes of or can be conveniently used in connection with the Association.
 - 13) To furnish any such building or buildings in such a manner as may be thought expedient, and to maintain, improve, repair or replace the buildings and furniture of the Association whenever necessary or expedient.
 - 14) To manage, let/lease, sell, hire, exchange or otherwise deal with the property of the Association in such a manner and upon such terms as may be considered expedient or desirable.

- 15) To buy, make, sell and dispose of, to members of the Association hampers, cages, clocks, rings and other apparatus and materials, pigeon food and other goods or articles used in connection with pigeons breeding, training and flying.
- 16) To appoint or employ officers, clerks, servants and workmen for the purposes of the Association and to remunerate any persons so appointed or employed for their services by the payment of wages, salaries or gratuities.
- 17) To provide prizes, challenge cups and shields to be competed for by members of the Association.
- 18) To invest the monies of the Association not immediately required in such a manner as may from time to time be determined.
- 19) From time to time contribute to, or subscribe to any charitable, benevolent or useful object of a public character.
- 20) To draw, accept, make, endorse, discount and negotiate bills of exchange or promissory notes.
- 21) The income and property of the S.A.H.P.A. Inc., whenever derived, shall be applied solely towards the objects of the S.A.H.P.A. Inc., and no portions thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to the members of the S.A.H.P.A. Inc., provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of an allowance to any officials or servants of the S.A.H.P.A. Inc., in return for services actually rendered to the S.A.H.P.A. Inc., or prevent the free gift to the members of the publications of the S.A.H.P.A. Inc., or the giving of privileges to or the payments of the expenses of representatives attending meetings on behalf of the S.A.H.P.A. Inc., or to prevent the bona fide issuing of certificates of merit or the giving of prizes or contributions for prizes by the S.A.H.P.A. Inc., to the members of the S.A.H.P.A. Inc.
- 22) To promote pigeon racing by advertising the social, sporting and competitive aspects of the sport. In part this advertising to be carried out through the television and/or radio media.
- 23) Generally to do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the foregoing objects or any of them.

MEMBERSHIP

4. 1) The Association shall consist of the members of all associated homing clubs, that is to say, such homing clubs in the State of South Australia as shall join the Association with the sanction of the Committee of Management of the Association, and the proper officers of which shall have duly subscribed to these rules in manner hereinafter provided, and shall pursuant to these rules have paid to the Association the annual subscription payable by members of such clubs respectively.
- 2) No homing club wishing to join the Association as an Associated Club shall be admitted to membership unless approved by a majority of the Committee of Management.
- 3) The lofts of all members competing in Association Races shall be situated within a 50km radius of the Adelaide GPO.
- 4) Life members may be elected by the Annual Meeting of the Association.
A notice proposing Life Membership will only be accepted from:
 - (a) SAHPA Clubs or
 - (b) The Committee of Management.The notice proposing Life Membership must address the criteria contained in the document SAHPA guidelines for Life Membership.
- 5) Members wishing to change clubs after payment of capitation fees must apply in writing to the Management Committee for approval, submitting reasons for such application. Approval will only be given in exceptional circumstances.

SUBSCRIPTION TO THE RULES

5. All clubs joining the Association shall be required to subscribe to these rules by resolution, and a certified copy of such resolution, signed by the chairperson and secretary of the club, must be forwarded to the General Secretary of the Association before the club shall be entitled to join or the members to enjoy the benefits of membership of the Association.

ENTRANCE FEES

6. All clubs joining the Association shall pay an entrance fee, the amount of which shall be fixed from time to time by the Committee of Management.

SUBSCRIPTION

7. 1) The annual subscription of the Association shall be determined annually of which amount \$1 shall be allocated to the Building Fund until otherwise decided by the Committee of Management.
- 2) The subscriptions shall be paid by the associated clubs respectively, according to number of club members, and each club shall pay an additional subscription for each club member joining after the first day in any financial year and prior to competing in any club or Association race.
- 3) Any associated club which shall be in arrears with regard to subscriptions at the end of any financial year shall, if the Association so decide, be deemed to have ceased to belong to the Association but shall nevertheless remain liable for any subscription in arrears. The subscription of each member of an associated club shall be a debt due to the Association by the member and their club, jointly and severally, and recoverable accordingly.

FINANCIAL YEAR

8. The financial year of the Association shall be the period from 1st January through to 31st of December of the current calendar year.
Annual subscriptions shall be payable no later than the 31st March of each year.
Only in extreme circumstances will late payment be accepted.

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

9. 1) The Committee of Management of the Association may in its absolute discretion endorse, refuse to endorse or otherwise rule upon all disqualifications or suspensions by associated clubs or members of such clubs. Notice in writing of any such disqualifications or suspension, shall be given by the associated club involved to the General Secretary of the Association within fourteen days from the date of such disqualifications or suspension.
- 2) The Committee of Management by a majority of its members present in person may in its absolute discretion resolve not to admit to membership any applicant for membership of the Association and may by such majority of its members so present resolve to expel from membership of the Association any member deemed guilty of any one or more of the following:
 - a) Conduct detrimental to the Association.
 - b) Breach of the rules and regulations of the Association or any of them;
 - c) Willful refusal or neglect to carry out any lawful direction or ruling of the Committee in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Association or any of them;
 - d) Failure to pay annual subscription or other dues lawfully imposed by the Association in accordance with these rules and regulations or any of them;
 - e) Conduct contrary to the best interest of the Association; and
 - f) Bringing into this country pigeon eggs laid in a foreign country or pigeons bred in a foreign country while an act of parliament forbids such imports into Australia.

INFRINGEMENT OF RULES

10. Should any member of the Association commit a breach of the rules of the Association and any of them or of the Racing By-Laws of the Association or any of them, the Committee of Management may notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 9 punish the offender by a term of suspension of membership of the Association or by such other form of penalty as the Management Committee in its absolute discretion shall think fit.

a) Non-payment of Subscription or Dues

Should any member of the Association fail to pay his or her subscription or other dues or any part thereof when the same shall be due and payable the Committee of Management may notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 9 suspend such member until such time as all arrears of subscription and dues shall be paid and during the period of such suspension such member shall not be entitled to the rights and privileges of the Association or any of them.

b) Non-collection of Reported Stray Pigeon

Members must make contact with persons reporting pigeons registered in their name within 24 hours of contact by the Ring Secretary. The reported pigeon(s) must then be collected within 7 days, after which the Ring Secretary must be notified of the collection.

Failure to comply with the above will result in a fine of \$50 and further nominations of pigeons in races shall be prohibited until the above procedure has been complied with, and the fine is paid to the General Secretary. Further infringements may result in possible suspension or termination of Membership.

APPEALS BY CLUB MEMBERS

11. The Committee of Management, may at its absolute discretion, hear and decide upon the appeal of any club member against their club's decision provided that notice of such appeal and the grounds thereof be sent in writing to the General Secretary of the Association within fourteen days of the member receiving notice of the decision of their club, and provided also that such appeal be accompanied by a deposit of \$5.00, and in the event of the appeal not being upheld the fee lodged with such appeal shall be forfeited by the member or members or club appealing. Nothing in this rule shall derogate from the powers of the Association with regard to the settlement of disputes, as provided in Rule 3 (9) of these rules and regulations.

OFFICERS

12. The officers of the Association shall consist of a Patron, President, Vice Presidents, General Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected annually by the Committee of Management but shall be eligible for re-election.
- a) The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall be elected by all financial members of the SAHPA Inc., during the election/s for the Five Man Committee, who are up for re-election.
- b) AUDITOR - Immediately after the Annual General Meeting, the Committee of Management shall appoint an Auditor. The person so appointed is not to be a financial member of the Association and must be suitably qualified. The Auditor is to hold office until the next Annual General Meeting and is eligible for re-appointment.

CHAIRPERSON, GENERAL SECRETARY AND TREASURER

13. Any member of the Association shall be eligible for election as Chairperson, General Secretary or Treasurer of the Association providing the nomination is accompanied by the nominee's consent in writing to be handed to the General Secretary or the Acting General Secretary one month previous to the election taking place. The General Secretary and Treasurer, shall be allowed a voice in all Association business, but shall not be entitled to vote on any questions. They shall be ex-officio members of the Committee of Management and may be elected to other Committees.
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SEALHOLDER

17. There shall be a Common Seal of the Association, and such Seal shall be kept in the custody of the General Secretary. The said General Secretary shall be the person authorized to use such Common Seal only under the direction of the Committee of Management.

OFFICER'S DUTIES

18. 1) The Chairperson shall preside and keep order at all meetings of the Association members and Committees. Every member shall pay strict obedience to the presiding officer and shall uphold the dignity of the chair. Any member who in the opinion of a meeting of the Committee of Management of this Association is considered guilty of a breach of this rule may be dealt with as though guilty of misconduct.
- 2) The Vice-Chairperson shall act in the place of the Chairperson when necessary and assist him/her whenever called upon by him/her to do so.
- 3) The Treasurer or General Secretary of the Association shall receive all monies and shall give the General Secretary a receipt for same. All such monies received by the said Treasurer or General Secretary shall be paid into the General account of the Association in such bank or banks as the

Committee of Management shall decide, and no monies shall be withdrawn from such account without the signature of the Chairperson or the Treasurer and the General Secretary. The Treasurer or General Secretary shall pay all expenses contracted by the Association out of the said general account after the accounts have been endorsed by the Chairperson and approved by the Committee of Management. The Treasurer shall produce to the Chairperson and/or General Secretary of the meeting of the Committee of Management all books, accounts, vouchers and Association papers in his or her possession whenever called upon to do so. He/she shall produce no later than 3 weeks before the Annual General Meeting of the members of the Association a properly audited statement of receipts and Expenditure for the Financial Year and a Balance Sheet setting out the assets and liabilities of the Association.

- 4) The Assistant Secretary's duties are to assist the General Secretary as required, and to attend Hampering nights to assist the Treasurer.
- 5) The General Secretary shall keep correctly such books as he/she may be instructed by the Association or as may be required for the fulfillment of his /her duties and in particular, race record registration and receipt books and all usual and proper books of account and a register containing the names and addresses of the members of the Association, and shall at the expiration of term of office or sooner, if required by the Committee of Management, hand to the successor all Association books, vouchers, papers, correspondence, etc., in his/her possession. The General Secretary shall receive all monies paid to the Association and shall pay the same to the Treasurer, obtaining receipt for same. He/she shall make arrangements subject to the approval of the Association for all meetings of the Association Management Committee delegates or sub-committees. He/she shall make arrangements for the carrying out of all races under the auspices of the Association and shall determine their result; only airline distances shall be recognized in Association races when a record is claimed. He/she shall conduct all the correspondence of the Association.
- 6) The General Secretary (or an officer so nominated by the Management Committee) shall determine the results of all races flown under the auspices of the Association. Should there be any issue arising from the race results, the General Secretary shall provide all information to the Management Committee for review and decision.
- 7) The Ring Secretary shall issue all rings and keep a register of same. All monies received shall be banked promptly and details of the sales submitted weekly to the Treasurer.
- 8) The Auditor shall audit the accounts of the Association annually, and shall give a proper certificate in writing, of the result of such audits.
- 9) Any question regarding the accuracy of the figures in the balance sheet must be sent in to the Treasurer seven days prior to the Annual General meeting in order that they may be looked into and explanation given to the members at the time the balance sheet is under discussion.

MEETINGS

19. 1) **Annual Meeting** - The Annual General Meeting shall be held within ninety (90) days of the end of the financial year each year. Receipt of Notices of Motions for the Annual General Meeting each year shall close at last mail 31st January of the current year to allow notification to members (refer rule 20).

The Chairperson, Treasurer, Auditor's reports shall be presented. The newly elected Committee of Management shall subsequently appoint the officers for the ensuing year.

- 2) **Special Meetings** - A Special General Meeting may be called by the General Secretary at any time and shall be called within three days by the General Secretary on receiving a written requisition for that purpose stating the specific object/s for which the meeting is required, signed by not fewer than three members of the Committee of Management.

ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION

20. No alteration or variation of or addition to the SAHPA Inc. Constitution be made, except by a majority of the financial members present at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting of the members of the Association called for the purpose.

Twenty-one clear days' notice of such meetings shall be given to all members, stating the time and place of holding same and specifying the alterations, variations or additions to the Constitution proposed to be brought forward.

Notice of motion proposing the rescinding alteration, variation or addition to the Constitution of the Association shall only be accepted from:

- 1). Associated clubs of the Association which have discussed and approved the proposal(s) by a majority of members attending an official club meeting at which a quorum was present; or
- 2). The Committee of Management itself. Such alteration(s) shall be registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission as required by the Act (March 1989).

ROUTINE OF BUSINESS AT MEETINGS

21. The following shall be the course of business at meetings of the Association and its committees:

- a) Minutes to be read and confirmed
 - b) Business arising out of minutes
 - c) Correspondence
 - d) Reports from committees
 - e) Adjourned motions and business
 - f) Motions of which notice has been given
 - g) Breaches of rules and regulations
 - h) General business.
- Minutes read, passed and confirmed.

THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

22. 1) All financial members of the Association, with the exception of the presiding Chairperson (see part 7), shall be eligible to vote for the election of members to the Committee of Management and shall be entitled to one vote for the electorate candidate of their choice. Members will be deemed to belong to one of five electorates and will only be invited to vote in the years that their electorate requires a replacement member. At the date of formation, no electorate shall comprise more than 25% or less than 15%, of the official financial members of the Association in the year preceding an election.
- 2) Nominations for election to the Committee of Management shall be in writing and signed by the nominee and two other members of the said electorate.
- 3) Nominations shall be received by the General Secretary up to two calendar months prior to the date of each Annual General Meeting.
- 4) Ballot papers containing the names of all electorate nominees for election to the Committee of Management shall be prepared by the General Secretary in alphabetical order as to surname and such ballot paper shall be posted to each financial member of the said electorate(s) of the Association no later than one calendar month prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting (or at any other time as determined by the rules of the Association). This notice shall list the nominees accepted for the electorate concerned, and voting shall be affected by the member clearly placing against the name of the nominee of first preference, the number "1". Subsequent preferences are not required.
- 5) Votes shall be returned by hand or by post to the General Secretary no later than fourteen (14) clear days from the date set for the Annual General Meeting or any other constitutionally convened election.
- 6) A Returning Officer shall be appointed for each election by the Committee of Management. The duties of the Returning Officer shall be to obtain all ballot papers from the General Secretary and to count and record all votes cast by members.
- 7) In the event of two candidates receiving the same number of votes in a given electorate, the Chairperson of the Association shall cast his/her vote to determine the outcome for the said electorate.
- 8) It shall not be compulsory for all members of the Association to cast a vote, and the returning officer shall take into account only the votes received in accordance with the rules outlined above.
- 9) At the Annual General Meeting (or other specially conducted General Meeting of members), the Returning Officer shall deliver into the hands of the Chairperson of the Committee of Management, a return of all votes cast and the Chairperson shall announce the results of the election and shall declare the successful nominees elected as members of the Committee of Management.
- 10) Subject to these rules, the management of the business of the Association shall be vested in the Committee of Management who may in addition to the powers and authorities by these rules or otherwise expressly conferred upon them, exercise all such powers of the Association and do all such things which may be exercised and done by the Association and are not hereby directed or required to be exercised and done by the Association in General Meeting, but no rule or regulation made by the Association in General Meeting shall invalidate any prior contract entered into by the Committee of Management which would have been valid if such rule or regulation had not been made.

- 11) The Committee of Management may meet together for the dispatch of business at such times and from time to time as the committee or the Chairperson thereof shall think fit and may adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings and proceedings as they may think fit. Until otherwise determined four members of the committee shall form a quorum.
- 12) Only members present in person shall vote at meetings of Committee of Management.
- 13) Until otherwise determined by a Special General Meeting of members, the number of electorates represented by members of the Committee of Management shall be five. These electorates shall be titled Southern, Northern, Eastern, Western and Hills.
- 14) Vacant.
- 15) At the Annual General Meeting held each year after 2001, those members of the Committee of Management longest in office shall retire progressively from office. In this way, subject to their being no other vacancies brought about by other means, two new members shall be elected each year, with only one member required every third year.
- 16) All retiring members of the Committee of Management shall, following retirement from office, be eligible for re-election, regardless of how many terms of three years in office, the member has held.
- 17) No member of the Committee of Management shall hold office for a term exceeding three years, provided however, that a member of the Committee of Management shall hold office until the Annual General Meeting, notwithstanding that the Annual General Meeting shall be held after such member shall have completed three years in office.
- 18) The Committee of Management shall have power at any time and from time to time to appoint any other person as a member of the Committee of Management to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the Committee at any time shall not exceed the maximum number fixed. Any member so appointed shall be a member of the electorate from which the vacancy arose or if no one from that electorate is willing to be appointed then the Committee of Management can appoint a member from another electorate, and shall retire at the end of that year, but is eligible to nominate for re-election at the next Annual General meeting. Such member may nominate for one more consecutive three-year term after completion of their first full term in office.
- 19) The Chairperson, and in the Chairperson's absence the Vice-Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Committee of Management.
- 20) Votes of members of the Committee of Management shall be by show of hands unless deemed otherwise by the Chairperson.
- 21) All decisions of the Committee of Management shall be carried by a simple majority.
- 22) All meetings of the Committee of Management shall be held in camera. With the exception of the Annual General Meeting, no notice of such meetings shall be given to members of the Association.
- 23) The Secretary and Treasurer and any other officer of the Association except for the presiding Chairperson, may be appointed as a member of the Committee of Management.
- 24) The Committee of Management may in its sole discretion and at any time invite any person(s) to attend meetings of the Committee of Management. Such persons may by invitation be heard, but unless a member of the committee, shall not be entitled to vote.
- 25) Minutes of all meetings of the Committee of Management and of the Annual General Meeting and of any Special General Meeting shall be recorded at the meeting by the Secretary and shall at the end of the meeting at which they are recorded be read by the Secretary to members and such additions and alterations as may be necessary made thereto and approved and in evidence of such approval signed by the Chairperson of that meeting.
- 26) Within a period of fourteen (14) days after each meeting referred to in Sub Rule (25) hereof, the Secretary shall cause a copy of that meeting's minutes to be posted to each of the clubs in the Association.
- 27) The acceptance by a 75% majority of members present at the Special General Meeting, and subsequent implementation of this amended rule, shall require the 1998 elected Committee of Management to retire immediately, and be replaced by a new Committee elected as soon as possible and in accordance with the above. In the brief interim period whilst the elections being called and run, as per the rules of the Association, the General Secretary shall co-ordinate the management of the affairs of the Association.
- 28) Any currently elected member of the February 1998 SAHPA Committee of Management, shall be eligible to be re-elected to stand as candidate for their nominated electorate, and hence stand for re-election to the new Committee of Management, regardless of previous terms on the old Committee.

- 29) In addition to and without prejudice to the powers and obligations incidental to the Committee of Management, the Management Committee of the Association for the time being shall have, and exercise full powers of arranging for and carrying out the building and erection of the clubhouse and buildings appurtenant thereto on the land acquired for that purpose by the Association and of letting, leasing, hiring and otherwise managing and controlling such premises and the keeping of the accounts in connection therewith on behalf of the Association and for the purpose of enabling the Management Committee to carry out their duties in this respect. The monies at present standing to the credit of the Building Fund of the Association and all future allocations of subscriptions to the Building Fund and all other monies raised, subscribed or borrowed for the purpose of erecting the said clubhouse and buildings, as well as the revenue derived from the letting, leasing or hiring of the said premises and furniture shall be subject to the control of the Management Committee, who may from time to time expend and apply the same in and towards the erection of the said clubhouse and buildings and the maintenance, upkeep and repair of the same and the payment of all expenses incidental to the proper management and control thereof. The monies referred to in this rule shall be paid by the Secretary and/or Treasurer into an account to be opened in the name of the Association in a bank or banks as the Management Committee shall decide, to be called the Building Fund Account, and all payments made pursuant to this rule shall be made by cheques drawn on the said account and signed by Treasurer and one other Management Committee member.
- 30) Each Representative of the Management Committee must call a meeting with his/her electorate members each year prior to the drafting of the SAHPA Inc. race program.
Once all Management Committee members have fulfilled their obligation to the electorate with respect to the race program, the Management Committee will draft the race program for the following year.
- 31) That the convoyers report be distributed with Committee of Management minutes sent out to Club secretaries.
- 32) Before any major capital expenditure over \$10,000 by the Association occurs, the members must approve by a majority vote at an AGM or special meeting.
- 33) The Management Committee will provide copies of Public Liability insurance policy to all SAHPA members for their perusal .

OVER-RIDING POWERS OF GENERAL MEMBERS

- 23.1) Notwithstanding any powers to the contrary vested by this Constitution in the Committee of Management, 10% in total of all the general members of the Association from time to time may in writing petition the Committee of Management to call a Special General Meeting of members of the Association. A petition shall specify the grounds upon which a Special General Meeting is required and shall set forth all resolutions proposed to be put to the Special General Meeting. The Committee of Management shall within seven (7) days from the receipt of a petition call a special General Meeting of all members of the Association.
- 2) A resolution carried by 75% of general members of the Association present in person at a Special General Meeting called pursuant to this rule shall over-ride any resolution or decision of the Committee of Management to contrary effect and the general members may by a majority of 75% of their total number at any time vote to remove from office any one or more of the members of the Committee of Management and upon the passing of such resolution such member(s) shall forthwith cease to hold office as members of the Committee of Management and a casual vacancy shall be declared and filled in accordance with these rules. In the event that the whole of the Committee of Management shall be dismissed from office or shall resign, an election to replace all members of the Committee of Management shall be held in accordance with these rules and the Secretary for the time being shall have all powers given by these rules to conduct the election to appoint the Returning Officer and to call a Special General Meeting of members for the purpose of declaring the results of the election and all other powers necessary to lead to the valid appointment of a new Committee of Management.

AFFILIATION OF OTHER ASSOCIATIONS AND CLUBS

24. 1) The Association may grant affiliation with the Association to any homing pigeon club in the metropolitan area or country.

- 2) All applicants for affiliation shall be accompanied by a full list of its officers and members and club rules.
- 3) The current affiliation fee must be paid on joining. Such application shall be submitted to and approved by the Association and thereafter the club shall be registered as an affiliated club.
- 4) Members of affiliated clubs using the convoyers shall pay a fee to be determined at each annual meeting and clubs not using the convoyer shall pay a fee to be determined likewise.
- 5) Such affiliation shall continue so long as the club is financial and otherwise complies with these rules.
- 6) Each affiliated club shall forthwith upon their election, register with the General Secretary of the Association, the names and addresses of its executive officers.

INTERPRETATION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

25. The Committee of Management shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of these rules and regulations and the decision of the Committee of Management upon any question or interpretation or upon any matter affecting the Association and not provided for by these rules and regulations shall be final and conclusive.

DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY ON DISSOLUTION OR WINDING UP OF THE ASSOCIATION

26. If upon the final winding up or dissolution of the Association there remains after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Association but shall be paid to or distributed amongst such one or more charitable institutions in South Australia as the Committee of Management shall think fit. BUT this rule shall have no application in the case of a winding-up or a dissolution for the purpose of re-forming or re-constructing the Association or altering its constitution, or which is brought about by any other club or association of clubs having similar objects, nor shall this rule or anything contained or implied therein operate to prevent the sale by the Association of all or any part of its property or undertaking, nor the disposal of its surplus assets in the ordinary way of business and without the intention of distributing the proceeds of such sale or such surplus assets as the case may be among the members of the Association in contravention of the foregoing provisions of this rule.

HEADINGS AND MARGINAL NOTES

27. Marginal notes and headings, where they occur, shall not be deemed to form part of the Constitution nor shall they be construed as such.

WHEN RULES COME INTO FORCE

28. These rules shall come into force forthwith.

REPEAL OF PREVIOUS CONSTITUTION

29. From the date of the registration of this Constitution all previously registered constitutions shall be repealed.

STANDING ORDERS

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 - 1) Every member when about to speak shall rise and address the Chair respectively, and to conduct him or herself in a respectable manner towards the Chair. No member shall be allowed to interrupt the speaker, except through the Chairperson, and in explanation of a point of order.
 - 2) No member shall be allowed to speak more than once on any subject, no longer than five minutes, except with the consent of the meeting. Any member who has spoken on a motion shall not be in order in speaking on any amendment except the mover of the motion, who shall be called on by the Chairperson to reply after the debate has closed, and no member shall speak afterwards on the same subjects.
 - 3) Not more than two members shall speak in succession, either for or against any motion or amendment, and if, at the conclusion of the second speaker's remarks, no member rises to speak on the other side, the question shall be put to the meeting after the mover has replied.
 - 4) The time for discussing any matter shall not exceed twenty (20) minutes, unless an extension of time has been agreed, upon by a two-thirds majority of the members present, and the time for such extensions must be stated.

- 5) On any member rising to a point of order during the debate, the speaker shall resume his/her seat, and the person so rising shall state his/her point concisely, when the Chairperson shall rule thereon, the Chairperson's ruling being final, unless challenged by a formal motion submitted to the meeting.
- 6) Should any member disagree with the ruling of the Chair, he/she will at once challenge the same, and on this action being taken, the Chairperson shall vacate the Chair, and the question put to the meeting without discussion; it shall require a two-thirds majority to have the rulings disagreed with.
- 7) The Chairperson may speak for or against any motion or amendment. In the event of the votes on any subject being equal, he/she shall have a casting vote only, but not otherwise. The Chairperson shall decide on all points of order.
- 8) All notices of motion shall be in writing and shall take precedence of all other new business.
- 9) On the adoption of any amendment, such amendment shall become the motion.
- 10) No motion or amendment shall be entertained or discussed until it has been seconded, and one amendment only shall be before the meeting at one time. Should a member desire to move a further amendment he/she shall give notice of and indicate it before the vote is taken on the original motion.
- 11) A motion or amendment becomes the property of the meeting and can only be withdrawn by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.
- 12) Minutes shall be rescinded by a two-thirds majority of the members present. Minutes of a special meeting shall only be rescinded by a special meeting, of which members have been duly notified. Decision/s arrived at by a ballot shall only be rescinded by ballot.
 - a) In the event of a motion to rescind a rule or a minute being defeated the said rule or minute will remain effective for at least twelve (12) calendar months.
 - b) A minute shall remain effective until its purpose has been fulfilled or for longer than twelve (12) calendar months.
- 13) The standing orders may be suspended in the following manner only:
By two-thirds of the members present at any meeting being in favor of said suspension, and the time of such suspension must be stated.

CHANGING OF THE S.A.H.P.A. Inc RULES

31. The S.A.H.P.A. Management Committee may change the by-laws but not the Constitution as needed from time to time and notify the General Members of any changes at the earliest AGM, General or Special meeting must have the rule changes passed by the membership at such meeting. If members are not in agreement with the Rule changes before such meeting has been called then members have the option of calling a Special General Meeting as per Section 23. OVER-RIDING POWERS OF GENERAL MEMBERS.