



MEMBERS' HANDBOOK

Part 4 – Club Constitution

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1. NAME OF CLUB

The Club shall be known as the "Waikerie Gliding Club Incorporated".

2. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

2.1 Definitions

In this constitution, unless the contrary intention appears:

- **'Act'** means the *Associations Incorporation Act 1985 (SA)*.
- **'Associate member'** means a registered member of the Club who is 18 years of age or older, has not been appointed as a life member of the Club under **clause 5.2.** , and is registered as an associate member.
- **'Constitution'** means this constitution of the Club.
- **'Committee'** means the committee elected at an annual general meeting (AGM) to manage the affairs of the Club.
- **'Financial year'** means the year ending on the next 31 March and thereafter at a period 'of 12 months commencing on 1 April and ending on 31 March each year.
- **'GFA'** means the Gliding Federation of Australia, the national governing body for gliding.
- **'Gliding'** means any form of soaring flight.
- **'Junior member'** means a registered member of the Club who is younger than 18 years of age.
- **'Life member'** means a registered member of the Club who is 18 years of age or older and has been appointed as a life member of the Club under **clause 5.2.**
- **'Local area'** means the geographical area for which the Club is responsible as recognised by the regional and/or state organisations for gliding of which the Club is a member.
- **'Member'** means a member of the Club for the time being under **clause 5.**
- **'Objects'** means the objects of the Club in **clause 3.**
- **'Ordinary member'** means a registered member of the Club who is 18 years of age or older, has not been appointed as a life member of the Club under **clause 5.2.** , and is not registered as an associate member.
- **'Portfolios'** means particular management functions outside of the Committee executive that the Committee deems necessary for the proper running of the Club and are defined in the regulations.
- **'Regulations'** means all regulations, policies, and procedures arising under **clause 33.**
- **'SAGA'** means the South Australian Gliding Association, the state governing body for gliding.

- **‘Special resolution’** means a special resolution defined in the Act.
- **‘Sport’** means gliding.

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 or 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).
- (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 CLUB

The Club is established solely for the objects. The objects of the Club are established to:

- (a) Conduct, encourage, promote, advance and administer gliding in the local area
- (b) Act, at all times, on behalf of and in the interest of the members and gliding
- (c) Affiliate and otherwise liaise with the state organisations of which the club is a member and adopt their rule and policy frameworks to further these objects
- (d) Abide by, promulgate, enforce and secure uniformity in the application of the rules of gliding

- (e) Advance the operations and activities of the club in the local area
- (f) Have regard to the public interest in its operations
- (g) 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 CLUB

Solely for furthering the objects, the Club has, in addition to the rights, powers and privileges conferred on it under section 25 of the Act, the legal capacity and powers of a company as set out under section 124 of the *Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)*.

5. MEMBERS

5.1 Members

The members of the Club shall consist of:

- (a) Life members, who subject to this constitution, shall have the right to receive notice of general meetings and to be present, to debate and to vote at general meetings
- (b) Ordinary members, who subject to this constitution, shall have the right to receive notice of general meetings and to be present, to debate and to vote at general meetings
- (c) Junior members, who subject to this constitution, and are at least 15 years of age at the time of a general meeting, shall have the right to receive notice of general meetings and to be present, to debate and to vote at general meetings. Junior members not having reached the age of 15 years at the time of a general meeting, shall have the right to be present at general meetings but not to debate or to vote at general meetings
- (d) Associate members, who subject to this constitution, shall have the right to be present at general meetings but shall not have the right to debate or to vote at general meetings

5.2 Life Members

- (a) The Committee may recommend to the AGM that any natural person who has rendered distinguished service to the Club be appointed as a life member.
- (b) A resolution of the AGM to confer life membership (subject to **clause 5.2(c)**) on the recommendation of the Committee must be a special resolution.
- (c) A person must accept or reject the Club'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.

6. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

6.1 Application for membership

An application for membership must be:

- (a) In writing on the form prescribed from time to time by the Committee, from the applicant and lodged with the Club, and
- (b) Accompanied by the appropriate fee or fees

6.2 Discretion to Accept or Reject Application

- (a) The Club may accept or reject an application whether the applicant has complied with the requirements in **clause 6.1** or not. The Club shall not be required or compelled to provide any reason for such acceptance or rejection.
- (b) Where the Club accepts an application, the applicant shall become a member and be liable for the payment of the appropriate membership fees. Membership shall be deemed to commence upon acceptance of the application by the Club. The register shall be amended accordingly as soon as practicable.
- (c) Where the Club rejects an application, it shall refund any fees forwarded with the application, less any outstanding financial obligation to the Club, and the application shall be deemed rejected by the Club.

6.3 Renewal

Members (other than life members) must renew their membership annually in accordance with the procedures set down by the Club in regulations from time to time.

6.4 Deemed Membership

- (a) All persons who are, prior to the approval of this constitution under the Act, members of the Club shall be deemed members from the time of approval of this constitution under the Act.
- (b) Any members of the Club, prior to approval of this constitution under the Act, who are not deemed members under **clause 6.4(a)** shall be entitled to carry on such functions analogous to their previous functions as are provided for under this constitution.

7. REGISTER OF MEMBERS

7.1 Club to Keep Register

The Club shall keep and maintain a register in which shall be entered (as a minimum):

- (a) The full name, address and date of entry of each member
- (b) Where available the electronic mail contact address
- (c) Where appropriate the date of membership termination

Members shall provide notice of any change in the details in a) and b) above to the Club within one month of such change.

7.2 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 member, shall be available for inspection (but not copying) by members, upon reasonable request.

7.3 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 Committee considers appropriate.

8. EFFECT OF MEMBERSHIP

Members acknowledge and agree that:

- (a) This constitution forms a contract between each of them and the Club and that they are bound by this constitution and the 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 Committee or other entity with delegated authority
- (c) By submitting to this constitution and regulations, they are subject to the jurisdiction of the Club, SAGA and GFA
- (d) The constitution and regulations are necessary and reasonable for promoting the objects and particularly the advancement and protection of gliding
- (e) They are entitled to all benefits, advantages, privileges and services of Club membership

9. DISCONTINUANCE OF MEMBERSHIP

9.1 Notice of Resignation

- (a) A member who has paid all arrears of fees payable to the Club may resign or withdraw from membership of the Club by giving one month's notice in writing to the Club.
- (b) Once the Club receives a notice of resignation of membership given under **clause 9.1(a)**, it must make an entry in the register that records the date on which the member ceased to be a member.

9.2 Discontinuance for Breach

- (a) Membership of the Club may be discontinued by the Committee upon breach of any clause of this constitution or the regulations, including, but not limited to, the failure to pay any monies owed to the Club, failure to comply with the regulations or any resolutions or determinations made or passed by the Committee or any duly authorised sub-committee.
- (b) Membership shall not be discontinued by the Committee under **clause 9.2(a)** without the Committee first giving the accused member the opportunity to explain the breach and/or remedy the breach.
- (c) Where a member fails, in the view of the Committee, to adequately explain the breach to the Committee, that member's membership shall be discontinued under **clause 9.2(a)** by the Club giving written notice of the discontinuance to the member. The register shall be amended to reflect such discontinuance of membership as soon as practicable.

9.3 Member to Re-Apply

A member whose membership has been discontinued:

- (a) May seek renewal or re-apply for membership in accordance with this constitution
- (b) May be re-admitted as a member at the discretion of the Committee

9.4 Forfeiture of Rights

A member who ceases to be a member, for whatever reason, shall forfeit all rights in and claims upon the Club and its property and shall not use any property of the Club including intellectual property. Any Club documents, records or other property in the possession, custody or control of that member shall be returned to the Club immediately.

9.5 Membership May be Reinstated

Membership, which has been discontinued under this **clause 9**, may be reinstated at the discretion of the Committee, with such conditions as it deems appropriate.

9.6 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.

10. DISCIPLINE

(a) The Committee may commence or cause to be commenced disciplinary proceedings against a member who has allegedly:

- (i) Breached, failed, refused or neglected to comply with a provision of this constitution, the regulations or any resolution or determination of the Committee or any duly authorised committee
- (ii) Acted in a manner unbecoming of a member or prejudicial to the objects or interests of the Club and/or the sport
- (iii) Brought the Club or any other member or gliding into disrepute

That member will be subject to and will submit unreservedly to the jurisdiction, procedures, penalties and the appeal mechanisms of the Club set out in the regulations.

(b) The Committee may appoint a judiciary committee to deal with any disciplinary matter referred to it. Such judiciary committee shall operate in accordance with the procedures expressed in the regulations but is subject always to the Act.

11. SUBSCRIPTIONS AND FEES

The annual membership subscription (if any) and any fees or other levies payable by members to the Club and the time for and manner of payment shall be as determined by the Committee.

12. EXISTING COMMITTEE

The members of the Committee of the Club in office immediately prior to approval of this constitution under the Act shall continue in those positions until the next AGM following such adoption of this constitution, and thereafter the positions of Committee members shall be filled, vacated and otherwise dealt with in accordance with this constitution.

13. POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Subject to the Act and this constitution, the business of the Club shall be managed and the powers of the Club shall be exercised by the Committee. In particular, the Committee shall act in accordance with the objects and shall operate for the benefit of the members and the community throughout the local area.

In order to preserve the gliding object of the Club the Committee shall not, without approval via a special general meeting, act to purchase any form of aircraft that has a self-launching capability unless that aircraft is purchased for the primary purpose as a tow-plane for launching gliders. This restriction applies to but is not limited to touring motor gliders, self-launching gliders, ultralight or microlight aircraft, and to all forms of propulsion.

14. COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE

14.1 Composition of the Committee

The Committee shall comprise of:

- (a) Eight elected members who must all be members of the Club and who shall be elected under **clause 15**
- (b) Four of those Committee members shall be elected for a term of one year to form the executive consisting of the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary
- (c) The remaining four members shall be elected for a period of two years as non-executive members

14.2 Portfolios

The Committee will determine from time to time those portfolios necessary for the proper functioning of the Club and list them in the regulations. Appointments to particular portfolios will be in accordance with the requirements contained in the regulations or if that is not possible by appointment of the Committee.

15. ELECTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS

15.1 Nomination for Committee

Nominations for elected Committee positions shall be called for at the AGM. Nominations must be proposed and seconded and where the nominee is not present at the election the nomination must be accompanied by the written acceptance of the nominee.

- (a) If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled or if there are insufficient nominations received to fill all vacancies on the Committee, then those nominated shall be declared elected only if approved by the majority of members present and entitled to vote.
- (b) If there are insufficient nominations received to fill all vacancies on the Committee, or if a person is not approved by the majority of members under **clause 15.1(a)**, the positions will be deemed casual vacancies under **clause 16.1**.
- (c) A nominee may withdraw his nomination at any time prior to the election.
- (d) If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, voting shall be conducted in such a manner and by such a method as determined by secret ballot.

15.2 Term of Appointment for Elected Committee Members

Executive Committee members elected under **clause 15** shall be elected for a term of one (1) year. Subject to provisions in this constitution relating to early retirement or removal of Committee members executive members shall remain in office from the conclusion of the AGM at which the election occurred until the conclusion of the next AGM following.

Non-executive Committee members elected under **clause 15** shall be elected for a term of two years. Subject to provisions in this constitution relating to early retirement or removal of Committee members, non-executive members shall remain in office from the conclusion of the AGM at which the election occurred until the conclusion of the second AGM following.

16. VACANCIES ON THE COMMITTEE

16.1 Casual Vacancies

Any casual vacancy occurring in the position of Committee member may be filled by the remaining Committee from among appropriate members. Any casual vacancy may only be filled for the remainder of the Committee member's term under this constitution.

16.2 Grounds for Termination of a Committee Member

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

- (a) Dies
- (b) Becomes bankrupt or makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors generally
- (c) Becomes of unsound mind or becomes a person whose person or estate is liable to be dealt with in any way under the law relating to mental health
- (d) Resigns their office in writing to the Club or is no longer a Club member
- (e) Is absent without the consent of the Committee from meetings held during a period of six months
- (f) Is directly or indirectly interested in any contract or proposed contract with the Club and fails to declare the nature of that interest
- (g) In the opinion of the Committee (but subject always to this constitution):
 - (i) Acted in a manner unbecoming of a member or prejudicial to the objects or interests of the Club and/or the sport
 - (ii) Has brought the Club into disrepute
- (h) Is removed by special resolution
- (i) Would otherwise be prohibited from being a Director of a corporation under the *Corporations Act 2001 (Cth.)*

16.3 Committee May Act

In the event of a casual vacancy or vacancies in the office of a Committee member, the remaining Committee may act. However, if the number of remaining Committee members is not sufficient to constitute a quorum at a meeting of the Committee they may act only for the purpose of increasing the number of Committee members to a number sufficient to constitute a quorum.

17. MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

17.1 Committee to Meet

The Committee shall meet as often as is deemed necessary in every calendar year for the dispatch of business (and shall be at least as often as is required under the Act). Subject to this constitution, it may adjourn and otherwise regulate its meetings as it thinks fit. A Committee member may at any time convene a meeting of the Committee within reasonable time.

17.2 Decisions of the Committee

Subject to this constitution, questions arising at any meeting of the Committee shall be decided by a majority of votes of those Committee members present and a determination of a majority of Committee members shall for all purposes be deemed a determination of the Committee. All Committee members present shall have one vote on any question. **Where voting is equal the motion will be lost.**

17.3 Resolutions Not in Meeting

- (a) A resolution in writing or recorded in electronic form that has been signed or assented to as the case may be by letter, facsimile, electronic mail or other form of visible or other electronic communication by a majority of Committee members shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of Committee duly convened and held. Any such resolution may consist of several counter parts each signed by one or more of the Committee members.
- (b) Without limiting the power of the Committee to regulate its meetings as it thinks fit, a meeting of the Committee may be held where one or more of the Committee members 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 Committee members entitled to notice in accordance with the usual procedures agreed upon or laid down from time to time by the Committee or this constitution. The notice will specify that Committee members are not required to be present in person.
 - (iii) If a failure in communications prevents **clause 17.3(b)(i)** from being satisfied by the number of Committee members which constitutes a quorum, and none of such Committee 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 **clause 17.3(b)(i)** is satisfied again. If such condition is not satisfied within fifteen minutes from the interruption, the meeting shall be deemed to have been terminated or adjourned.
 - (iv) Any meeting held where one or more of the Committee members is not physically present shall be deemed to be held at the place specified in the notice of the meeting, provided a Committee member is there present. If no Committee member is there present, the meeting shall be deemed to be held at the place where the chairperson of the meeting is located.

17.4 Quorum

At meetings of the Committee the number of Committee members whose presence is required to constitute a quorum is five.

17.5 Notice of Committee Meetings

Unless all Committee members agree to hold a meeting at a shorter notice (which agreement shall be sufficiently evidenced by their apology or presence) not less than seven days' written notice of the meeting of the Committee shall be given to each Committee member. The agenda shall be forwarded to each Committee member no less than four days prior to the meeting.

17.6 Chairperson

The President shall be the chairperson of any Committee meeting or general meeting at which he is present. If the President is not present, or is unwilling or unable to preside at a Committee

meeting, the Vice President shall preside; otherwise the remaining Committee members shall appoint another Committee member to preside as chair for that meeting only.

17.7 Conflict of Interest

A Committee member shall declare his interest in any contractual, selection, disciplinary, or financial matter in which a conflict of interest arises or may arise. He shall, unless otherwise determined by the Committee, absent himself from discussions of such matters and shall not be entitled to vote in respect of such matters. If the Committee member casts a vote, the vote shall not be counted. In the event of any uncertainty as to whether it is necessary for a Committee Member to absent himself from discussions and refrain from voting, the issue should be immediately determined by vote of the Committee. If this is not possible, the matter shall be adjourned or deferred.

17.8 Disclosure of Interests

- (a) The nature of the interest of a Committee member must be declared at the meeting of the Committee at which the relevant matter is first taken into consideration, if the interest then exists. In any other case, the interest should be revealed to the Committee at the next meeting of the Committee. If a Committee member 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 Committee held after the Committee member becomes interested.
- (b) All disclosed interests must also be disclosed to each AGM in accordance with the Act.

17.9 General Disclosure

A general notice stating that a Committee member is a member of any specified firm or company and that he is 'interested' in all transactions with that firm or company is sufficient declaration under **clause 17.8**. After the distribution of the general notice, it is not necessary for the Committee member to give a special notice regarding any particular transaction with that firm or company.

17.10 Recording Disclosures

Any declaration made and any disclosure or any general notice given by a Committee member in accordance with **clauses 17.7, 17.8** and/or **17.9** must be recorded in the minutes of the relevant meeting.

18. DELEGATIONS

18.1 Committee May Delegate Functions

The Committee may, by instrument in writing, create, establish or appoint special sub-committees, individual officers and consultants to carry out specific duties and functions.

It will determine what powers these sub-committees are given. In exercising its power under this clause, the Committee must take into account broad stakeholder involvement.

18.2 Delegation by Instrument

In the establishing instrument, the Committee may delegate such functions as are specified in the instrument, other than:

- (a) This power of delegation; and
- (b) A function imposed on the Committee by the Act, any other law, this constitution, or by resolution of the Club in a general meeting

18.3 Delegated Function Exercised in Accordance with Terms

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

18.4 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 Committee under **clause 17**. The entity exercising delegated powers shall make decisions in accordance with the objects, and it shall promptly provide the Committee with details of all material decisions. The entity shall also provide any other reports, minutes and information required by the Committee.

18.5 Delegation May Be Conditional

A delegation under this clause may be made subject to certain conditions or limitations regarding the exercise of any function. These may be specified in the delegation.

18.6 Revocation of Delegation

At any time the Committee may, by instrument in writing, revoke wholly or in part any delegation made under this clause. It may amend or repeal any decision made by a body or person under this clause.

19. COMMON SEAL

- (a) The Club shall 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 Committee. Every use of the seal shall be recorded in the Club's minute book. Two Committee members must witness every use of the seal.

20. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- (a) The Club's AGM shall be held in accordance with the Act and this constitution. It will be held on a date and at a venue determined by the Committee.
- (b) All general meetings other than the AGM shall be special general meetings (SGM) and shall be held in accordance with this constitution.

21. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

21.1 Special General Meetings May be Held

The Committee may, whenever it thinks fit, convene an SGM. When but for this clause more than fifteen months elapses between AGMs, the Committee shall convene an SGM before the expiration of that period.

21.2 Requisition of Special General Meetings

- (a) The Secretary will convene an SGM when twenty per cent of members entitled to vote (no less) submit a requisition in writing.
- (b) The requisition for an SGM shall state the object(s) of the meeting, be signed by the members making the requisition and be sent to the Club. The requisition may consist of several documents in a like form, each signed by one or more of the members making the requisition.

- (c) If the Committee does not cause an SGM to be held two months after delivering the requisition to the Club, the members making the requisition, or any of them, may convene an SGM to be held no later than three months after that date.
- (d) An SGM convened by members under this constitution shall be convened in the same manner, or as close as possible, as those convened by the Committee.

22. NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- (a) The Committee shall take reasonable steps to provide all members entitled to vote with notification of an AGM. No other person shall be entitled, as of right, to receive notices of AGMs.
- (b) A notice of an AGM shall specify the place, day and hour of the meeting and shall state the business to be transacted at the meeting.

23. BUSINESS

- (a) The business to be transacted at the AGM includes the consideration of accounts and the reports of the President and Treasurer, the election of Committee members under this constitution and the appointment of the auditors where required.
- (b) All business that is transacted at a general meeting and at an AGM, with the exception of those matters set down in **clause 23(a)**, shall be special business.
- (c) No business other than that stated on the notice for an AGM shall be transacted at that meeting unless with the approval of the Chairman.

24. NOTICES OF MOTION

Members entitled to vote may submit notices of motion for inclusion as special business at an AGM. All notices of motion must be submitted in writing to the Club within sufficient time to be included in the notice of AGM or else will be subject to the acceptance or non-acceptance by the Chairman.

25. PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

25.1 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 of the Club shall be 25% of members resident in South Australia and entitled to vote.

25.2 Chairperson to Preside

The chairperson of the Committee shall, subject to this constitution, preside as chair at every AGM or SGM, except:

- (a) In relation to any election for which the chairperson is a nominee
- (b) Where a conflict of interest exists

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

25.3 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 two weeks later at the same time and

place or to a date, time or place determined by the chairperson. 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. 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 days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of an original meeting.
- (d) Except as provided in **clause 25.3(c)** it shall not be necessary to give any notice of an adjournment or the business to be transacted at any adjourned meeting.

25.4 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
- (b) A majority of all members present

25.5 Recording of Determinations

Unless a poll is demanded under **clause 25.4**, the chairperson's declaration shall be conclusive evidence of the result of a resolution decided by a show of hands. The declaration does not need to record the number of votes in favour of or against the resolution; the result of the resolution must be recorded in the Club's book of proceedings.

25.6 Where Poll Demanded

If a poll is duly demanded under **clause 25.4** it shall be taken in such a manner and either at once or after an interval or adjournment or otherwise as the chairperson directs. The result of the poll shall be the resolution of the meeting.

26. VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS

26.1 Members Entitled to Vote

Each member entitled to vote shall be entitled to one vote at an AGM or SGM. 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 **clause 5.1. Where voting is equal the motion will be lost.**

26.2 Proxy Voting

Proxy voting shall not be permitted at any general meetings.

27. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

- (a) The grievance procedure set out in this rule applies to disputes under these rules between a member and:
 - (i) Another member
 - (ii) The Club

- (b) The parties to the dispute must meet and discuss the matter in dispute, and, if possible, resolve the dispute within fourteen days after the dispute comes to the attention of all parties.
- (c) The Committee may prescribe additional grievance procedures in regulations consistent with this **clause 27**.

28. RECORDS AND ACCOUNTS

28.1 Records

The Club shall establish and maintain proper records and minutes concerning all of its transactions, business, meetings and dealings (including those of the Committee). It shall produce these as appropriate at each Committee or general meeting.

28.2 Records Kept in Accordance with the Act

Proper accounting and other records shall be kept in accordance with the Act. The Club shall retain such records for seven years after the completion of the transactions or operations to which they relate.

28.3 Committee to Submit Accounts

The Club shall prepare and make available to the members an annual financial report (comprising an annual profit and loss statement, a balance sheet and a statement of cash flows) and a President's Report about the Club's operations.

The Committee shall submit the Club's statements of account to the members at the AGM in accordance with this constitution and the Act.

28.4 Accounts Conclusive

The statements of account, when approved or adopted by an AGM, shall be conclusive except when errors have been discovered within three months after such approval or adoption.

28.5 Negotiable Instruments

All cheques and other negotiable instruments shall be signed, drawn, accepted, endorsed or otherwise executed, as the case may be, by any two duly authorised directors or in such other manner as the board determines.

29. APPLICATION OF INCOME

29.1 The income and property of the Club shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects.

29.2 Except as prescribed in this constitution or the Act:

- (a) No portion of the income or property of the Club shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise to any member
- (b) No remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth shall be paid or given by the Club to any member who holds any office of the Club

29.3 Payment in good faith of or to any member can be made for:

- (a) Any services actually rendered to the Club whether as an employee, Committee member or otherwise

- (b) Goods supplied to the Club 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 Club
- (e) Any out-of-pocket expenses incurred by a member on behalf of the Club

Nothing in **clauses 29.1 or 29.2** preclude such payments provided they do not exceed the amount ordinarily payable between ordinary commercial parties dealing at arm's length in a similar transaction.

30. WINDING UP

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

31. DISTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY ON WINDING UP

If upon winding up or dissolution of the Club there remains, after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any assets or property, they shall not be paid to or distributed among the members. Instead, the assets or property shall be given or transferred to another organisation(s) that has objects similar to those of the Club. The organisation(s) must prohibit the distribution of its income and property among its members to an extent at least as great as that imposed on the Club by this constitution. The organisation(s) is to be determined by the members in a general meeting at or before the time of dissolution. If this does not occur, the decision is to be made by a judge of the Supreme Court of South Australia or other court as may have or acquire jurisdiction in the matter.

32. ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION

This constitution shall not be altered except by special resolution.

33. REGULATIONS

33.1 Committee to Formulate Regulations

The Committee may formulate issue, adopt, interpret and amend regulations for the proper advancement, management and administration of the Club, the advancement of the objects of the Club and gliding in the local area. Such regulations must be consistent with the constitution and any policy directives of the Committee.

33.2 Regulations Binding

All regulations are binding on the Club and all members.

33.3 Regulations Deemed Applicable

All regulations of the Club in force at the date of the approval of this constitution (as long as such regulations are not inconsistent with or have been replaced by, this constitution) shall be deemed to be regulations and shall continue to apply.

33.4 Bulletins Binding on Members

Amendments, alterations, interpretations or other changes to regulations shall be advised to members by means of bulletins approved by the Committee and prepared and issued by the Club. The Club shall take reasonable steps to distribute information in the bulletins to members. The matters in the bulletins are binding on all members.

34. STATUS AND COMPLIANCE OF CLUB

34.1 Recognition of Club

The Club is a member of SAGA and is recognised by this body as the entity responsible for the delivery of gliding in the local area and is subject to compliance with this constitution. The SAGA constitution shall continue to be so recognised and shall administer gliding in the local area in accordance with the objects.

34.2 Constitution of the Club

This constitution will clearly reflect the objects of the state body for gliding and will conform to the constitution of this body, subject always to the Act.

34.3 SAGA and GFA

The Club may not resign, disaffiliate or otherwise seek to withdraw from SAGA or GFA without approval by special resolution.

35. NOTICE

- (a) Notices may be given by the Club to any person entitled under this constitution to receive any notice. The notice can be sent 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. In the case of a delegate, the notice can be sent to the last recorded 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 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.

36. INDEMNITY

- (a) Every Committee member and employee of the Club will be indemnified out of the property and assets of the Club against any liability incurred by them in their capacity as Committee members or employee in defending any proceedings, civil or criminal, in which judgement is given in their favour or in which they are acquitted or connected with any application in relation to any such proceedings in which relief is granted by the Court.
- (b) The Club shall indemnify its Committee members and employees against all damages and losses (including legal costs) for which any such Committee member or employee may be or become liable to any third party in consequence of any act or omission, except wilful misconduct:

- (i) In the case of a Committee member, performed or made while acting on behalf of and with the authority, express or implied, of the Club.
- (ii) In the case of an employee, performed or made in the course of, and within the scope of, their employment by the Club.

37. AUTHORITY TO TRADE

The club is authorised to trade in accordance with the Act.