

MONA VALE COMMODORES NETBALL CLUB INC.

CONSTITUTION



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1. NAME OF ASSOCIATION

The name of the Incorporated Association shall be “Mona Vale Commodores Netball Club Inc.” (“Club”)

2. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

1. Definitions

In this Constitution unless the contrary intention appears:

“**Act**” means the *Associations Incorporation Act 2009*.

“**Annual General Meeting**” means a meeting of the kind described in Clause 15.

“**Appointed Committee Member**” means a committee member appointed under Clause 12.

“**Club**” means the Mona Vale Commodores Netball Club Inc. as established by this Constitution and incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act.

“**Constitution**” means the Constitution of the Club.

“**Executive Committee**” means the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.

“**Financial Year**” means the year ending on the next 31st December following incorporation and thereafter a period of 12 months commencing 1st January and ending on 31st December each year.

“**Intellectual Property**” means all rights subsisting in copyright, business names, trademarks (or signs), logos, designs, equipment including computer software, images (including photographs, videos or films) or service marks relating to the Club or any activity of or conducted, promoted or administered by the Club in New South Wales.

“**Life Member**” means a person granted Life Membership of the Club in accordance with Clause 5.3.

“**MWNA**” means Manly Warringah Netball Association Incorporated.

“**NNSW**” means Netball New South Wales.

“**Objects**” means the Objects of the Club in Clause 3.

“**Office Bearers**” means the members of the Executive Committee.

“Ordinary Member” means a person admitted as an ordinary member of the Club under Clause 5.

“Ordinary Resolution” means:

- a. At a meeting of Members, a resolution passed at a General Meeting by a majority of Members present, entitled to vote and voting; or
- b. At a meeting of the Committee, a resolution passed by a majority of those present, entitled to vote and voting.

“Regulation” means a rule, regulation, by-law or policy made by the Committee under this Constitution.

“Secretary” means:

- a. the person holding office under this constitution as secretary of the Club; or
- b. if no person holds that office - the Public Officer of the Club.

“Special General Meeting” means a general meeting of members other than an Annual General Meeting.

“Special Resolution” means a resolution passed at a General Meeting of the Members if:

- a. at least 21 days’ written notice specifying the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution has been given to all Members; and
- b. it is passed at a duly convened meeting of the Members by a majority of not less than three-quarters of Members present, entitled to vote and voting.

“Sport” means the sport of Netball.

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, if the function is a duty, a reference to 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. unless the contrary intention appears, a requirement that something is in writing will be met if it is produced by electronic, photographic, lithographic or other means by which it can readily be read and reproduced.

3. OBJECTS OF THE CLUB

The objects of the Club are to:

- a. provide an opportunity for people to participate in netball to improve their health, fitness and wellbeing through organised sport;
- b. provide a positive, inclusive and safe environment for all of our members with an emphasis placed on fun and personal development;
- c. affiliate with MWNA and NNSW;
- d. maintain and enhance the reputation of the Sport and the standards of play and behaviours of Members; and
- e. undertake and do other things or activities which are necessary, incidental, or conducive to the advancement of these Objects.

4. COLOURS OF THE CLUB

The colours of the Club shall be red, blue and white.

5. MEMBERS

5.1 Categories of Members

The Members of the Club consist of:

- a. “**Ordinary Members**” means a Member over the age of 18 years.
- b. “**Junior Members**” means a Member under the age of 18 years.
- c. “**Non-Playing Members**” means all coaches, umpires, officials and office bearers who are Members of the Club.
- d. “**Life Members**” means a person granted Life Membership of the Club in accordance with Clause 5.3.

5.2 Number of Members

The number of members of the Club is declared to be unlimited.

5.2 Discretion to accept or reject application

- a. The Committee Members may reject any application for membership without assigning any reason therefore.
- b. Membership begins when fees are paid by the new member.

5.3 Life Members

- a. Life Membership is the highest honour that can be bestowed by the Club for longstanding and valued service to the Club.
- b. An Ordinary Member may be nominated to receive Life Membership of the Club in recognition of not less than ten (10) years outstanding service to the Club accordance with this Clause 5.3.
- c. Outstanding service is defined as having rendered distinguished service to the Club for the advancement of Netball.
- d. Nominations for election of Life Members shall be assigned by two (2) Life Members, Ordinary Members or Non-Playing Members of the Club at least one (1) month before the meeting at which such nominations shall be considered.
- e. The Executive Committee of the Club shall review all nominations received to ensure that nominations meet criteria defined above and, if appropriate, put forward a recommendation for the nomination for voting.
- f. The nominations must be approved by a majority of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of members of Council present and voting.
- g. A Life Member shall be entitled to be present and speak at all the meetings of the Club, move or second any motion and vote thereon.
- h. All Life Members will be registered directly with the Club from year to year.
- i. The Committee may, from time to time, by a majority vote of not less than 2/3 of members of the Committee present and voting, fix the maximum number of persons who may at any time hold Life Membership and the maximum number of candidates who may be elected in any year.

5.4 Obligation of Members

Each member must:

- a. Treat all members and representatives of the Club, MWNA and NNSW with respect and courtesy at all times;
- b. Maintain and enhance the standards, quality and reputation of both the Club and the Sport; and
- c. Not act in a manner unbecoming of a Member or prejudicial to the Objects or the interests or reputation of the Club, the MWNA, NNSW or the Sport.

5.5 Register of Members

- a. The Club must keep and maintain a register of members of the Club in accordance with the Act.
- b. The register of members must be kept in New South Wales, at the Club's official address.

- c. The register of members must be open for inspection, free of charge, by any member of the association at any reasonable hour.
- d. If a member requests that any information contained on the register about the member (other than the member's name) not be available for inspection, that information must not be made available for inspection.
- e. A member must not use information about a person obtained from the register to contact or send material to the person, other than for:
 - i. the purposes of sending the person a newsletter, a notice in respect of a meeting or other event relating to the Club or other material relating to the Club, or
 - ii. any other purpose necessary to comply with a requirement of the Act or the Regulation.

5.6 Effect of Membership

- a. This Constitution constitutes a contract between each of the Members and the Club and each Member is bound by this Constitution and the Regulations.
- b. Each Member is also bound by the rules and regulations governing competitions in which the Member participates.

6. CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

6.1 General

A Member ceases to be a Member of the Club if the Member:-

- a. dies; or
- b. resigns membership; or
- c. fails to pay any membership dues; or
- d. is expelled by the Executive Committee following procedures for enforcement of the Constitution.

6.2 Notice of Resignation

- a. A Member may resign from membership of the Club on one month's notice in writing to the Club.
- b. A resigning Member is liable for any outstanding fees or subscriptions which may be recovered as a debt due to the Club.

6.3 Expulsion for breach

Subject to Clause 6.1(c), the Committee may expel a Member from membership of the Club, if, in the opinion of the Committee, the Member has materially breached any of its obligations under this Constitution.

6.4 Return of Property

A Member who ceases to be a Member must not thereafter use any property of the Club (including without limitation, its Intellectual Property) and must immediately return to the Club all of the Club's documents, records or other property in the possession, custody or control of the former Member.

6.5 Membership may be Reinstated

- a. Nothing in this Clause 6 prevents a former Member from applying for readmission to Membership but, in considering readmission application, the Committee is entitled to take into account the facts and circumstances in which the prior membership (or memberships) ceased.
- b. Membership which has ceased under this Clause 6 may be reinstated at the discretion of the Committee without an application being made under Clause 6.5 (a) with such conditions as it deems appropriate.

6.6 Refund of Membership Fees

Membership fees or subscriptions paid by the former Member may, at the Committee's discretion, be refunded on a pro-rata basis to the Member on cessation of membership.

6.7 Membership entitlements not transferrable

A right, privilege or obligation which a person has by reason of being a member of the association:

- a. is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another person, and
- b. terminates on cessation of the person's membership.

7. DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURE

7.1 Complaints

- a. A complaint may be made to the Committee by any person that is a member of the Club if a Member has:
 - i. refused or neglected to comply with a provision or provisions of this Constitution, or
 - ii. has wilfully acted in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the Club.
- b. The Committee may refuse to deal with a complaint if it considers the complaint to be trivial or vexatious in nature.
- c. If the Committee decides to deal with the complaint, the Committee:
 - i. must cause notice of the complaint to be served on the member concerned, and

- ii. must give the member at least 14 days from the time the notice is served within which to make submissions to the Committee in connection with the complaint, and
 - iii. must take into consideration any submissions made by the member in connection with the complaint.
- d. The Committee may, by resolution, expel the member from the Club or suspend the member from membership of the Club if, after considering the complaint and any submissions made in connection with the complaint, it is satisfied that the facts alleged in the complaint have been proved and the expulsion or suspension is warranted in the circumstances.
- e. If the Committee expels or suspends a member, the Secretary must, within 7 days after the action is taken, cause written notice to be given to the member of the action taken, of the reasons given by the Committee for having taken that action and of the member's right of appeal under Clause 7.3.
- f. The expulsion or suspension does not take effect:
 - i. until the expiration of the period within which the member is entitled to appeal against the resolution concerned, or
 - ii. if within that period the member exercises the right of appeal, unless and until the association confirms the resolution under Clause 7.3,
 whichever is the latter.

7.2 Dispute Resolution

- a. The dispute resolution procedure set out in this Clause applies to disputes between a Member and;
 - i. Another Member; or
 - 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 (14) days after the dispute comes to attention of all parties.
- c. If the parties are unable to resolve the dispute at the meeting or if a party fails to attend that meeting, then the parties must, within ten (10) days after the scheduled meeting, refer the dispute to the peak body this club is affiliated with (MWNA/NNSW), who may refer the matter to an external agency for resolution.
- d. In this Clause "Member" includes any former Member who was a Member not more than six months before the dispute occurred.

7.3 Right of appeal of disciplined member

- a. A member may appeal to the Club in a general meeting against a resolution of the Committee under Clause 7.1, within 7 days after notice of the resolution is served on the member, by lodging with the Secretary a notice to that effect.

- b. The notice may, but need not, be accompanied by a statement of the grounds on which the member intends to rely for the purposes of the appeal.
- c. On receipt of a notice from a member under subclause (a), the Secretary must notify the Committee, which is to convene a general meeting of the Club to be held within 28 days after the date on which the Secretary received the notice.
- d. At a general meeting of the Club convened under subclause (c):
 - i. No business other than the question of the appeal is to be transacted, and
 - ii. the Committee and the member must be given the opportunity to state their respective cases orally or in writing, or both, and
 - iii. the members present are to vote by secret ballot on the question of whether the resolution should be confirmed or revoked,
 - iv. The appeal is to be determined by a simple majority of votes cast by members of the Club.

8. SUBSCRIPTIONS AND FEES

- a. The Committee will;
 - i. Fix annual membership fees;
 - ii. Fix such other fees or levies as the Committee considers prudent for the effective and sustainable management of the affairs of the Club; and
 - iii. Determine the time for and manner of payment of the fees by Members to the Club.
- b. On admission to membership a new Member must pay the current full year's fees unless the Committee agrees to accept payment in instalments.
- c. The Committee may waive all or part of a Member's fees and may agree terms of payment for a Member different from those applicable to other Members if the Committee is satisfied that there are special reasons to do so.

9. POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE

9.1 General powers of the Committee

- a. The Committee shall have all the powers necessary for the proper executing of the Objects of the Club and without any way limiting the generality of this power, shall have the power:
 - i. To control and manage the affairs of Club.
 - ii. To control funds and assets of the Club and for that purpose to open and operate banking accounts, to invest funds in any manner authorised by law for the investment of trust funds, to acquire real and personal property of all descriptions and to sell or otherwise dispose of the same, to borrow money

on behalf of the Club and to give security therefore and generally to carry out and attend to all such matters as shall be necessary for the proper management and control of the property of the Club.

- iii. To consider and determine applications for membership.
- iv. To give directions to any member as to the Constitution and proceedings.
- v. To take disciplinary action pursuant to this Constitution against any member.
- vi. To appoint such additional sub-committees not appointed at the Annual General Meeting as it thinks fit and to define the functions thereof.
- vii. From time to time make, amend and rescind procedures not inconsistent with this Constitution.
- viii. To appoint delegates to represent the Club at any body at which the Club requires representation.
- ix. To resolve disputes between members (in their capacity as members) and between members and the Club including referral to mediation.
- x. To fix fees payable by members and to enforce payment thereof.
- xi. To institute, conduct, defend, compound or abandon any legal proceedings by or against the Club or its officers or otherwise concerning the affairs of the Club and also to compound or allow reasonable time for payment and satisfaction of any debts due to and any claims or demands by or against the Club.

9.2 Limitation

The Committee may not cause the Club to disaffiliate from MWNA or NNSW without an Ordinary Resolution of the Members in General Meeting.

10. COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE

10.1 Composition of the Committee

The Committee is to consist of:

- a. the Office-Bearers of the Club; and
- b. any number of Ordinary Committee Members.

11. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

11.1 Nominations

- a. The Committee must call for nominations for Elected Committee Members at least 30 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- b. The Committee may, when it calls for nominations, indicate which portfolios on the Committee it wishes to fill, the job descriptions for those portfolios and the qualifications or experience it considers desirable for those portfolios.

11.2 Form of Nomination

Nominations must:

- a. Be in writing;
- b. Be in the prescribed form (if any) provided for that purpose;
- c. Be signed by the nominee; and
- d. Be delivered to the Club not less than one (1) day before the date fixed for the Annual General Meeting.

11.3 Elections

- a. If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the Committee, the candidates nominated are taken to be elected and further nominations are to be received at the Annual General Meeting.
- b. If insufficient further nominations are received, any vacant positions remaining on the Committee are taken to be casual vacancies.
- c. If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated are taken to be elected.
- d. If the number of nominations received exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, an election must be conducted at the Annual General Meeting.
- e. The ballot for the election of Office-bearers and Ordinary Committee Members of the Committee is to be conducted at the Annual General Meeting in any usual and proper manner that the committee directs.
- f. If at the close of the Annual General Meeting, vacancies on the Committee remain unfilled, the vacant positions will be casual vacancies under Clause 13.1.

11.4 Number of Roles

A committee member may hold up to 2 offices (other than both the offices of President and Vice-President).

11.5 Term of Appointment for Elected Committee Members

- a. There is no maximum number of consecutive terms for which a committee member may hold office, with the exception of the Treasurer.
- b. The maximum number of consecutive terms for the role of Treasurer should be not more than five (5) years.
- c. Each member of the committee is, subject to this Constitution, to hold office until immediately before the election of committee members at the Annual General Meeting next following the date of the member's election, and is eligible for re-election.

12. APPOINTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS

12.1 Appointment of Appointed Committee Members

The Elected Committee Members may appoint up to two (2) Appointed Committee Members.

12.2 Qualifications of Appointed Committee Members

In appointing Appointed Committee Members, the Elected Committee Members should have regard to which personal skills and experience the Committee thinks will complement the Committee composition.

12.3 Terms of Appointment

- a. The term of office of each Appointed Committee Member must be fixed by the Elected Committee Members at the time of the Appointed Committee Member's appointment and must not exceed three (3) years.
- b. An Appointed Committee Member whose term of office ends, is eligible for re-appointment.

13. VACANCIES ON THE COMMITTEE

13.1 Casual Vacancies

Any casual vacancy occurring in the position of Elected Committee Member may be filled by the remaining Elected Committee Members. A person appointed to fill a casual vacancy holds office only until the end of the next Annual General Meeting irrespective of the term of office of the person whom he or she replaces.

13.2 Committee May Act

If there are any vacancies on the Committee, the remaining Committee Members may act but, 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 Member to a number sufficient to constitute a quorum.

14. MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

14.1 Committee to Meet

- a. The Committee must meet as often as it considers necessary in every calendar year for the dispatch of business (and must meet at least as often as is required under the Act). Subject to the Constitution the Committee may adjourn and otherwise regulate its meetings as it thinks fit.
- b. A meeting of Committee members shall be called by the Secretary at the direction of the President or Vice President.
- c. At each meeting, attendees must be recorded in the Meeting Minutes.
- d. The Club does not accept proxy or postal votes.
- e. Not less than seven (7) days' notice in writing shall be given to Life Members, Office Bearers and Committee Members of the Club, stating the date, time and place of the meeting. Accidental omission to give any member such notice shall not invalidate the meeting.
- f. Each Committee Member shall have one (1) vote to be exercised in accordance with voting procedures outlined by the chairperson of the meeting. The chairperson shall have a deliberate vote, and in the case of an equality of votes, shall in addition have a casting vote.

14.2 Decisions of Committee

- a. Subject to this Constitution, questions arising at any meeting of the Committee may be decided by Ordinary Resolution.
- b. Each Committee Member has one (1) vote on any question.
- c. The chair does not have a casting vote.

14.3 Quorum

- a. At meetings of the Committee the number of Committee Members whose presence is required to constitute a quorum is:
 - i. If the number of Committee Members then in office is an even number, half of the number of Committee Members plus one; or
 - ii. If the number of Committee Members then in office is an odd number, half of the number of Committee Members rounded up to the next whole number.

- b. If no quorum is present 15 minutes after the time fixed for the commencement of the meeting it shall be adjourned to a date within 14 days.

14.4 Chairperson

- a. The President shall take the Chair at all meetings.
- b. If the President is absent the Chair shall be taken by the Vice President.
- c. If neither the President nor the Vice President is present within fifteen (15) minutes of the time fixed for the commencement of the meeting the members present shall elect a Chairperson for that meeting only.

14.5 Committee Members' Interests

The Committee Members must comply with sections 31 and 32 of the Act regarding disclosure of interests and voting on contracts in which a Committee Member has an interest.

15. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- a. The Annual General Meeting of the Club must be held in accordance with the Act and this Constitution and on a date and at a venue to be determined by the Committee.
- b. The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be:
 - i. Appointment of Patron(s).
 - ii. Confirmation of Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting.
 - iii. Consideration and adoption of the Annual Report and Financial Statement.
 - iv. Business of which notice has been given.
 - v. Such other general business at the meeting deems necessary.
 - vi. Election of Life Members.
 - vii. Election of Office Bearers for the following year.
- c. Where the nature of the business to be dealt with at the Annual General Meeting requires a special resolution of the Club, the Secretary shall, at least twenty-one (21) days before the date fixed for holding of the Annual General Meeting, give notice in writing to Life Members and Office Bearers of the Club of the date, time and place of the meeting, the nature of the business proposed and the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution. Accidental omission to give any member such notice shall not invalidate the meeting.
- d. Not less than twenty-one (21) days' notice of the date, time and place of the Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be given in writing to Life Members, Office Bearers of the Club accompanied by a copy of the Annual Report, Financial Statement and alterations to the Constitution passed by the Committee since the previous Annual General Meeting. Accidental omission to give any member such notice shall not invalidate the meeting.

- e. At least one half (1/2) of the elected office bearers shall constitute a quorum at an Annual General Meeting.
- f. If no quorum is present 15 minutes after the time fixed for the commencement of the meeting, it shall be adjourned to a date within fourteen (14) days.
- g. Any financial member of the Club may attend the Annual General Meeting, but only members aged 18 years and over may vote.
- h. Each person entitled to vote shall have one (1) vote to be exercised in accordance with voting procedures outlined by the Chairperson of the meeting. The chairperson shall have a deliberate vote and, in the case of an equality of votes, shall in addition have a casting vote.

16. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

16.1 Special General Meetings may be held

The Committee may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a Special General Meeting of the Club.

16.2 Requisition of Special General Meetings

- a. The Committee must, on the requisition of at least 5% of the total number of members, convene a Special General Meeting of the Association.
- b. A requisition of members for a Special General Meeting:
 - i. must be in writing, and
 - ii. must state the purpose or purposes of the meeting, and
 - iii. must be signed by the members making the requisition, and
 - iv. must be lodged with the secretary, and
 - v. may consist of several documents in a similar form, each signed by one or more of the members making the requisition.
- c. If the Committee fails to convene a Special General Meeting to be held within 1 month after the date on which a requisition of members for the meeting is lodged with the Secretary, any one or more of the members who made the requisition may convene a Special General Meeting to be held not later than 3 months after that date.
- d. A Special General Meeting convened by a member or members as referred to in subclause (a) must be convened as nearly as is practicable in the same manner as general meetings are convened by the Committee.
- e. For the purposes of subclause (c):
 - i. a requisition may be in electronic form, and

- ii. a signature may be transmitted, and a requisition may be lodged, by electronic means.

17. ATTENDANCE AND VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS

- a. Each Member is entitled to attend any General Meeting.
- b. Each Member is entitled to one (1) vote at General Meetings.
- c. Each of the Committee Members and the auditor (if any) is entitled to attend General Meetings, but not to vote unless he or she is a Member.

18. RECORDS AND ACCOUNTS

- a. The funds of the Club shall be derived from the registration fees, sponsorships, donations and any other source approved the Club.
- b. All money received by the Club shall be deposited, as soon as practicable and without deduction, to the credit of the financial institution account of the Club.
- c. The Club shall, as soon as practicable after receiving the money, issue an appropriate receipt when requested.
- d. The funds of the Club shall be kept at a financial institution approved by the Executive Committee.
- e. All cheques and electronic payments drawn on the account shall be signed/authorised by two (2) of the Office Bearers of the Club.
- f. A financial statement shall be presented at each Annual General Meeting.
- g. Any member of the Committee may inspect the books of account, members' roll and minute book of the Club at any reasonable hour.

19. AUDITOR

- a. An auditor may be appointed at each Annual General Meeting as the Club's auditor for the then current Financial Year.
- b. If the Annual General Meeting appoints an auditor, any vacancy occurring during the year in the office of auditor must be filled by the Committee.
- c. The auditor has the power at any time to call for the production of all books, accounts and other documents relating to the affairs of the Club.

20. APPLICATION OF INCOME

- a. As a Not-for- Profit organisation, the Club must apply its funds and assets solely in

pursuance of the Objects of the Club and must not conduct its affairs so as to provide a pecuniary gain for any of its members.

- b. Except as prescribed in this Constitution or the Act, no portion of the income or property of the Club may be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly or whether by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise, to any Member or any associate of a Member.

21. WINDING UP

The Club shall not be dissolved except by special resolution passed by a majority of at least three-quarters (3/4) of members eligible to vote and voting at any Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.

22. DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS ON WINDING UP

- a. The liability (if any) of members of the Club to contribute towards the debts and liabilities of the Club or the costs, charges and expenses of the winding up of the Club is limited to the amount, if any, of any unpaid member in respect of membership of the Club.
- b. On dissolution of the Club all moneys and real and personal property whatsoever remaining after the determination and settlement of all debts and liabilities shall be paid or transferred to Manly Warringah Netball Association Incorporated to be used in the promotion of Netball within the local community.

23. CONSTITUTION

23.1 Alteration to Constitution

- a. This Constitution may be altered by special resolution passed by a majority of at least two thirds (2/3) of members eligible to vote and voting at any Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.
- b. Not less than twenty-one (21) days' notice of the time, date and place of the meeting shall be given by the Secretary of the Club to Life Members and Office Bearers of the Club together with the nature of the proposed new Clause in the Constitution, addition or repeal of any existing Clause in the Constitution.

24. NOTICE

- a. For the purpose of this Constitution, a notice may be served on or given to a person:
 - i. by delivering it to the person personally, or
 - ii. by sending it by pre-paid post to the address of the person, or
 - iii. by sending it by email or some other form of electronic transmission to an address specified by the person for giving or serving the notice.

- b. For the purpose of this constitution, a notice is taken, unless the contrary is proved, to have been given or served:
- i. in the case of a notice given or served personally, on the date on which it is received by the addressee, and
 - ii. in the case of a notice sent by pre-paid post, on the date when it would have been delivered in the ordinary course of post, and
 - iii. in the case of a notice sent by email or some other form of electronic transmission, on the date it was sent.

25. PATRONS

The Club at its Annual General Meeting may appoint one or more Patrons, limited to three at any one time, and may also cancel any such appointment at any time.

26. INDEMNITY

The Club must 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.