

THE GOLDEN MILE RACING PIGEON CLUB CONSTITUTION

March 2024.

1. The name is The Golden Mile Racing Pigeon Club referred to herein as 'the club.

2. DEFINITIONS:

'Committee' means the committee of management of the Club

'General meeting' means a general meeting of members of the club convened in accordance with these rules.

'Member' means a financial member of the club as outlined in these rules.

'The Act' means the Associations Incorporated Act, 2024

'Month' shall mean a calendar month.

S.A.H.P.A. in these rules refers to the South Australian Homing Pigeon Association Incorporated.

3. OBJECTS OF THE CLUB

The encouragement of breeding, training and racing of the working homing pigeon to members of the club.

To promote the sport of racing pigeons to the general community.

The breeding of homing pigeons for the defence force when required.

4. REGISTERED OFFICE:

The registered office of the club shall be at 10 Baulderstone Road Gepps Cross; or such other place as the members decide from time to time.

5. MEMBERSHIP:

The club shall have two main types of membership; namely FULL membership and SOCIAL membership. Both types of membership shall incur an annual membership fee as determined at the Annual General Meeting. Full members shall be entitled to vote on all club matters. Social members shall have no voting right but will be entitled to participate in all social activities, attend all meetings and be entitled to purchase pigeon life rings. Only members who are financial full members will be entitled to participate in the racing programme with their pigeons.

Membership is available to any person with an interest in homing pigeons, such person to apply in writing to the secretary and a decision on such application shall be made by the Management Committee. Additionally, the club will offer JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP to interested persons who are under 18 years of age at the commencement of the financial year, namely 1st of January.

Decisions on membership fees and racing costs for Junior members will be made at the Annual General Meeting.

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SUBSCRIPTION FEES:

Subscription fees will be \$1 and shall be payable within one month of the annual general meeting.

7. FINANCIAL YEAR:

The financial year of the Club shall commence on the 1st of January each year.

8. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Shall be conducted within 3 months of the commencement of a new financial year.

21 days, notice of such meeting will be given to all members in writing email or phone message outlining the time and date of such meeting, and the business to be conducted.

If a member wishes to lodge a 'Notice of Motion' to the annual general meeting, such notice must be lodged with the Secretary, in writing, email or phone message, 14 days before the published date of the annual general meeting.

The business at the annual general meeting shall be:

- a. To confirm the minutes of the last preceding annual general meeting.
- b. To receive reports from the Chairman and secretary of the activities of the club for the preceding year
- c.. To receive and consider the audited financial report of the club for the preceding year.

A 'notice of motion' must have been submitted in accordance with these rules for a change to this constitution, which must be receive a majority affirmative vote of members present at the meeting for the proposed change. Voting at the Annual General Meeting on matters other than change of constitution, will rely on a simple majority in the affirmative.

The Chairman, being a full member, will have a ordinary vote and a casting vote if necessary.

9. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

The Secretary may call a Special General meeting of members at his/her discretion, and will advise members in writing allowing for at least 7 days before the date of such meeting.

Additionally, a full member of the club may request in writing that a Special General meeting be held, and the Secretary will advise members of the meeting allowing for 7 days notice.

10. ALTERATION TO CONSTITUTION

Alterations to this constitution may be only made at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting, convened under the guidelines of Rule 8.

11. OFFICE BEARERS

At the Annual General Meeting members will elect the following Office bearers for the forthcoming year: Nominations for such positions will be called for at the Annual General Meeting.

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Secretary

Treasurer

Clock chairman

These positions will be considered to be the Management Committee. A quorum of the Management Committee will be considered to be any three.

Auditor (Members will appoint an approved person to audit the financial activities of the club for the preceding year.)

The Secretary/treasurer does not of necessity have to be a financial member of the club

At the first annual general meeting of the club, members shall appoint two members to be bank signatories. These can be changed from time to time by resolution at any meeting of the club. Likewise, members will appoint a Public Officer which can be changed, if necessary, from time to time at any meeting of the club.

12. ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

The Secretary of the club may call an ordinary meeting of the club and shall give members 7 days notice of such meeting. Likewise, any full member, may, with 21 days notice in writing, request the Secretary to call an ordinary meeting.

Voting on matters at an Ordinary General Meeting will be based on majority vote in the affirmative.

The Chairman, being a full member, will have an ordinary vote and a casting vote if necessary.

There will be provisions for proxy voting at any meeting of the club.

13. CONTROL OF FUNDS AND PROPERTY

The management committee shall have sole control of the clubs funds and property.

14.. REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The Secretary will maintain a register of members of the club which will contain the name and address of each member, the date of joining the club, and the allotment location of the racing loft/s of the member.

15. SEAL HOLDER

There shall be a common seal of the club, which shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary.

16.. DISSOLVING OF THE CLUB

The club may be dissolved by a special resolution of members called at a specially convened meeting for that purpose., in which case,

(1) members will be advised at least 21 days written notice of the intention to propose the resolution to dissolve the club.

(2) The resolution must be passed by at least three quarters of the members Present at the specially convened meeting

All surplus finds will be donated to an appropriate charity or the South Australian Homing Pigeon Association as agreed upon by members at the meeting.

17. RULES AND BY LAWS

All members racing birds shall be housed in loft/s situated at the one allotment and such location will be recorded by the Secretary. GPS co-ordinates used to calculate distance for racing shall be taken adjacent to the nominated racing loft, and in the case of members having multiple lofts on the one allotment, the GPS shall be read from a central point of those lofts.

All matters relating to race rules, mechanical and electronic clocks, as published from time to time by the S.A.H.P.A. Inc, shall apply within this club.

The Management Committee reserves the right to modify those rules as required to suit local conditions and members will be advised accordingly.

18.. EXTRANEIOUS RULES

Any matter not covered by these rules, Management Committee shall refer to the SAHPA constitution and act within those guidelines. The decision of the Management Committee shall be final with regard to interpretation of the rules under discussion.

19. DISPUTES

The management committee reserves the right to refer any dispute with members or interpretation of rules to the SAHPA Disputes Committee for guidance.

20. POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION – (The Golden Mile Racing Pigeon Club).

The club shall have all the powers conferred by Section 25 of the Act.

The end.