

**THE CANINE ASSOCIATION
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INCORPORATED)**

CONSTITUTION



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CONSTITUTION

1. NAME

There is hereby constituted an Association which shall be known as The Canine Association of Western Australia (Inc.).

2. DEFINITIONS:

For the purpose of the Constitution and any Regulations thereto, the following definitions shall apply:

Affiliate: Means a Club, Society, Association or other body affiliated with the Association.

Administrative Officer

Means the Secretary, Registrar or Chief Executive Officer of the Association

Association: Means The Canine Association of Western Australia (Inc).

Council: Means the Governing Council of The Canine Association of Western Australia (Inc).

Constitution: Means the mode in which the Association is organised and the fundamental principles by which the Association is governed.

Member: Means a member whose subscription is not in arrears for more than one (1) month.

Register: Means the Registers kept by the Association for the purpose of registering dogs and members in accordance with the Constitution and such Regulations made by the Council from time to time.

Registered Owner: In relation to a dog, means the person registered with the Association as the owner of such dog.

Registered Dog: Means a dog or bitch accepted for registration in the register.

Regulations: Means the resolutions by means of which Council fulfils its duties as laid down in the Constitution.

Sanctioned Event: Means a Championship Show, Open Show, Parade, Competition, any Trial or Test, any training or seminar (or the like) held with the sanction of this Association and under the Constitution and Regulations laid down by it.
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Words importing the male gender shall, where the context reasonably permits, include the female and neuter gender and the singular number shall include the plural number.

3. OBJECTS:

The objects of the Association shall be:

- 3.1 to promote and encourage the breeding of pedigreed dogs;
- 3.2 to foster, promote and protect the interests of members of the Association relative to dogs;
- 3.3 to promote, foster and encourage the welfare and care of dogs.
- 3.4 to collect, verify and publish information relative to dogs and the breeding and exhibition of dogs;
- 3.5 to encourage the affiliation of kindred bodies with the Association;
- 3.6 to keep a Register of dogs, their breeding, ownership and other breeding details;
- 3.7 to make contributions if thought fit, towards Sanctioned Shows and Sanctioned Trials and Tests in the form of cash, trophies or medals and to contribute towards judges expenses;
- 3.8 to issue official certificates;
- 3.9 to make regulations to govern Sanctioned Shows and Sanctioned Trials and Tests not inconsistent with the recommendations of the Australian National Kennel Council;

- 3.10 to keep a panel of judges and make conditions for the placing of names on such panel;
- 3.11 to allot and approve dates for the holding of Sanctioned Shows and Sanctioned Trials and Tests;
- 3.12 to grant championship status to shows by issuing challenge and championship certificates;
- 3.13 to issue certificates appertaining to Trials and Tests;
- 3.14 to enter into reciprocal arrangements with bodies affiliated with the Australian National Kennel Council;
- 3.15 to provide and/or construct facilities and amenities for use by members and others and to acquire by purchase, lease, exchange or otherwise and to sell buildings and hereditaments of any tenure or description and any estate or interest therein;
- 3.16 to sell land or any interest therein but only by resolution at a General Meeting provided notice of motion shall be given by the member proposing to move the same to the Administrator in writing, at least 90 days prior to the meeting and notice thereof shall have been included in the notice convening the meeting at which the motion was to be dealt with;
- 3.17 to make regulations concerning affiliates or members as are consistent with ultimate acceptance of country of origin of the breed or of development breed standards.
- 3.18 to do all such other lawful acts as are incidental to or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.
- 3.19 That before the Canine Association enter into any contract for the sale of any part of their land, pursuant to the attainment of the foregoing objects, that the said contract shall have been subjected to examination by an independent lawyer, not associated with the Canine Association of WA, to ensure that the association's best interests are fully protected. The then said contract shall be referred back to the relevant committee of the Association and Governing Council before it is signed. **(08/10)**

4. CONSTITUTION:

The Association shall consist of:

- 4.1 The Governing Council
- 4.2 Ordinary Members
- 4.3 Honorary Life Members
- 4.4 Junior Members
- 4.5 Affiliated Member Bodies
- 4.6 Associate Members
- 4.7 Concessional Members
- 4.8 A Patron may be nominated on the recommendation of Governing Council and subject to ratification by a General Meeting.

5. GOVERNING COUNCIL:

- 5.1 The Governing Council shall be the supreme controlling body answerable only to the members in a general meeting.
- 5.2 The Council shall comprise eleven (11) persons, viz:
 - 5.2.1 One (1) person who shall be elected President by a ballot of the members of the Association.
 - 5.2.2 One (1) person who shall be elected Vice President by a ballot of the members of the Association.
 - 5.2.3 Nine (9) persons to be elected by a ballot of the members of the Association.
 - 5.2.4 The President and Vice President shall hold office for two (2) years and shall be eligible for re-election with elections for each position being held in alternate years.
 - 5.2.5 The normal term of office of those Governing Councillors elected by members of the Association shall be three (3) years with three (3) members retiring each year and eligible for re-election.

- 5.2.6 The first three (3) unsuccessful candidates in each annual election shall be deemed the deputies (in order of preference according to the result of the election) for each and any of the elected members until the next annual election by members of the Association and shall be eligible for re-election.
- 5.2.7 The method of voting to be used for the election of President, Vice President, Governing Councillors and all elected sub-committees shall be the first-past-the-post system. A ballot paper recording the votes for every vacancy to be filled or any lesser number of vacancies shall constitute a formal vote.
- 5.2.8 The terms of office of the President, Vice President, Governing Councillor or Deputy Councillor may only be terminated early at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose and financial members present voting in favour by a majority of 75%. **08/07**
- 5.2.9 The Editor for the time being of the "W A Canine News" may be a co-opted member of the Governing Council but shall not be entitled to vote, and may speak only on matters in relation to "W A Canine News". **08/07**

6. POWERS OF GOVERNING COUNCIL:

- 6.1 Governing Council shall:
 - 6.1.1 Administer and manage the entire affairs of the Association, including its finances.
 - 6.1.2 Have authority to borrow money on such terms and conditions as they think fit and may issue debenture notes or mortgage or charge all or any part of the assets or under-taking of the Association including subscriptions and other fees payable by members.
 - 6.1.3 Make alter and repeal regulations not inconsistent with the Constitution in connection with the management of the affairs and finances of the Association and for the purposes of furthering or giving effect to the objects of the Association.
 - 6.1.4 Establish committees and/or working parties for such purposes and in such manner as it thinks fit. Council shall simultaneously provide guidelines which will define and limit the authority and scope of each committee and/or working party. Each committee and/or working party shall be presided over by a member of the Council or a person appointed by the Council, both of whom are removable by the Council. He shall be responsible for the conduct of the committee and/or working party's business as directed by Council.
 - 6.1.5 Act as the final Court of Appeal for all questions or disputes of any kind whatsoever other than those matters dealt with by the Protests and Disputes Tribunal and the Appeals Board. **(08/13)**
- 6.2 All Acts done by the Council or any Committee and/or working party duly authorised on its behalf, shall, notwithstanding that it afterwards be discovered that some person or persons were ineligible to act on such Council or Committee and/or working party, be as valid as if such person or persons were eligible to act on such Council or Committee and/or working party.
- 6.3 Quorums:
 - The quorums for all Council committees and/or working parties shall be:
 - 6.3.1 When the committee and/or working party consists of three or less the quorum shall be all the members.
 - 6.3.2 When the committee and/or working party consists of four or more, the quorum shall be the first whole number in excess of 50%.
- 6.4 Minutes:
 - 6.4.1 Minutes shall be kept of all committee and/or working party meetings.
 - 6.4.2 Committees and/or working parties shall report their recommendations and findings to Council at the first opportunity after their meeting.

7. ADMINISTRATION:

- 7.1 The entire affairs of the Association shall be administered by the Governing Council and the whole of the superintendence and management of the Association's affairs including its

finances and the keeping of the Register of dogs in accordance with the Constitution hereinafter appearing shall be vested with the Council.

- 7.2 The income and property of the Association shall be applied solely to the promotion of the objects of the Association and no part thereof shall be transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend bonus or otherwise by way of pecuniary profit to the members PROVIDED that remuneration may be made in good faith or expenses paid to officers or servants of the Association or to any other persons in return for services actually rendered to the Association.
- 7.3 Except by resolution of the Council no person other than the President or in his absence the Vice-President shall appear to represent the Association in any way whatever.

8. TRUSTEES AND COMMON SEAL:

- 8.1 For the purpose of the Association Incorporation Act 1987 there shall be two Trustees, one of whom shall be the President of the Association and one other member of Council who shall be appointed by the Council.
- 8.2 The Association shall have a Common Seal, which shall be kept in the custody of the Administrative Officer. There shall be three Sealholders for the purpose of affixing the Seal to any document and the Governing Council shall, from time to time appoint such persons to be Sealholders, one of whom shall be the President of Governing Council and may at any time remove a Sealholder and another in his place appoint. The Seal shall not be affixed to any document except by the order of the Governing Council and such affixation shall be countersigned by any two of the Sealholders. The Administrative Officer shall keep a record of all documents to which the Seal shall be fixed.

9. FINANCE:

- 9.1 Accounts shall be opened with a Bank or Banks as decided by the Council and those authorised to operate on such accounts shall be those chosen by the Council from time to time. In the event of surplus funds becoming available such funds may be invested in any investments from time to time sanctioned by law for the investment of Trust Funds in such manner as shall be directed by the Council in the case of Association funds.
- 9.2 The annual subscriptions, affiliation fees and the scale of charges are to be set by the Council annually. Notification of such charges must be advised to all members and Clubs prior to application.
- 9.3 That the Annual Financial report (of the Canine Association of Western Australia (Inc.) shall be made available to the members, for collection from the (CAWA) office, at least fourteen (14) working days prior to the date set for the Annual General Meeting. If members wish to receive a researched answer they are to submit to the Administrative Officer any queries for discussion five (5) working days prior to the Annual General Meeting. **08/01**

10. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS:

- 10.1 Secretary - The Governing Council shall, from time to time, appoint a person as Secretary and may delegate to such person such of its powers and duties as the Governing Council shall think fit. **08/07**
- 10.1.1 Governing Council shall be responsible for the terms of employment, the acceptance of resignations from, or the termination of, the Secretary's employment and all such negotiations as are necessary to achieve the desired outcome. **08/07**
- 10.1.2 The Secretary/Registrar shall be directly responsible to the President for the general administration of the Association. **08/07**
- 10.2 Registrar And Other Staff -The Governing Council shall from time to time appoint a person as Registrar. The Registrar so appointed and such other staff as are necessary shall be responsible to the Secretary.
- 10.3 Chief Executive Officer - The offices of Secretary and Registrar may be held by the same

person if so decided by the Governing Council in which case he may be known as the Chief Executive Officer.

11. AFFILIATION:

The Council may admit as an affiliate of the Association any kindred body, established for the purpose of conducting any Sanctioned Events or for the purpose of educating persons to act as judges of dogs or for the purpose of promoting interest in any particular breed or breeds of dogs.

12. STANDARD CONSTITUTION FOR AFFILIATED CLUBS:

Council shall draw up a Standard Constitution for affiliated Clubs which shall form the basis for constitutions for all affiliated dog clubs. Council may alter and amend the said Standard Constitution for Affiliated Clubs from time to time in a manner not inconsistent with this Constitution.

13. CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP:

13.1 Ordinary Members (Single, Double, Kennel, Firm or Company)

14.2 Honorary Life Members

13.3 Junior Members

13.4 Junior Members NO Journal **08/02**

13.5 Affiliated Member Bodies

13.5 Associate Members

13.6 Concessional Members

13.7 Handlers Under 18 Years of Age **08/02**

13.8 Handlers Over 18 Years of Age **08/02**

14. MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY:

14.1 To be eligible for consideration for any class of membership, a person must not –

14.1.1 be under suspension or investigation in another state or territory or body recognised by the Australian National Kennel Council Limited, or

14.1.2 been convicted of a charge of cruelty or mistreatment of animals in a court of law

14.2 Ordinary Members (Single, Double, Kennel, Firm or Company) shall be open to any person over the age of eighteen (18) years and resident in Australia provided that:

14.2.1 he is the registered owner or part-owner of a live dog registered, on the Main or Limited Register, with any member body of the Australian National Kennel Council, and/or **08/04**

14.2.2 he is considered by the Council to have special qualifications and/or knowledge of canine affairs and/or to have qualifications helpful to the Association.

14.3 Honorary Life Membership may be conferred on any members who have given meritorious service to the Association.

14.4 Junior Membership is open to any person under the age of eighteen (18) years provided that he is the registered owner or part owner of a live dog registered with any member body of the Australian National Kennel Council.

14.4.1 Junior Membership NO Journal is open to any person under eighteen (18) years provided that he is the registered owner or part owner of a live dog registered with any member body of the Australian National Kennel Council and that a parent/legal guardian is an ordinary member with this Association and that a parent/legal guardian receives a Canine Journal. **08/02**

14.5 Associate Membership shall be open to any person.

14.6 Concessional Membership shall apply only to those persons who:

14.6.1 do not have a currently registered prefix

14.6.2 have not registered a litter with this Association for a period of one (1) year **08/01**

14.6.3 comply with the requirements of Ordinary Membership and

14.6.4 come within any of the following categories of which only one may be applied for:

14.6.4.1 Country - which shall be open to persons residing more than a hundred (100) km from the Perth General Post Office.

14.6.4.2 Pensioner - which shall be open to any person holding an approved Social Security Services Pension Card.

14.7 Handlers under eighteen (18) years of age is open to any person who does not own a registered dog and is not a member of any registered member body of the Australian National Kennel Council. **08/02**

14.8 Handlers over eighteen (18) years of age is open to any person who does not own a registered dog and is not a member of any registered member body of the Australian National Kennel Council. **08/02**

15. ADMISSION OR REJECTION OF MEMBERSHIP

15.1 All applications for membership shall be posted on the Association notice board for a period of not less than seven (7) days.

15.2 Objections to an application, including reasons therefore, must be lodged with the Administrative Officer within fourteen (14) days of the application having been placed on the notice board.

15.3 At a meeting of the Council after the receipt of any application and the fee applicable for any class of membership, so long as this is not less than fourteen (14) days and not more than sixty (60) days after the receipt of the application, such application and any objections lodged to this application shall be considered by the Council who shall thereupon determine upon the admission or rejection of the applicant. The applicant shall be given the opportunity to present his case before rejection of the application.

15.4 Any applicant who receives a majority of the votes of the members of the Council present at the meeting at which such an application is being considered shall be accepted as a member to the class of membership applied for.

15.5 Upon acceptance or rejection of any application for any class of membership the Administrative Officer shall, within seven (7) days, give the applicant notice in writing of such acceptance or rejection.

16. RESIGNATION OR TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

16.1 A member may resign from the Association at any time by giving notice in writing to the Administrative Officer.

16.1.1 Such resignation shall take effect at the time such notice is received by the Administrative Officer unless a later date is specified in the notice, when it shall take effect on that later date.

16.2 If a member

16.2.1 is convicted of an indictable offence;

16.2.2 fails to comply with any of the provisions of these rules;

16.2.3 has membership fees in arrears for a period of two months or more;

16.2.4 conducts himself in a manner considered to be injurious or prejudicial to the character or interests of the Association;

16.2.5 is found guilty by a court of law of cruelty, mistreatment or neglect of any animals.

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his membership may be terminated.

16.3 The Council shall provide the member a full and fair opportunity to present his case.

16.4 Should the Council resolve to terminate the membership, it shall instruct the Administrative Officer to advise the member in writing accordingly.

17. APPEAL AGAINST TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

17.1 A person whose membership has been terminated may, within seven (7) days of receiving written notification, lodge with the Administrative Officer written notice of their intention to appeal against the decision.

17.2 Upon receipt of a notification of intention to appeal against the termination of membership, the Administrative Officer shall convene, within five months and not less than two months of the date of receipt by him of such notice, a Special General Meeting of members to determine the appeal.

- 17.3 At any such meeting the applicant shall be given the opportunity to fully present their case and the Council who terminated the membership shall likewise have the opportunity of presenting their case.
- 17.4 The appeal shall be determined by the vote of the appropriate class of members ie ordinary, life members and pensioner members, present at such meeting.
 - 17.4.1 A simple majority will carry or defeat any Motion
 - 17.4.2 The Chairperson will not exercise a vote
 - 17.4.3 All voting to be by secret ballot
 - 17.4.4 Equality of voting means that the status quo remains, i.e. the appeal is lost. **(08/14)**

18. REGISTERS:

- 18.1 A register of the name and address of each member shall be kept in the office of the Association and shall be open to inspection by such person and upon such conditions as the Council may from time to time determine.
- 18.2 Such other registers as are necessary to maintain the records of the Association shall be kept according to the Regulations.

19. PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP: (08/13)

Subject to the restrictions and limitations prescribed by the Regulations, the privileges of membership shall be:

- 19.1 For Ordinary Members:
 - 19.1.1 The right to attend and to vote at any general meeting of the Association.
 - 19.1.2 The right to register dogs at the preferential rate of registration fees (if any).
 - 19.1.3 The right to handle any dog at a sanctioned event.
 - 19.1.4 Any other privileges the Council may from time to time determine.
- 19.2 For Honorary Life Members:
 - 19.2.1 The right to membership of the Association without payment of the annual subscription.
 - 19.2.2 All other privileges enjoyed by ordinary members.
 - 19.2.3 Any other special privileges the Council may from time to time determine.
 - 19.2.4 The right to handle any dog at a sanctioned event.
- 19.3 For Junior Members
 - 19.3.1 The right to attend General Meetings as observers only.
 - 19.3.2 The right to register dogs at the preferential rate of registration fees (if any).
 - 19.3.3 The right to handle any dog at a sanctioned event.
 - 19.3.4 Any other privileges the Council may from time to time determine.
- 19.4 For Junior Members NO Journal: **08/02**
 - 19.4.1 The right to attend General Meetings as observers only.
 - 19.4.2 Any other privileges the Council may from time to time determine.
 - 19.4.3 The right to handle any dog at a sanctioned event.
- 19.5 For Associate Members:
 - 19.5.1 The right to attend General Meetings as observers only.
 - 19.5.2 Any other privileges the Council may from time to time determine.
 - 19.5.3 The right to handle any dog at a sanctioned event.
- 19.6 For Affiliated Bodies:
 - 19.6.1 The right to apply to Council for permission to conduct Sanctioned Events.
 - 19.6.2 The right to nominate delegates to the appropriate Representative Conference.
 - 19.6.3 Such other privileges as Council may from time to time decide.
- 19.7 For Handler Members: **08/02**
 - 19.7.1 The right to attend General Meetings as observers only.
 - 19.7.2 The right to handle any dog at a sanctioned event.
 - 19.7.3 Any other privileges the Council may from time to time determine.

20. MEETINGS:

20.1 General:

- 20.1.1 An annual General Meeting of members shall be held once during every year within two (2) calendar months of the end of the financial year and at such meeting fifty (50) members present shall form a quorum. **08/01**
- 20.1.2 A Mid Year General Meeting may be held half way through the financial year if the President considers there is sufficient business to warrant calling such a meeting and at such meeting fifty (50) members present shall form a quorum. **08/14**
- 20.1.3 A Special General Meeting shall be convened on the instruction of the President or on the written request of not less than one hundred (100) financial members of the Association and at such meeting fifty (50) members present shall form a quorum. Such Special General Meeting shall be called as soon as possible, but no later than four (4) calendar months after receipt of the request by the Canine Office. Due notice of motion shall be provided and published in meeting notices or by being inserted as a flyer in the Canine News. **08/07, 08/14**
- 20.1.4 If within 30 minutes after the time specified for the holding of the meeting a quorum is not present;
- the meeting lapses or
 - the meeting stands adjourned to the same time on the same day in the following week and to the same venue. **08/09**
- 20.1.5 Members in General Meeting may make alter or repeal Regulations, By Laws or Council Rulings not inconsistent with the Constitution in connection with the management of the affairs and finances of the Association and for the purposes of furthering or giving effect to the objects of the Association provided that due notice of motion has been provided and published in meeting notices.
- 20.1.6 Once such motion has been voted on by members, whether it be in favour or against, thus showing the members' intent, then any such Regulations, By Laws or Council Ruling shall bind the Governing Council for the purpose of its management of the affairs and finances of the Association.

20.2 Council:

- 20.2.1 Council Meetings shall be held at least once during every month, unless in the opinion of the President there be insufficient business to warrant the calling of such meetings. At meetings of the Council, six members present shall form a quorum.
- 20.2.2 If within 30 minutes after the time specified for the holding of the meeting a quorum is not present;
- the meeting lapses or
 - the meeting stands adjourned to the same time on the same day in the following week and to the same venue. **08/09**
- 20.2.3 A Special Council Meeting of the Council shall be convened at the discretion of the President or on the written request of a majority of Governing Councillors, provided that at least three (3) days notice in writing of such meeting shall be posted to all Council members.

20.3 Presiding Officer

The President, or in his absence the Vice President, shall preside at all General Meetings and Governing Council Meetings and in their absence those present shall elect a Chairman from among their number.

21. REPRESENTATIVE CONFERENCES:

21.1 Combined Dog Clubs Conferences:

- 21.1.1 A Combined Dog Clubs Conference for Affiliated Clubs conducting Sanctioned Shows shall be held at six (6) monthly intervals provided that in the opinion of the President, there is sufficient business to warrant it. **08/01**
- 21.1.2 The President may direct that further conferences be called at any other times should he consider them necessary.

- 21.1.3 The purpose of such conferences shall be to discuss any business upon which the Governing Council may desire advice or guidance or which any affiliate may bring forward.
- 21.1.4 At all such Conferences the President, or a deputy appointed by him, shall preside.
- 21.2 Retrieving and Obedience Clubs Conferences:
 - 21.2.3 Conferences similar to the Combined Dog Clubs Conference shall be held separately for the benefit of Retrieving and Obedience Clubs.
 - 21.2.4 The foregoing in relation to the Combined Dog Clubs Conference shall apply equally to the Retrieving and Obedience Conferences except that they shall be held whenever, in the opinion of the President, there is sufficient business to warrant it.
- 21.3 The quorum for all Representative Conferences shall be 50% of the applicable affiliated clubs, but no Conference shall be held with less than three clubs represented.
- 21.4 If within 30 minutes after the time specified for the holding of the Conference a quorum is not present;
 - the conference lapses or
 - the conference stands adjourned to the same time on the same day in the following week and to the same venue. **08/09**

22. BUILDING AND AMENITIES FUND:

A special fund to be known as the Building and Amenities Fund may be created. The sole purpose of the fund shall be to provide amenities as decided by the Governing Council on the recommendation of the Combined Dog Clubs Conference.

23. ALTERATION TO CONSTITUTION:

- 23.1 The Constitution may only be altered by members of the Association who may, by resolution, at any General Meeting add, alter or amend this Constitution provided notice of intention to propose such additions, alterations or amendments shall have been given by the member proposing to move the same to the Administrative Officer in writing at least ninety (90) days prior to the meeting and notice thereof shall have been included in the notice convening the meeting at which such proposed additions, alterations and amendments are to be dealt with.
- 23.2 Such resolutions shall be carried by a majority of at least seventy-five per cent (75%) of those members present at the meeting and entitled to vote.
- 23.3 Such resolutions shall be carried by a majority of at least seventy-five per cent (75%) of the members present and eligible to vote at the time when such motions are submitted to the vote.
- 23.4 No alteration or amendment of the whole or any section of this Constitution shall be made until the said Constitution or section thereof has been in effect for at least twelve (12) months.
- 23.5 Governing Council, at its next meeting after a General Meeting at which the Constitution has been altered, added to or otherwise amended, shall take all such steps as are necessary to implement the alterations, additions or amendments.
- 23.6 No resolution which in any way takes away from members the sole right to alter this Constitution shall be put at any time, except as a result of a postal poll of members in which seventy-five per cent (75%) of the total membership shall have voted in the affirmative for such a motion to be put.
- 23.7 As soon as is practicable after the making of any changes to the Constitution, the Administrative Officer shall provide a certified copy of the amendment to the Director of Liquor Licensing. The change has no effect until approved by the Director.

24. SALE OF LIQUOR AND RELATED MATTERS:

The sale of liquor to members and guests will be in accordance with the Club licence conditions of the Liquor Control Act 1988.

- Packaged liquor for consumption off the licensed premises may only be removed by or on the instruction of the member to whom it was sold.
- No person under the age of eighteen (18) years may be admitted to the premises, subject to the Club Licence, during the hours of operation of the Licence unless in the company of an adult person in authority over him/her.
- During trading hours any member may invite guests who must remain in the company of the member. The number of guests is determined by the licence and shall not exceed the maximum number as contained in the Act. **(08/15)**

25. RESCINDING RESOLUTIONS:

No motion the effect of which would be to rescind any resolution previously determined by the Council during the preceding three months shall be entertained. After three months has elapsed notice of intention shall be given to the Administrative Officer in writing at least fourteen (14) days prior to the holding of the meeting at which it is proposed to move such motion. For the purposes of this Rule, in the case of an equality of voting the motion shall be deemed to be lost. All notices of motion must appear on the notice paper convening the meeting at which such motions are to be dealt with.

26. GENERAL:

Any question whatsoever arising and for which no specific rule is herein provided shall be decided by the Council.

27. DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION:

27.1 The Association shall be deemed to have been dissolved if and when a resolution to that effect is carried by the affirmative vote of not less than seventy-five per cent (75%) of the members of the Association on a poll taken in such manner as the Council shall arrange to determine whether or not the Association shall be wound up.

27.2 The Association and the affairs thereof shall be wound up in such a manner as the Council may determine and upon all property of the Association being realised the money obtained thereby together with monies in hand shall be used and applied in manner following, namely:

27.2.1 Firstly, in payment of the expenses of such realisation and winding up.

27.2.2 Secondly, in payment and discharge of all debts and liabilities for which the Association shall be responsible, and

27.2.3 Thirdly, the surplus (if any) shall be distributed to some other incorporated Association having objects similar, wholly or in part, to the objects of the Association and which shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their members, or some charitable object or objects, which Association or objects shall be determined at or before the time of dissolution or winding up and in default thereof or if and in so far as effect cannot be given to such determination then such payment or distribution shall be determined by a Judge of the Supreme Court.