

## **FALSE BAY UNDERWATER CLUB CONSTITUTION**

### 1. Name of Corporate Persona

The name of the Club shall be FALSE BAY UNDERWATER CLUB, hereinafter referred as "the Club". The Club shall have corporate persona with perpetual succession and shall be capable of suing and being sued in its own name and of holding property in its own name.

### 2. Headquarters

The headquarters of the Club shall be under Wetton Bridge, Connaught Road, Wynberg, or at such other place as may be decided upon at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting of the Members of the Club. All correspondence shall be addressed to the Secretary at the abovementioned address.

### 3. Colours

The colours of the Club shall be blue and white.

### 4. Objects

The objects of the Club shall be to foster, develop and encourage all aquatic sports, especially the sports and activities of Spearfishing, Underwater Hockey, S.C.U.B.A. diving, Underwater Photography, Conchology, Underwater Archaeology and generally to do all things necessary and reasonable to develop a fraternal spirit amongst outdoor enthusiasts.

### 5. Powers

- a) The Club shall have the power to create and provide for the benefit of its Members all such amenities as are provided for by any social club.
- b) The Club shall have the power to acquire, whether as owner or lessee, movable and immovable property for the purpose of carrying out any or all of the objects of the Club.
- c) All contracts entered into with, or on behalf of, the Club shall be deemed to have been entered into on the understanding that credit is given solely to the Club as a body to the extent of its funds and assets and that no personal liability shall attach to any Member of the Club for any such

contract, whether or not such Member participated in the making or authorization of such contract.

- d) All contracts shall be discussed by the Executive Committee before being negotiated.
- e) Whenever any document requires to be signed by, or on behalf of, the Club, whether or not such document relates to immovable property, such documents shall be signed by any two of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary or Honorary Treasurer, except by a family combination.

## 6. Membership

The membership of the Club, which may be limited as to numbers, shall be open to persons elected as provided for in Clause 7 and shall consist of:

- a) Ordinary Members who have been elected.
- b) Couple Members: Couple members shall be Ordinary Members who are elected and his/her spouse or domestic partner.
- c) Family Members. Family Members shall be Ordinary Members who are elected and his/her spouse or domestic partner and children. This is limited to children under 18 years old of age.
- d) Dual Club Members. Dual Club Members shall be Ordinary Members who are elected, paid up, and in good standing with one of the following clubs: Triton, UCT Underwater Club, Bellville Underwater Club, OMSAC (Old Mutual Sub Aqua Club), Maties Sub-Aqua Club, or any other diving club subject to the chairman's discretion.
- e) Reciprocal Members. Reciprocal Members shall be those members of another club with whom reciprocity has been arranged.
- f) Student Members. Student Members shall be Ordinary Members who are elected and are currently studying full time at an approved institution.
- g) Temporary Members. Temporary Members shall be those Members who are elected and who are visitors to Cape Town and reside more than 80 kilometres from Wetton Bridge, Wynberg. The duration of such membership shall not exceed one month. No person shall be elected a Temporary Member more than once a year and shall not be eligible to enjoy reciprocity.
- h) Country Members. Country Members shall be those Members who are elected and reside more than 60 kilometres from Wetton Bridge, Wynberg.

- i) Life Members. Life Members shall be those Members who, having been Ordinary Members of the Club for a period of not less than one year and having been invited by the Committee, upon payment of a fee equal to ten years Ordinary Member subscriptions, become Life Members. If a member pays subs for 15 consecutive years, life membership may be awarded if the person is in good standing and subject to the vote of the committee members or approved at the AGM.
- j) Honorary Life Members. Honorary Life Members shall be those Members who are duly nominated and elected at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting of Members and shall not be liable for any levies or dues by the Club.
- k) **Social Members Social Members are members who no longer scuba dive. They will be invited as Social members at the discretion of the committee. Committee to look at each individual case, and then only would they be invited as a Social member. They will however have no voting rights at any FBUC committee, AGM or Special GM meetings. Their benefits would be that should they wish to join the weekend camping with the other club members, they would pay normal club member fees.**

#### 7. Application for Membership

- a) On acceptance of this Constitution, existing Members shall continue to enjoy the rights and privileges of the membership as enjoyed prior to the acceptance of this Constitution.
- b) Application for membership of the Club shall be made on the Club's Application for Membership form, which shall contain an agreement to abide by the Constitution and By-laws of the Club. The Application for Membership form, which must be signed by the Applicant, shall be accompanied by a remittance covering the Entrance Fee, the first Annual Subscription, the Levy due to W.P.U.U. (as referred to in Clause 8(c)) and any other equipment or building levy (when applicable). The Application for Membership form must be signed by a Proposer, who must be a voting Member of the Club and to whom the Applicant for membership is known, and also seconded by another Member of the Club. It shall be the duty of the Proposer to ensure that the Applicant is introduced to the majority of the members of the Executive Committee, if requested, and to answer any such questions as may be asked by any members of the Executive Committee regarding the character of the Applicant.
- c) An application for membership shall be referred to the Executive Committee, who shall vote thereon. No rejected Applicant shall again be proposed for membership of the Club until the expiration of twelve months from the date of rejection. It shall not be incumbent upon the Executive Committee to furnish any reason for rejection of an Applicant.
- d) If the application for membership is approved, the candidate shall become a Member of the Club and the Honorary Secretary shall notify the

Applicant of his/her election and furnish him/her with a Membership Card and a copy of the By-laws of the Club.

- e) A Member may resign his/her membership of the Club at any time upon giving notice in writing to the Honorary Secretary. Resignation of membership shall not release the resigned member from the obligation to pay the annual subscription and any levies whatsoever due and unpaid at the time of her/her resignation, nor for any other amounts owing by him/her to the Club. No reapplication for membership shall be considered until all amounts owing to the Club have been paid in full. Such reapplication shall be considered as a new application.

#### 8. Subscriptions, Entrance Fees and Levies

- a) The financial year of the Club shall commence on the first day of April of each year and shall terminate on the thirty-first day of March of the following year.
- b) The Entrance Fees and Annual Subscriptions payable in respect of all classes of membership shall only be altered by a resolution duly passed at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting. Special promotions may be performed during the year with the approval of the Executive Committee.
- c) Levies may be imposed on Members by resolution duly passed at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting, with the exception of Western Province Underwater Union levies, the amount of which shall be whatever is applicable and as stated by Western Province Underwater Union at the time and shall be payable with immediate effect.
- d) Annual Subscriptions and any applicable levies are due and payable on the first day of April each year and payment shall be received before the thirty-first day of May of the same year.
- e) For new members joining between the Annual General Meeting and the 31<sup>st</sup> of December of that year, a quarterly pro-rata will be applied to the annual subs for the year. New members joining from the beginning of January shall pay the full fees for the following year, automatically entering into the new financial year.
- f) Subject to the exercise of its discretion by the Executive Committee, any Member who shall have failed to pay his/her Annual Subscription by the thirty-first day of May shall forfeit his/her right to vote at any meeting of the Club until such time as all outstanding monies are paid. Should any Member not have paid his/her Annual Subscription, together with all applicable levies, within three months of the last day of April, he/she shall cease to be in good standing and shall forfeit his/her right to vote at any meeting of the Club and the right to use Club facilities, after due notice has been delivered to his/her last known contact details. Proof of notice shall not be required.

g) Subscriptions shall be payable as hereunder:

	<u>Entrance</u>	<u>Annual Subs</u>
i) Ordinary Members	R150.00	R495.00
ii) Couple Members *	R200.00	R865.00
iii) Family Members *	R200.00	R865.00
iv) Dual Club Members	-	R340.00
v) Reciprocal Members	-	-
vi) Student Members	-	R380.00
vii) Temporary Members	-	-
viii) Country Members	R150.00	R330.00
ix) Life Members	-	R4 650.00
x) Honorary Life Members	-	-
xi) Couple Country Members	R200.00	R570.00
xii) Social Membership		R120.00

\*Hereinafter referred to as "Family Members".

- h) Membership shall be probationary for the first three months after election. Should a person, for any reason, not be accepted for continued membership after the probationary period of three months, all monies for subscription, levies where applicable, and entrance fees shall be refunded to that person.
- i) Any Member who fails to honour any financial undertaking or liability to the Club shall be subject to pay to the Club any outstanding dues.

#### 9. Executive Committee and Office Bearers

- a) The members of the Executive Committee and Office Bearers shall be elected from Ordinary Members, Couple Members, Family Members, Student Members, Dual Club Members, Country Members, Life Members and Honorary Life Members in good standing each year, at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting of Members. They shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting of the Club.
- b) No Member of the Club shall be eligible for election to the Office of Chairman, unless he/she has been a Member of the Club for at least one full year. A Member elected to the Office of Chairman may not hold office for a period of more than three consecutive years.
- c) In the event of there being no nominations for any position, or in the event of a vacancy occurring in the Executive Committee, or amongst the Office Bearers, after the date of election, the Executive Committee shall have the power to co-opt a Member to fill such vacancy and such co-opted Member shall have the same power as a Member elected at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting.

- d) In the event of there being more nominations than the number required to fill any position or positions, the Members of the Club shall vote to fill the vacancy or vacancies.
- e) The duties of the Office bearers shall include:
- a. **Entertainments Officer:** The Entertainments Office shall arrange functions and weekends away for the club. Duties include maintaining a file of contact information, making bookings, taking monies and reporting on the finances of each function or weekend away to the committee. Each event should make a positive contribution to club's finances.
  - b. **Spearfishing Officer:** The officer shall arrange at least four club competitions per year. He/she shall also oversee safety and ethical, legal and moral obligations in spearfishing and competitions. Duties include the arrangement of talks, training, and workshops in order to maintain and attract new spearfishing members, secure prizes and sponsorships for events and competitions and inform members about provincial and national trails and competitions.
  - c. **Underwater Photography Officer:** The officer shall encourage underwater photography through arranging workshops, training courses, and competitions. Duties include obtaining sponsorships for the competitions, defining the rules, identifying suitably qualified judge and ensuring the events are conducted in a fair manner. The possible resolution of disputes and the subsequent publication of the results fall under this portfolio.
  - d. **Equipment Officer:** The underwater officer shall be responsible for the maintenance, servicing, replacement, selling and buying, and appropriate marking of club diving gear as well as keeping basic spares and maintain club's tools. He/she shall maintain appropriate records of rentals and income and expenses and ensure that only members are allowed to rent (unless otherwise arranged) and return the gear in acceptable condition. Other duties include ensuring availability of gear for 1\* courses, provide access to compressor room, arrange for air labs as and when required by law, change and record compressor oil, filter media gauge calibration and oxygen analyzer, compile and publish filling roaster, ensure certified compressor operators and gas blenders safety in compliance with SABS 019 and SABS 1825 and good keeping of filling logs. Renting and maintenance of two ambudolls also fall under the equipment officer's duties.
  - e. **SCUBA Officer:** The scuba officer shall organize weekly club dives, weekends away and special events. Duties include arranging properly qualified dive leaders, liaising with car guards to ensure safety of divers and their equipment and assets, ensure proper briefings, checking of weather and dive site location to suit the diver's experience and qualifications, ensure dive logs are completed, send communication emails by Friday before 12pm and create and publish duty roasters. First Aid and Oxygen shall be made available for each dive, ensuring good working condition of the equipment.
  - f. **Training Officer:** The training officer shall determine course pricing and scheduling, ensure a reasonable number of 1\*, 2\*, specialty (i.e. Nitrox, Rescue, Compressor operator, gas blender, photography, etc.), and leadership (i.e. 3\*, Dive Master, Assistant Instructor, Open Water / 2\* Instructor, and 3\*/Instructor Trainer) courses are conducted. Additional general interest courses (i.e., Marine Biology, Fish Identification, etc.) and technical courses (i.e.,

Advanced Nitrox, Normoxic Trimix, Advanced Trimix, Rebreather, Extended Range, Deco Diver, etc.) must also be presented to the members. The training office shall advertise the courses and, on successful course engagement, he/she shall allocate instructors to appropriate courses, oversee training dives, manage course bookings and deposits and remuneration of instructors, ensure that record keeping, especially medical and liability waivers are collected and kept in a safe place. Duties involve compiling course budgets and targets, ensuring that course standards are met, ensuring that club course advertisements and courses are done in a professional way and ensure that instructors are in-date. Other duties shall include the management of the booking of lecture rooms, and payment of training materials, relaying instructor complaints to committee and handle student complaints in a professional, responsible and ethical manner. When required, he/she shall conduct risk assessments and/or emergency plans for training sites and dives, ensuring first aid and oxygen equipment is available at all times.

- g. **Club Manager:** The Club Manager is responsible for general upkeep and maintenance of the clubhouse, purchasing, stocking and control of the bar, managing the maid and putting out the garbage. Duties include general maintenance of the club house and club assets, setting of bar prices with committee approval, keeping track of keys and drawing up the bar roster.
- h. **PRO:** The Public Relations Officer should find Public Relations opportunities to raise the profile and image of the club in order to promote FBUC to members and non-members. Duties include promoting through all media available, including local and community newspapers, advertisements, flyers, magazines, and radio, keeping a list of press contacts, writing press releases and using photo opportunities to send with press releases as well as promoting co-operation with other clubs, training agencies, dive shops and schools. . Organising the annual Coastal Cleanup and Christmas Toys for Charity fall under this portfolio.
- i. **Webmaster:** The WebMaster Officer shall define a website policy, ensure up to date and correct information is maintained on the web, and protect the integrity of the web site and domain records and passwords. Duties also include the definition of an email policy, ensure emails are sent out timeously with the correct spelling and format, protection against spam and viruses and protect the club's member list from abuse, large files and attachments or anything that may affect members or the club in a negative way.

At an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting, only Ordinary Members, Couple Members, Family Members, Student Members, Dual Club Members, Country Members, Life Members and Honorary Life Members entitled to vote, shall vote. The Honorary Secretary's list of Members in good standing, who are entitled to vote, shall be final and binding.

## 10. Powers of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall have the general and financial control of the Club and, in particular, shall have the full power to do anything which the Club has the power to do, except such things as are specifically reserved to be dealt with at a General Meeting, and without in any way limiting such powers, the Executive Committee shall have the following powers:

- a) The management of the Club shall be vested in the Executive Committee.
- b) To open and operate a banking and/or a savings account in the name of the Club and to draw, accept, endorse and execute bills of exchange, promissory notes, cheques and other negotiable instruments connected with the business of the Club. Such bills of exchange, promissory notes, cheques and other negotiable instruments shall be signed by two of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary or Honorary Treasurer, excepting for any family combinations. All monies received shall be banked in the name of the Club.
- c) To borrow or raise or secure the payment of monies from time to time for the purposes of the Club, in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as the Executive Committee such deem fit, and subject to the provisions of Clause 10(m) below.
- d) To appoint and/or discharge such servants or employees as may be deemed necessary and to fix their remuneration and conditions of employment.
- e) To appoint auditors and to ensure the annual audit of the Club's financial accounts. Such appointment to be ratified at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting.
- f) To buy, sell and deal in provisions and refreshments required by persons frequenting the Club or to arrange for such provisions and refreshments to be supplied.
- g) To collect and receive monies due to the Club and to give receipts therefor.
- h) To arrange and hold competitions and events, and to make any special arrangements therefor.
- i) To embark on any fund raising project or scheme, of whatever nature, and whether required for the benefit of the Club or for any other cause.
- j) To set aside or allocate in its discretion and for such times as it may think fit, the Club grounds, property or equipment or any part thereof, for the use by any specific person or persons, for any purpose whatsoever.
- k) To arrange terms of reciprocity with other clubs, with the approval of the general Membership.
- l) To appoint such sub-committees and their chairmen, as it may deem necessary in the interest of the Club, and to vest in any member or members of such sub-committees such of its powers as it may deem fit and, in its discretion, to dismiss any member or members of such sub-



committees at will. The chairman of a sub-committee shall be an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee. The Chairman of the Club shall be, and is, a member of all sub-committees.

- m) To enter into any contracts in the interests of the Club, for and on behalf of the Club, including contracts of insurance, provided that the Executive Committee may not, unless an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting of Members authorises the Executive Committee to do so:
  - i) Acquire (otherwise than as lessee or donee), alienate or dispose of immovable property, or
  - i) Acquire (otherwise than as lessee or donee), alienate or dispose of movables, if such movables exceed two hundred rand in value.
- n) To permit and govern, within the By-laws, the admission to and the use of the Club's premises and facilities by non-members, including the times when and the conditions under which such admission to the Club premises and use of Club facilities may be permitted and including fees, if any, payable in respect of such non-member admission and/or use of Club facilities.
- o) To modify fees for promotions during the year.
- p) The secretary shall attain to maintain existing members and promote the club to new members, thus increasing the number of paid up members overall. Duties include the update of details in the member's database and the application form, ensure consistency with mailing list, surveying the needs of active and inactive members to meet their needs, examine new ways of attracting new members and grow the list of potential members.

#### 11. Meetings of the Executive Committee

- a) At all meetings of the Executive Committee, the Chairman, or failing him, the Vice-Chairman of the Club shall preside. In the absence of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman, the Members present and the Members so elected shall, for the purpose of the meeting, have the same powers as the Chairman of the Club.
- b) In the event of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to his/her deliberative vote.
- c) A quorum for a meeting shall be 5 Members.

- d) The Executive Committee shall meet at least once each calendar month unless it has, by resolution, decided not to meet in a specific month.
- e) Proper minutes of all meetings of the Executive Committee shall be kept by the Honorary Secretary.
- f) Any member of the Executive Committee, who fails to attend three consecutive meetings, without having obtained leave of absence from the Executive Committee, shall cease to be a member of the Committee.

## 12. Resignation of the Executive Committee and Office Bearers

- a) If, owing to the resignation of any Member or Members of the Executive Committee and Office Bearers for any reason whatsoever, the Committee is unable to form a quorum, the remainder of the Members of the Committee shall have the power and shall be obliged forthwith to convene a Special General Meeting of the Club Members for the purpose of filling such vacancies on the Committee as may exist. All persons so elected shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting of the Club.
- b) If, for any reason whatsoever, all the Members of the Executive Committee and Office Bearers should resign, the Honorary Secretary of the Club and the Members of the Committee who have so resigned, notwithstanding such resignations, shall have the power and shall be obliged forthwith to convene a Special General Meeting of the Club Members for the purpose of electing a new Executive Committee and the new Committee so elected shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting of the Club. Should the Honorary Secretary and Members of the Executive Committee not convene the Special General Meeting within fourteen days of their resignation, ten per cent of the membership may do so.

## 13. Annual General Meeting

- a) The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held each year, at such venue as may be decided upon by the Committee, on a date in June.
- b) Notice of the day, time and venue of the Annual General Meeting, together with the Agenda therefor, shall be sent by post to every Member of the Club at least fourteen days before such meeting. Proof of posting shall not be required.
- c) Notice of any resolution to be proposed at an Annual General Meeting shall be delivered in writing to the Honorary Secretary not later than the thirtieth day of April.
- d) The quorum for an Annual General Meeting shall consist of twenty five per cent of the Members.

- e) If, at such a Meeting, no quorum is present within thirty minutes of the advertised time of the Meeting, the said meeting shall be adjourned to a date not less than seven and not more than fourteen days following the date of the original Meeting. All Members of the Club shall be given not less than two days notice of the date to which the Meeting has been adjourned and such Meeting shall be held as if a quorum were present.
  
- f) The Chairman, or failing him, the Vice-Chairman, shall preside at the Annual General Meeting. In the absence of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman, the Members present shall elect a chairman for the Committee and such chairman shall, for the purposes of such a Meeting, have all the powers of the Chairman of the Club.
  
- g) All resolutions shall be decided by a majority of votes on a show of hands unless a member requests a ballot, such request to be delivered to the Honorary Secretary twenty four hours before the time set for the Annual General meeting, in which event such resolution shall be decided by ballot.
  
- h) In the event of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.
  
- i) Proper Minutes of the Annual General Meeting shall be kept by the Honorary Secretary.
  
- j) The ordinary business of the Annual General Meeting shall be:
  - i) Notice convening the Meeting.
  - ii) Minutes of the previous Meeting.
  - iii) Matters arising out of the Minutes of the previous Meeting.
  - iv) Presentation of the Chairman's Annual Report.
  - v) Presentation of the Honorary Treasurer's Accounts and Balance Sheet.
  - vi) Office Bearers' Reports:
    - a) Entertainments Officer
    - b) Spearfishing Officer
    - c) Underwater Photography Officer
    - d) Equipment Officer
    - e) SCUBA Officer
    - f) Training Officer
    - g) Club Manager
    - h) PRO
    - i) Webmaster
  - vii) Notice of Motions
  - viii) Election of Honorary Members as recommended by the Committee.
  - ix) Election of the Executive Committee and Office Bearers.
  - x) General business, which shall include any resolutions as provided for in Clause 13(c).

#### 14. Special General Meeting

- a) The Chairman and/or Committee may, at any time, call a Special General Meeting of Members, upon giving not less than fourteen days notice in writing (per email) to Members, specifying the day, time, venue and purpose for which the Meeting is called.

- b) The Chairman and/or Committee shall, in a like manner, call a Special General Meeting, upon receipt of a requisition signed by not less than ten per cent of the voting Members of the Club. Such Special General Meeting shall be called within fourteen days of receipt of such a requisition.
- c) Sub-paragraphs (d), (e), (f), (g), (h) and (i) of Clause 13 shall apply to all Special General Meetings.

#### 15. Discipline

- a) If, in the opinion of the Committee, a Member has committed a willful breach of this Constitution, or the By-laws of the Club or is, or has been, guilty of improper conduct, or is deemed to be undesirable, or fails to appear before the Committee, or any sub-committee empowered by the Executive Committee, when called upon to do so, or is, or has been, guilty of conduct prejudicial to the interests of the Club, whether within the Club's precincts or outside them, the Committee shall have the power:
  - i) To reprimand any such member.
  - ii) To deprive such Member of any, or all, rights and privileges of his/her membership during such time or period as the Executive Committee, in its absolute discretion, may deem fit and advisable.
  - iii) To call on such Member, in writing through the Honorary Secretary, to resign or, if he/she fails to resign within fourteen days, to expel such member from the Club.
- b) Provided, however, notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained, no Member shall be subjected to any of the aforementioned disciplinary measures unless, and until, the Executive Committee shall have stated to the Member the conduct complained of and shall have given him/her an opportunity to appear before it, at such a time and place as it, in its discretion, may deem fit, to explain his/her conduct. At such meeting, the Executive Committee shall have the power to summon any member or any other person to appear before it to give evidence. Any Member who has been called upon to explain his/her conduct shall have the right to cross-examine any such witness and to tender evidence by any Member, or any other person he/she may deem fit, and to address the Executive Committee.
- c) In the event of any person ceasing to be a Member, by reason of the provisions of clauses 15(a) and 15(b), the said person shall not have the right to a refund of any contribution, fee or levy paid by him/her, nor shall any such person be released from liability for any contributions, subscriptions, fees or levies due by him/her to the Club.

#### 16. By-laws

17. Safety Regulations

18. Members Bound by Constitution and By-laws

- a) The signature on an application form for membership shall, upon acceptance of an applicant as a Member of the Club, be deemed to bind such Member to this Constitution and any By-laws made hereunder and to any amendment to this Constitution or By-laws which may have been, or may hereafter be, made.
- b) Membership does not, and shall not, give any Member any proprietary right, title, interest, claim or demand in or to any of the monies, property or assets of the Club, but only confers on such Member the right to use the privileges of the Club, subject to the Rules and By-laws.

19. Amendments to the Constitution

- a) This Constitution may be amended by resolution duly passed at an Annual General Meeting, or a Special General Meeting specifically called for that purpose, and only if such resolution has been agreed to by a two-thirds majority of Members present and voting at such Meeting.
- b) No resolution providing for an amendment of this Constitution may be put to an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting unless fourteen days prior notice, in writing thereof, has been given to Members, provided that no notice shall be necessary in the case of an amendment moved to a resolution of which notice has been duly given as aforesaid.

20. Voting

Only Ordinary Members, Couple Members, Family Members, Student Members, Dual Club Members, Country Members, Life Members and Honorary Life Members, who are in good standing, shall be entitled to vote at an Annual General Meeting, Special General Meeting, Executive Committee Meeting, Sub-Committee Meeting or any other meeting in terms of this Constitution.

21. Interpretation of the Rules

The decision of the Executive Committee as to the interpretation of the Rules and By-laws shall be final and binding.

22. Dissolution

- a) The Club may be wound up by resolution to be passed at an Annual General Meeting, or a Special General Meeting called specifically for that purpose, provided that such resolution shall be passed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.

- b) In the event of such resolution being passed, the Club Members at that Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting shall decide as to the disposal of the Club's assets.

23. Legal Representation

The Club may sue and be sued in any competent Court of Law, in its own name, and shall be represented therein by any person, or persons, delegated by the Executive Committee for such purpose.

24. Indemnity

The Members of the Executive Committee, Members of any Sub-Committee, Officers and Employees of the Club are indemnified against all losses or expenses bona fide incurred by them in, or about, the discharge of their duties.

25. General, unless inconsistent with the context

- a) The term "member" shall include ladies and gentlemen.
- b) The words importing the singular shall include the plural.
- c) The words importing the masculine gender shall include the feminine gender.

July 2014

amended June 2011 (membership fees)

amended June 2011 (notify members of Special General Meeting via email)

amended July 2012 ( membership fees)

amended July 2013 (membership fees)

amended June 2014 (secretary answering club telephone. Training officer ordering training material on behalf of Instructor. New Committee members. Social Membership