



Constitution of Boolaroo Bowmen Incorporated

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This Constitution has been prepared in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and the Associations Incorporation Regulation 2016, as amended. And accepted by a majority vote of the members at a meeting held on 25th February, 2018

Part 1 - Preliminary

Definitions

In this Constitution reference may be made to individuals, bodies or functions, these may include but are not limited to:

Commissioner, means - the Commissioner of the Office of Fair Trading.

Association/Club, means – Boolaroo Bowmen Incorporated.

Committee Member/Officer, means - a member who has been elected to the Committee in compliance with Section 9 of this Constitution

Club Member or Member, means - any financial member of the Club admitted to membership of the Club in accordance with Section 5 of this Constitution

Annual General Meeting, means – a meeting of the Club held once annually to receive annual reports, elect a new committee and such other business as directed as per Section 6.11 of this Constitution.

General Meeting, means – a normal meeting of the Club held regularly as per Section 6.3 of this Constitution

Special General Meeting, means – a general meeting of the Club called to consider special items of business such as changes to the Constitution or other business as per Section 6.4 of this Constitution

The Act, means – the Associations Incorporation Act 2009.

The Regulation, means – the Associations Incorporation Regulation 2016.

ABA, means – the Australian Bowhunters Association

Game Council of NSW, means – the statutory authority established under the Game and Feral Animal Control Act 2002. (referred to in this Constitution as Government Regulatory Bodies)

Approved Hunting Organisation, means – an organization which meets the criteria specified by the Game Council of NSW for the status of an “approved” hunting organization (AHO) and is so registered by the Game Council of NSW. (referred to in this Constitution as Government Regulatory Bodies)

In this Constitution:

- a) a reference to a function includes a reference to a power, authority and duty, and
- 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) The provisions of the Interpretation Act 1987 apply to and in respect of these rules in the same manner as those provisions would so apply if these rules were an instrument made under the Act

Part 2 - The Constitution

Section 1. Association Name

This Association is herein named and shall be known as the, Boolaroo Bowmen Incorporated (in this Constitution known as the "Club"), and will be affiliated with The Australian Bowhunters Association Inc (in this Constitution known as the ABA)

Section 2. Aims and Objectives

2.1. The aims and objectives of the Club are: -

- 2.1.1. to promote Archery in a social and family environment where membership consists of persons of all ages who actively support and uphold the ideals of field archery and bowhunting, as prescribed by the ABA and Government Regulatory Bodies
- 2.1.2. to practice Archery as a competitive Sport, in its basic and modern-day forms in accordance with the Rules of Competition. as prescribed by the ABA
- 2.1.3. to perpetuate and foster bowhunting as a philosophy of legitimate activity incorporating the principles of effective game management and conservation and preservation of the natural environment. as prescribed by the ABA and Government Regulatory Bodies
- 2.1.4. to establish programmes emphasising high standards of sportsmanship, friendship, co-operation and ethics directed to the coaching of members in competition field archery and skill with the bow and arrow and to the development of skills in bushcraft and self-sufficiency in the bush.
- 2.1.5. to encourage the development of the young and to assist the handicapped in the community to broaden their experience through participation in Sport.
- 2.1.6. to promote social activities for the benefit of the Club and its members.

Section 3. Powers

- 3.1. The powers of the Club subject to agreement voted at a General Meeting and carried by a majority vote of 80% of eligible members present and for expenditure in excess of \$1,000.00 in a single transaction, are;
- 3.1.1. to subscribe to, become a member of and co-operate with any other association, club or organisation, whether incorporated or not, whose objects are altogether or in part similar to those of the Club
 - 3.1.2. in furtherance of the objects of the Club to buy, sell and deal in all kinds of articles, commodities and provisions, both liquid and solid, for the members of the Club or persons frequenting the Club's premises.
 - 3.1.3. to purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire and otherwise acquire any lands, buildings, easements or property, real and personal, and any rights or privileges which may be requisite for the purposes of, or capable of being conveniently used in connection with, any of the objects of the Club; provided that in the case the Club shall take or hold any property which may be subject to any Trusts, the Club shall only deal with the same in such manner as is allowed by law having regard to such trusts.
 - 3.1.4. to enter into any arrangements with any Government or Authority that are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects and the exercise of the powers of the Club; to obtain from any such Government or Authority any rights, privileges and concessions which the Club may think it desirable to obtain; and to carry out, exercise and comply with any such arrangements, rights, privileges and concessions.
 - 3.1.5. to appoint, employ, remove or suspend such persons as may be necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Club.
 - 3.1.6. to remunerate any person or body corporate for services rendered, or to be rendered, and whether by way of brokerage or otherwise in placing or assisting to place or guaranteeing the placing of any securities granted by the Club or on its behalf in the furtherance of its objectives.
 - 3.1.7. to construct, improve, maintain, develop, work, manage, carry out, alter or control any houses, buildings, grounds, works or conveniences which may seem calculated directly or indirectly to advance the Club's interests, and to contribute to, subsidise or otherwise assist and take part in the construction, improvement, maintenance, development, working, management, carrying out, alteration or control thereof.
 - 3.1.8. to invest and deal with the money of the Club not immediately required in such manner as may from time to time be thought fit subject where applicable to Governing Legislation or Regulation.
 - 3.1.9. to take, or otherwise acquire, and hold shares, debentures or other securities of any company or body corporate.
 - 3.1.10. in furtherance of the objectives of the Club to lend or advance money or give credit to any person or body corporate; to guarantee and give guarantees or indemnities for the

payment of money or the performance of contracts or obligations by any person or body corporate, and otherwise to assist any person or body corporate.

- 3.1.11. to borrow or raise money either alone or jointly with any other person or legal entity in such manner as may be thought proper and whether upon fluctuating advance account or overdraft or otherwise to represent or secure any moneys and further advances borrowed or to be borrowed alone or with others as aforesaid by notes secured or unsecured, debentures or debenture stock perpetual or otherwise, or by mortgage, charge, lien or other security upon the whole or any part of the Club's property or assets present or future and to purchase, redeem or pay-off any such securities.
- 3.1.12. to draw, make, accept, endorse, discount, execute and issue promissory notes, bills of exchange, bills of lading and other negotiable or transferable instruments.
- 3.1.13. in furtherance of the objectives of the Club to sell, improve, manage, develop, exchange, lease, dispose of, turn to account or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property and rights of the Club.
- 3.1.14. to take or hold mortgages, liens or charges, to secure payment of the purchase price, or any unpaid balance of the purchase price, of any part of the Club's property of whatsoever kind sold by the Club, or any money due to the Club from purchasers and others.
- 3.1.15. to take any gift of property whether subject to any special trust or not, for any one or more of the objects of the Club but subject always to the proviso in sub-rule (4).
- 3.1.16. to take such steps by personal or written appeals, public meetings or otherwise, as may from time to time be deemed expedient for procuring contributions to the funds of the Club, in the shape of donations, annual subscriptions or otherwise.
- 3.1.17. to print and publish any newspapers, periodicals, books or leaflets that the Club may think desirable for the promotion of its objectives.
- 3.1.18. in furtherance of the objectives of the Club to amalgamate with any one or more associations having objectives altogether or in part similar to those of the Club and which shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their members to an extent at least as great as that imposed upon the Club under this Constitution, subject always to the provisions of Section 4 of this Constitution.
- 3.1.19. in furtherance of the objects of the Club to purchase or otherwise acquire and undertake all or any part of the property, assets, liabilities and engagements of any one or more of the associations with which the Club is authorised to amalgamate.
- 3.1.20. in furtherance of the objects of the Club to transfer all or any part of the property, assets, liabilities and engagements of the Club to any one or more of the associations with which the Club is authorised to amalgamate.
- 3.1.21. to make donations for patriotic, charitable or community purposes.
- 3.1.22. to transact any lawful business in aid of the Commonwealth of Australia in the prosecution of any war in which the Commonwealth of Australia is engaged.

- 3.1.23. to do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objectives and the exercise of the powers of the Club.

Section 4 – Affiliation

The Club shall be affiliated with the ABA. and will recognize only the ABA. as the sole authority in all matters affecting the control and organization of the Sport of instinctive and modern field archery, in all its forms, and of bowhunting, within Club activities, the South New South Wales & ACT Branch of ABA Inc., and within Australia and its Territories; provided also that the Club shall not affiliate with any other Archery or Bowhunting organization without the prior approval of the ABA

Section 5 – Membership

- 5.1. Membership shall be granted within the following classifications: -

- 5.1.1. Temporary Member
- 5.1.2. Ordinary Full Member
- 5.1.3. Honorary Member
- 5.1.4. Life Member

5.2. Temporary Member

Temporary membership may be granted to persons wishing to join the Club and who have: -

- 5.2.1. Satisfactorily completed the prescribed Membership Application Form.
- 5.2.2. Paid the prescribed dues for Temporary Membership.
- 5.2.3. A Temporary Member shall be entitled to attend the Club for three Club Shoots or for a period of three months (whichever elapses earliest) and shall, at the completion of such period and subject to acceptance of an appropriate application, be eligible for membership within classifications of Ordinary Full Member

Acceptance of such membership application shall be subject to satisfying the membership classification criteria and the approval of the Committee.

- 5.2.4. The Temporary Member shall be entitled to participate fully in Club activities, speak during debate at Club Meetings, but shall not exercise a vote or to put motions in Club decisions or hold Office.
- 5.2.5. The Club reserves the right to terminate Temporary Membership at any time during the period. It shall not be necessary for the Club to give reasons for such termination. A Temporary Member may terminate membership at any time during the period

5.3. Ordinary Full Member

- 5.3.1. Ordinary Full Membership may be granted to persons wishing to apply for such membership and where the applicant has: -
- 5.3.1.1. Completed the necessary probation period.
 - 5.3.1.2. Submitted the prescribed application.
 - 5.3.1.3. Paid the required membership fee.
 - 5.3.1.4. That all members of the Club must be financial members of the Australian Bowhunters Association Inc., for which evidence shall be required, other than for "Social members" who cannot shoot the bow and arrow, may not hold Club Office and may not exercise a vote in decisions of the Club.
 - 5.3.1.5. Been accepted for Club membership by the Committee.
 - 5.3.1.6. Served a 3-month probation period from the date of submitting an application for membership to the Club.
 - 5.3.1.7. Notwithstanding clause 5.4.1.6 the Committee, at its discretion and by unanimous vote of the Committee, may extend the probationary period of a new member.
- 5.3.2. An Ordinary Full Member shall enjoy all rights and privileges of the Club and be entitled to put motions and to exercise a vote in Club decisions.
- 5.3.3. An Ordinary Full Member shall be eligible to hold Office (subject to Section 9.1 of this Constitution) provided that an Ordinary Full Member under the age of eighteen (18) years shall exercise no vote in Club decisions and may not hold Office.

5.4. Honorary Member

Honorary Membership may be granted to an Australian or visiting Bowhunter or Field Archer or to a person considered worthy of such recognition, upon the recommendation of a voting member, at the discretion of the Committee and subject to proof of membership to an Archery Association

5.5. Life Member

- 5.5.1. Life membership, without payment of membership fees, may be granted by the Club, at a meeting called for that purpose, to persons whether Club members or not, for exceptional and meritorious service to the Club, subject to following provisions: -
- 5.5.1.1. Such membership has been proposed in writing by a voting member and seconded by at least two (2) other voting members.
 - 5.5.1.2. A notice of motion to this effect is advised to the voting membership one (1) month prior to the next Meeting of members.
 - 5.5.1.3. Life Members shall enjoy all rights and privilege inferred by Life Membership and that of Club Members provided that a Life Member who is not a member of the ABA. may not put motions or exercise a vote on matters of Constitutional amendments, hold an Office of the Club, or shoot the bow and arrow.

- 5.6. Applicants under the age of eighteen (18) years shall be required to have an additional endorsement by a parent or guardian on their applications.

- 5.7. Acceptance of a person as a member of a Club shall operate to bind that person to abide by the Club Constitution and the Rules of the ABA
- 5.8. Membership Fee shall be determined annually by the Club and shall fall due and payable on the date specified. The onus for payment shall lie with the member and if payment of the due fee is not received by the Club within one (1) calendar month of the due date, the member shall be deemed to be non-financial and membership terminated.
- 5.9. The Club reserves the right to refuse, suspend or terminate membership for breaches of this Constitution.
- 5.10. A member or Club Officer who:
 - 5.10.1. contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of this Constitution; or
 - 5.10.2. disobeys, disregards, or makes wilful default in complying with any authorised direction; or
 - 5.10.3. is guilty of disgraceful or improper conduct, or any act or conduct showing unfitness to be a member of the Club; or
 - 5.10.4. other than as an Officer of the Club in the performance of duties directly discloses information on Club activities; or
 - 5.10.5. by word or conduct brings discredit to the Club and its members; or
 - 5.10.6. as an Officer of the Club is incompetent or inefficient in the discharge of the duties of the office shall have committed an offence against the Club.
- 5.11. If a member or Officer is charged with an offence pursuant to this section, the Committee shall furnish to such member or Officer:
 - 5.11.1. a letter detailing the offence, and
 - 5.11.2. a notice in writing requiring the member or Officer to state in writing within a time specified in the notice whether the truth of the offence is admitted or denied, and to submit in writing within such time any explanation desired to be submitted in the matter of the charge.
 - 5.11.3. The Member or Officer shall also be advised that he/she may appear and be heard, if so electing, before the Committee and may be assisted by a friend, Advice of such election shall be included in the response required at (b) to this sub-section.
- 5.12. If the Committee, having regard to the evidence available as to the alleged offence and to the statement and explanation, if any, submitted by the member or Officer, is satisfied that an offence has been committed, the Committee may:
 - 5.12.1. caution or reprimand the member or Officer; or
 - 5.12.2. suspend membership in the Club for a period determined by the Committee
 - 5.12.3. suspend participation in Club Awards and competitions for a similar period; or cancel all record of Awards achieved; or both; or
 - 5.12.4. terminate membership in the Club; or
 - 5.12.5. if an Officer of the Club remove the Officer from such office.
- 5.13. A decision made pursuant to sub-section (iii) shall be conveyed in writing to the member or Officer, and to The Executive Director of the, ABA and shall include notification of avenues available to appeal the decision taken.

- 5.14. Any member or Officer who has been dealt with as prescribed by sub-section (5.12), may, other than in the case of sub-section (5.12.5) where no appeal shall lie, appeal against the decision taken. Such appeal, submitted in writing to the Committee within 30 days, may be on the ground of innocence of the offence or excessive severity of the decision.

The Committee, as soon as possible, shall convene an Appeal Board comprising an ABA Inc. Officer appointed by the Branch Controller of the Branch in which the appellant/s resides, an Officer of the Club, and a Chairman appointed by the Club Committee, to determine the Appeal. The Appeal Board may uphold or set aside, as the case may be, the decision of the Club Committee or to order such other penalties as appropriate. The Club Committee and the Appellant/s shall be bound by the decision of the Appeal Board.

The Club shall notify the Executive Director of the Australian Bowhunters Association Inc., of the decision of the Appeal Board.

- 5.15. A member may terminate membership at any time on submission of a notice in writing to this effect to an Officer of the Club.
- 5.16. A past member may, subject to the approval of the Club, at any time, regain membership upon submission of an appropriate application form and payment of full annual fees; provided that where membership has been terminated under Section 5.15., application for membership may only be granted on approval of a majority of Club members at a Special General Meeting.
- 5.17. Membership of the Club, other than in the case of temporary membership, shall automatically terminate where a member fails to obtain or maintain membership of the ABA., as required for a class of membership.
- 5.18. The liability of a member of the association to contribute towards the payment of 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, unpaid by the member in respect of membership of the Club
- 5.19. Register of members.
- 5.19.1. The secretary of the association must establish and maintain a register of members of the association specifying the name and address of each person who is a member of the association together with the date on which the person became a member and ceased to be a member.
- 5.19.2. The register of members must be kept at the principal place of administration of the association and must be open for inspection, free of charge, by any member of the association at any reasonable hour.
- 5.19.3. A member of the association may obtain a copy of any part of the register on payment of a fee of \$1 for each page copied or, if some other amount is determined by the committee, that other amount.

Section 6. Administration.

- 6.1. The Club shall be governed in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution, subject to Section 17 of this Constitution

- 6.2. The Club shall be managed by an elected Committee, as per Section 7 of this Constitution.
- 6.3. A General Meeting of the membership shall be held regularly but at least 4 times annually and one (1) months' notice in writing of such meeting shall be given to members.
- 6.4. A Special General Meeting of the membership may be called by the Committee wherever necessary to handle matters of an urgent nature or at the request of any voting member upon submission of a petition signed by not less than 50% of the voting membership and signifying the reason for such meeting.
- 6.5. A quorum of the Committee shall consist of 50% of the Committee.
- 6.6. A quorum of a General Meeting shall consist of the quorum of the Committee and 25% of the voting membership.
- 6.7. The operating and financial year shall be from the 1st of July to the 30th June each year, or, as voted by a majority vote of members at a General Meeting.
- 6.8. All members shall give effect to and comply with the Club Constitution and By-Laws (subject to Section 17 of this Constitution.)

6.9. Management of Funds

The Club shall open and maintain a current account in a Bank nominated by the Committee from time to time, for which there shall be four (4) signatories on record, the signatures of two (2) of which will be required for drawing on the account. All income, unless otherwise specifically provided, shall be paid to the credit of this account, to be designated "The (name of account) Account," provided that funds surplus to operating requirements may be invested according to a resolution passed by the voting membership at a General Meeting.

- 6.10. The Club shall not be held responsible for any debt which may be incurred by a member or Officer unless such debt is authorised by the Club as herein provided.
- 6.11. Annual general meetings - calling of and business at
- 6.11.1. The annual general meeting of the association is, subject to the Act, to be convened on the date and at the place and time that the committee thinks fit but not later than 6 months after the close of the financial period.
- 6.11.2. In addition to any other business which may be transacted at an annual general meeting, the business of an annual general meeting is to include the following:
- 6.11.2.1. to confirm the minutes of the last preceding annual general meeting and of any special general meeting held since that meeting,
- 6.11.2.2. to receive from the committee reports on the activities of the association during the last preceding financial year,
- 6.11.2.3. to elect office-bearers of the association and ordinary committee members,
- 6.11.2.4. to receive and consider any financial statement or report required to be submitted to members under the Act.
- 6.11.2.5. to appoint an Auditor for the coming financial period

6.11.3. An annual general meeting must be specified as that type of meeting in the notice convening it.

Section 7. - Officers.

The governing officers of the Club shall be known as the Committee and shall consist of: -

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Safety Officer (Risk Management Officer)
6. Shoot Director
7. ABA Branch Management Committee Representative
8. Bowhunting Education Representative
9. Two (2) Ordinary Members

The Committee shall govern the Club in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and the wishes of the Membership as directed by resolution of a General Meeting. The Committee may create other positions as considered necessary and/or desirable for the efficient functioning of the Club however appointees to such positions shall exercise no vote in Committee decisions.

- 7.1. The Committee must meet at least 4 times in each period of 12 months at the place and time that the committee may determine.
 - 7.1.1. Additional meetings of the committee may be convened by any member of the committee.
 - 7.1.2. Oral or written notice of a meeting of the Committee must be given by the secretary to each member of the Club at least 48 hours (or any other period that may be unanimously agreed on by the members of the Committee) before the time appointed for the holding of the meeting.
 - 7.1.3. Notice of a meeting must specify the general nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting and no business other than that business is to be transacted at the meeting, except business which the committee members present at the meeting unanimously agree to treat as urgent business.
 - 7.1.4. A quorum of the Committee, as per section 6.5 of this Constitution, is required for the transaction of the business at a meeting of the Committee.
 - 7.1.5. No business is to be transacted by the Committee unless a quorum is present and if, within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting, a quorum is not present, the meeting is to stand adjourned to the same place and at the same hour of the same day in the following week.
 - 7.1.6. If at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting, the meeting is to be dissolved.
 - 7.1.7. At a meeting of the Committee:
 - 7.1.7.1. the president or, in the president's absence, the vice-president is to preside, or
 - 7.1.7.2. if the president and the vice-president are absent or unwilling to act, one of the remaining members of the Committee chosen by the members present at the meeting is to preside.
- 7.2. Powers of the Committee
Subject to the Act, the Regulation, and this Constitution and any resolution passed by the Club in general meeting, the Committee:

- 7.2.1. is to control and manage the affairs of the Club, and
- 7.2.2. may exercise all the powers and /or functions that may be exercised by the Club, other than those powers and/or functions that are required by this Constitution to be exercised by a vote of a general meeting of members of the Club, and
- 7.2.3. has power to perform all the acts and do all things that appear to the Committee to be necessary or desirable for the proper management of the affairs of the Club, other than those acts that are required by this Constitution to be exercised by a vote of a general meeting of members of the Club

Section 8 - Constitution:

This Constitution shall remain in force until such time as it may be amended from time to time in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution. As per section 11 of this Constitution

Section 9 - Elections and Voting Procedures.

- 9.1. To be eligible for election to a position on the Committee, the nominated person proposed must be a Senior Member of the Club, and have been a member of the Club for a minimum of 2 years and shall: -
 - 9.1.1. Be a current financial member of the Club and a current financial member of the ABA.
 - 9.1.2. Not have been removed from any Office in the Club, by a vote of No Confidence, within the preceding four (4) years.
 - 9.1.3. Not had his or her membership terminated under Section 5.12. within the preceding seven (7) years.
 - 9.1.4. Notwithstanding Clause 9.1, a Senior Member who does not conform to this rule may have a nomination for office accepted subject to a Special Resolution being passed by a positive vote of 80% of voting members present at a Special General Meeting
- 9.2. The election of Officers to the Committee shall be held once annually each year, other than for the purposes set out in Section 9.8., at a General Meeting called for that purpose.
- 9.3. The term of Office shall be for One (1) year, and there is no limit as to the number of terms an Officer may hold Office.
- 9.4. In the event that an Office falls vacant during the stated term of Office, an appointment to the position may be made by the Committee, pending an election being held. Such appointee shall exercise no vote in Committee decisions.
- 9.5. Nominations for Office shall be on the prescribed form and submitted to the Secretary one (1) month prior to the date of such election. Any positions not nominated by the due date may be called from the floor at the General Meeting per clause 9.2 of this Constitution.
- 9.6. Nominees for election must be present at the Meeting held for that purpose.

- 9.7. A Vote of NO Confidence may be lodged on an Officer or Officers of the Committee at any time by petition to the Committee:
- 9.7.1. The petition shall be signed by not less than fifty 50% of those currently eligible to vote.
 - 9.7.2. The Committee shall call a Special General Meeting of the membership within twenty-eight (28) days for the purpose of deciding on the No Confidence motion.
 - 9.7.3. A Vote of No Confidence shall be carried by a minimum majority of 80% of the total voting membership present. If the Vote of No Confidence is carried, the Offices/ shall be declared vacant and a Meeting to elect Officers shall be held within twenty-eight (28) days.
 - 9.7.4. The Club shall appoint an Administrator to carry on the day to day operations of the Office/s, pending the election to positions vacated under this Section.
- 9.8. All voting shall be by way of a show of hands, or if requested, secret ballot of attending eligible voting members.
- 9.9. All decisions made, or Resolutions passed contrary to the provisions of this Constitution shall be null and void.
- 9.10. Postal or electronic ballots.
- 9.10.1. The association may hold a postal or electronic ballot (as the committee determines) to determine any issue or proposal (other than an appeal under clause 5.10).
 - 9.10.2. A postal or electronic ballot is to be conducted in accordance with Schedule 3 to the Regulation.
- 9.11. Proxy votes.
Proxy voting is not permitted under this constitution.
- 9.12. Absentee Votes
Absentee votes will be accepted in respect of any item where a vote is to be undertaken by the membership. All absentee votes must be submitted, in writing, to the secretary no later than seven (7) days prior to the vote taking place.

Section 10 - Vacation of Office:

- 10.1. A position of any Officer of the Club shall be declared to be vacant: -
- 10.1.1. Immediately prior to an election of Officers according to this Constitution.
 - 10.1.2. Upon the death of an Officer.
 - 10.1.3. Upon resignation by an Officer by notice in writing to the Committee.
 - 10.1.4. Upon an Officer absenting himself or herself from his or her duties for a period of more than three (3) months, without the prior notice to and approval of the Committee.
 - 10.1.5. Upon an Officer ceasing to be a member of the ABA.
 - 10.1.6. Upon resolution being passed under Section 9.7. of this Constitution.

Section 11 - Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws.

- 11.1. This Constitution shall not be amended without prior notification of that intent, of at least 60 days prior to a Meeting to determine the question, to the Australian Bowhunters Association Inc. Any proposed amendment to provisions in respect to Club Affiliation, Membership, Amendment to Constitution and Distribution of Club Assets on Dissolution shall require the prior approval of the Australian Bowhunters Association Inc.
- 11.2. This Constitution may only be amended by a written Notice of Motion to that effect, and that Motion then being carried on a minimum majority vote of 51% of those members eligible to vote and voting at a General Meeting of members, called for that purpose.
- 11.3. The Addenda to the Constitution may only be amended in the same manner as is provided in 11.1. above

Section 12. Archery Equipment.

All archery equipment used in Club activities and competitions shall comply with that prescribed, from time to time, by the National Rules for Shoots of the ABA

Section 13. Activities.

- 13.1. The Club shall stage activities and competitive shoots either independently or as a member Club of the ABA., as prescribed by the Rules for Shoots of that Association.
- 13.2. The Club shall stage other such activities as considered desirable for the benefit of the Club and its members.
- 13.3. As bowhunting is a highly individual Sport, the actual art of bowhunting shall be a matter for the individual member, subject to the provisions of the Hunting Code of Ethics of the ABA. and Government Regulatory Bodies

Section 14. Income and Property

- 14.1. The income and property of the Club however derived shall be used and applied solely in the promotion of its objects and in the exercise of its powers as prescribed.
- 14.2. No portion thereof shall be paid, distributed, or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise by way of profit to or amongst the members of the Club, provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of interest to any such member in respect of money advanced by the member to the Club or otherwise owing to the member by the Club. Nothing herein contained shall be construed so as to prevent the payment or repayment to any member of out of pocket expenses incurred on behalf of the Club.

Section 15. Dissolution and Distribution of Club Assets on Dissolution.

- 15.1. The Club shall be dissolved in the event of the membership being less than three persons. It may also be dissolved upon the vote of 80% majority of the membership, at a General Meeting convened to consider the question.
- 15.2. All assets on hand shall, after payment of all expenses and liabilities be transferred to the ABA. for use by that Association, or to be held by the ABA for a period not exceeding five (5) years pending the creation of a new ABA. affiliated Club in the area during that period, provided that should such a Club not be created within the time specified, the use of such transferred assets shall be at the discretion of the ABA The decision to dissolve shall also determine the basis of transfer to ABA.
- 15.3. In the event of the ABA having been wound up, the said property shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Club, and which shall prohibit the distribution of its assets or its income and property among its members to an extent at least as great as imposed on the Club under or by virtue of Section 14, such institution or institutions to be determined by the members of the Club.
- 15.4. No such payment, distribution, gift or transfer of any property/surplus assets shall be valid unless the same has been passed by a special resolution called for that purpose.

Section 16. Custody & Inspection of books

- 16.1. Except as otherwise provided by this constitution, the secretary must keep in his or her custody or under his or her control all records, books and other documents relating to the association.
- 16.2. The treasurer shall be entitled to keep the books of account of the association under his or her control.
- 16.3. The following documents must be open to inspection, free of charge, by a member of the Club at any reasonable hour:
 - 16.3.1. records, books and other financial documents of the Club,
 - 16.3.2. this Constitution,
 - 16.3.3. minutes of all committee meetings and general meetings of the Club.
- 16.4. A member of the Club may obtain a copy of any of the documents referred to in subclause (1) on payment of a fee of not more than \$1 for each page copied.
- 16.5. Despite subclauses (1) and (2), the Committee may refuse to permit a member of the Club to inspect or obtain a copy of records of the Club that relate to confidential, personal, employment, commercial or legal matters or where to do so may be prejudicial to the interests of the Club.

Section 17. Precedence

The Act, the Regulations and this Constitution shall, in that order, take precedence over any other Rules, Regulations, Guidelines or Procedures published by the Club

Section 18. Amendments

The following amendments were adopted by a special General meeting on 11th November, 2018 by a quorum of committee and general members.

Section 3. Change from

3.1. The powers of the Club subject to agreement voted at a General Meeting and carried by a majority vote of 80% of eligible members present are...

To

3.1. The powers of the Club subject to agreement voted at a General Meeting and carried by a majority vote of 80% of eligible members present and for expenditure in excess of \$1,000.00 in a single transaction, are...

Section 5. Change from

5.3.1.4. Been accepted as a member of the ABA for which evidence shall be required.

To

5.3.1.4. That all members of the Club must be financial members of the Australian Bowhunters Association Inc., for which evidence shall be required, other than for "Social members" who cannot shoot the bow and arrow, may not hold Club Office and may not exercise a vote in decisions of the Club.

Section 11. Change from

11.1. This Constitution may only be amended by a written Notice of Motion to that effect, and that Motion then being carried on a minimum majority vote of 51% of those members eligible to vote and voting at a General Meeting of members, called for that purpose.

11.2. The Addenda to the Constitution may only be amended in the same manner as is provided in 11.1. above

To

11.1. This Constitution shall not be amended without prior notification of that intent, of at least 60 days prior to a Meeting to determine the question, to the Australian Bowhunters Association Inc. Any proposed amendment to provisions in respect to Club Affiliation, Membership, Amendment to Constitution and Distribution of Club Assets on Dissolution shall require the prior approval of the Australian Bowhunters Association Inc.

11.2. This Constitution may only be amended by a written Notice of Motion to that effect, and that Motion then being carried on a minimum majority vote of 51% of those members eligible to vote and voting at a General Meeting of members, called for that purpose.

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11.3. The Addenda to the Constitution may only be amended in the same manner as is provided in 11.1. above

Section 15. Change from

15.2. All assets on hand shall, after payment of all expenses and liabilities be transferred to the ABA. for use by that Association, or to be held by the ABA for a period not exceeding three (3) years pending the creation of a new ABA. affiliated Club in the area during that period, provided that should such a Club not be created within the time specified, the use of such transferred assets shall be at the discretion of the ABA The decision to dissolve shall also determine the basis of transfer to ABA.

To

15.2. All assets on hand shall, after payment of all expenses and liabilities be transferred to the ABA. for use by that Association, or to be held by the ABA for a period not exceeding five (5) years pending the creation of a new ABA. affiliated Club in the area during that period, provided that should such a Club not be created within the time specified, the use of such transferred assets shall be at the discretion of the ABA The decision to dissolve shall also determine the basis of transfer to ABA.