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ZONE SIX BOWLING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED CONSTITUTION

NAME

1. The name of the Association is the **“Zone Six Bowling Association Incorporated ”**.

INTERPRETATION¹

2. In this Constitution, unless the context or subject matter otherwise indicates or requires:
 - (a) The expressions “affiliated club”, “Association”, “Association event”, “Board”, “District Association”, “full member”, “junior member”, “laws of the game of bowls”, “Zone Association” and “State Councillor” shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them in the Constitution of the Royal New South Wales Bowling Association Inc.
 - (b) “Association Constitution” means the constitution for the time being of the Royal New South Wales Bowling Association Inc.
 - (c) “the Act” means the Associations Act 1984.
 - (d) “the Regulation” means the Associations Incorporation Regulation 1999.
 - (e) “By-Laws” means the By-Laws made under Article 26 that are in force.
 - (f)
 - (i) “Committee” means the Committee as defined in Item 10(a) and constituted under these articles.
 - (ii) “Executive committee” means the committee as defined in Article 10(b) and constituted under these articles.
 - (g) “District Delegate” means a person holding the position of District Delegate under this Constitution.
 - (h) “Permanent Sub-Committee” means a sub-committee constituted under Article 19.
 - (i) “Financial year”, in relation to the Zone, means a year ending on 31st May.
 - (j) “Member Club” means a club, which has been granted affiliation with a Member District.
 - (k) “Member District” means a District Association, which has been granted affiliation with the zone.
 - (l) “Ordinary General meeting”, in relation to the Zone, means any meeting of the Zone other than an annual general meeting or special general meeting.

- (m) "Special General Meeting", in relation to the Zone, means a meeting of the Zone called pursuant to Article 15.
 - (n) "Zone" means Zone Six Bowling Association Incorporated.
 - (o) "Zone Event" means any Association event arranged or conducted by the Zone.
 - (p) "Secretary" means if no person holds that position – the Public Officer of the Association.
 - (q) "Director-General" means the Director-General of Department of Fair Trading.
3. In this Constitution, words in the singular include the plural and vice versa.
4. If any provision of this Constitution or the By-laws shall be inconsistent with the Association Constitution or the By-Laws of the Association made pursuant to the association Constitution, then the provisions of the Association Constitution or the By-Laws made thereunder, as the case may be, shall prevail.

COMPOSITION OF THE ZONE

5. The Zone consists of :
- Hunter District Bowling Association Incorporated;
Manning District Bowling Association Incorporated;
Upper Hunter District Bowling Association;

REGISTER OF MEMBERS

6. The public officer of the association must establish and maintain a register of members of the Association.

OBJECTS

7. The objects of the Zone are:
- (a) to affiliate with the Association as a Zone Association;
 - (b) to arrange and conduct, in conjunction with the Association, the affairs of the Association within the Zone.
 - (c) to promote the welfare of Member Districts;
 - (d) to conduct bowls events;
 - (e) to join with any other body in promoting the welfare of residents of the Zone for which the Zone is the Zone Association, or of the public generally;

- (f) to do such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of all, or any, of the above objects.

APPLICATION OF INCOME AND PROFITS

8 . (a) The income and profits of the Zone shall be applied solely in the furtherance of the objects of the Zone and no portion thereof or any valuable thing the property of the Zone shall be paid or transferred either directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus, or otherwise to any member of a Member District, or a member Club, of the Association or of the Committee or to any other person.

(b) Nothing in paragraph (a) prevents the payment or transfer, in accordance with the By-Laws and in good faith, of any remuneration or other consideration to any person or servant for any service actually rendered or any goods actually transferred, by him to the Zone.

MANAGEMENT

9. Subject to this Constitution, the management of the affairs and business of the Zone shall be conducted by the Committee.

10. (a) The Committee shall consist of :

- (I) The Executive Committee as defined under item 10(b);
- (ii) Nine (9) Delegates being three (3) from each of the Three (3) Districts of the Zone, whose appointments shall be determined by the individual Districts; and

(b) The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, the Secretary/ Treasurer and State Councillor, all of whom shall be elected annually by the Committee. The Executive Committee shall also comprise of the President of each of the affiliated Districts who shall be a Vice-President of the Zone.

11. The Committee shall meet at least three (3) times a year when summoned by the President or the Secretary and at any other time when so summoned.

12. The Committee may act notwithstanding any vacancy on the Committee or Sub-Committee where at any time the number of members of the Committee or any Sub-Committee is:

- (a) an even number, one half of the members of the committee, plus one, shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Committee or Sub-Committee.
- (b) an odd number, the whole number next above one half of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Committee or Sub-Committee.

13. In the absence of a quorum at any meeting of the Committee or Sub-Committee within thirty minutes of the appointed time for the commencement of the meeting it shall be adjourned by those present to such date, time and place as they determine, provided that it shall not be later than twenty one (21) days after the date fixed for the original meeting.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

14. The Annual General Meeting of the Zone shall be held within two (2) months, but not earlier than four (4) weeks after, the end of each financial year of the Zone.
 - (a) A preliminary notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Zone:
 - (i) shall be served by the Secretary two weeks before the end of the financial year of the Zone on all Member Districts and Committee members.
 - (ii) shall set forth the business to be transacted at the meeting (other than business of which notice is required to be given) and state that the nominations for the positions of President, Secretary/ Treasurer and State Councilor together with notice of any motion proposed to be moved at the Annual General Meeting; must be lodged with the Secretary before 4:00pm at least twenty-eight (28) days before the date fixed for the meeting.
 - (b) The Annual General Meeting of the Zone shall be called by the serving by the Secretary of notice of the meeting at least twenty one (21) days before the dated fixed for the meeting on all Member Districts and Committee members.
 - (c) At the Annual General Meeting, the order of business shall be as follows:
 - (i) the roll shall be signed by those attending the meeting;
 - (ii) confirmation of the minutes of the previous annual meeting.
 - (iii) consideration of the Zone's annual report, balance sheet and income and expenditure accounts.
 - (iv) presentation by the Secretary/Treasurer of the financial budget for the ensuing year.
 - (v) election of Executive Committee.
 - (vi) fixing capitation fees.
 - (vii) fixing Executive expense allowances.
 - (viii) appointment of Publicity Officer.

- (ix) appointment of Auditor.
- (x) fixing of Zone Headquarters for the ensuing year.
- (xi) business of which notice has been included in the notice of the meeting.
- (xii) any business which the meeting by a majority agrees to deal with as general business.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

15. (a) A special general meeting of the Zone may be called by the President and shall be called by the Secretary whenever he is directed to do so by the Committee, or on a written request made by five (5) or more person entitled to vote at such a meeting.
- (b) Notice of the meeting and the business to be considered shall be served on all Member Districts and Committee members at least twenty-one (21) days before the date fixed for the meeting.

ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

16. (a) Ordinary General Meetings of the Zone shall be held at least two (2) times between Annual General Meetings of the Zone at times determined by the Committee.
- (b) The business of such meetings shall include receipt of reports from the Executive Committee, Sub-Committees, and the State Councilor and making determinations in respect of any Zone matters.
- (c) Notice of every ordinary meeting of the Zone and of the business to be considered at the meeting shall be served on all member Districts and Committee members; at least twenty one (21) days before the date fixed for the meeting.

CHAIRMAN OF MEETINGS

17. (a) At any meeting of the Committee, the President, or in his absence a Vice-President, shall preside.
- (b) If the President and a Vice-President is absent from any such meeting, the persons present and entitled to vote shall elect one of their number to preside at the meeting.
- (c) At any such meeting, the person presiding shall have a casting vote, as well as a deliberative vote. No other individual shall have more than one deliberate vote.

UNAVAILABILITY OF PRESIDENT

18. Without affecting the operation of Article 17, if at any time there is a vacancy in the office of the President or the President for any reason is unable to carry out the duties and functions of his office, a Vice-President may act as President and when doing so shall have all the powers of the President.

PERMANENT SUB-COMMITTEES

19. (a) There shall be three (3) Permanent Sub-Committees respectively designated as the Match Sub-Committee, Greens Sub-Committee and the Selection Sub-Committee.

- (e) The Match Sub-Committee shall consist of the Chairman of the Match Committee of each Member District.
- (f) The Greens Committee Sub-Committee shall consist of the Chairman of Greens Committee of each Member District.
- (d) The Selection Committee shall consist of the Chairman of the Selection Committee of each Member District.
- (e) The President shall be an ex-officio member of all Sub-Committees.

DUTIES OF MATCH COMMITTEE

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- a) to arrange all necessary details for Zone Competitions and to present not later than November each year to the Committee a program for the ensuing year in respect of such competitions.
 - b) to settle all disputes in connection with Zone fixtures, subject to appeal to the Committee and in conjunction with the respective District Umpires' Committee where Bowls Laws are involved.
 - c) generally to deal with and report upon matters relevant upon matters relevant to such duties as may be referred to it by the Committee.

DUTIES OF GREENS COMMITTEE

21 (a) to inspect all greens in due time before the commencement of competitions and to report to the Committee upon their fitness for use in connection with Zone fixtures.

(b) If, in the opinion of the Greens Sub Committee, a green or greens shall become unfit for play during the course of a Zone Championship event, to cause the Member District whose green is unsatisfactory to forfeit any match or matches set down for play until such green is again placed in a condition satisfactory to the Greens Sub Committee PROVIDED THAT if such Member District shall be able to make arrangements for the playing of any such match or matches on an alternative green that is deemed acceptable for play by the Greens Sub Committee, this provision shall not apply.

DUTIES OF SELECTION COMMITTEE

- 22 (i) selection of Zone sides
(ii) to report immediately such selection to the Secretary
(ii) to make recommendations to State Selectors for consideration of Zone Players to State Selectors.

OTHER SUB-COMMITTEES

23. (a) The Committee may constitute such other Sub-Committees to assist it in the management of its affairs and business as it thinks fit.

(b) A Sub-Committee established under this article shall have such functions as may be conferred on it by the committee and may advise and make recommendations to the Committee on such matters as may have been referred to it.

(c) A Sub-Committee constituted under this Article may at any time be abolished by the Committee.

DELEGATIONS BY THE COMMITTEE

24. (a) The Committee may, by instrument in writing, delegate to any Permanent Sub-Committee constituted under Article 19 or any Sub-Committee constituted under Article 23 the exercise of such powers and functions as may be specified in the delegation.

(b) A delegation under this Article may be made subject to such conditions or limitations as to the exercise of any power or function the subject thereof, or as to time or circumstances, as may be specified in the delegation.

(c) Notwithstanding any delegation under this Article, the Committee may continue to exercise any power or function specified in the delegation.

(d) Any act or thing done or suffered by a Permanent Sub-Committee or Sub-Committee acting in the exercise of a delegation under this Article has the same force or effect as if it had been done or suffered by the Committee.

(e) The Committee may, by instrument in writing, revoke wholly or in part any delegation under this Article.

(f) Any Permanent Sub-Committee or Sub-Committee which exercises any power or function pursuant to any delegation conferred on it under this Article; shall, as soon as practicable after the exercise of the power or function, and if the Committee so requires, report in writing to the Committee details of the circumstances in which it exercised the power or function and its decision thereon.

PUBLICITY OFFICER

25. (a) A Publicity Officer for the Zone shall be appointed annually by the Committee at the Annual General Meeting of the Zone.

(b) The Publicity Officer shall be responsible for submission of District and/or Zone promotional information through approved sources including the media and the Association magazine.

STANDING ORDER AND BY-LAWS

26. The Committee may make, amend and repeal By-Laws, and Standing Orders to be observed at meetings of the Committee.

NOTICES OF MOTION AT MEETINGS

27. (a) A person is not entitled to move a motion at a meeting unless notice in writing, signed by him, of his intention to move the motion, has been delivered by him to the Secretary at least twenty eight (28) days before the meeting.

(b) Paragraph (a) does not apply to a motion to be moved at a meeting which the meeting by a majority agrees to deal with as general business.

ATTENDANCE AND VOTING AT MEETINGS

28. (a) Committee members are entitled to attend meetings of the Zone and, except as provided in paragraph (c) of Article 17, each such member is entitled to one vote at any such meeting.

(b) A question arising at any such meeting shall be determined by a show of hands or, if a ballot is demanded by not less than five (5) persons entitled to vote on the question, by ballot.

AFFILIATION OF MEMBER DISTRICTS

29. (a) A District Association which is certified by the Office Supervisor of the Association as comprising member Clubs which have their premises at locations which make the District Association eligible to be granted affiliation with the Zone.

(b) The affiliation of a Member District with the Zone shall be terminated if the affiliation of that Member District with the Association is terminated.

(c) The Zone may recommend to the Association that the affiliation of a Member District with the Association be terminated by the Association if:

(i) at any time the Member District ceases to have the necessary qualifications for affiliation referred to in the Association Constitution; or,

(ii) it fails to pay, by the due date, the annual fees or any levy payable under this constitution by that Member District to the Zone.

(d) The Zone shall refuse to grant affiliation to, or shall terminate the affiliation of, a District Association if the rules or constitution of that District Association permit any member to share in its profits.

DISTRICT DELEGATES

30. (a) Every Member District is entitled to have, in accordance with its constitution three (3) District Delegates, who shall become Committee members of the Zone.

(b) Immediately after the appointment of its District Delegates the Member District that appointed them shall notify the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the District Delegates to the Zone Secretary.

(c) A District Delegate holds office until his successor is appointed.

(d) If a District Delegate is unable to attend a meeting of the Zone an alternate delegate may attend and vote at the meeting.

(e) A District Delegate must be a full member of a Member Club affiliated with the Member District and ordinarily resident in the area administered by the Member District Association which appointed him. These qualifications on holding office also apply to alternate delegates.

ANNUAL FEES PAYABLE BY MEMBER DISTRICTS

31. (a) Each Member District shall pay a capitation fee on every registered bowler, such fee to be fixed at the Annual General Meeting

(b) The annual fee payable by the Member District shall be due and payable no later than one month after the date of the meeting at which the annual fee was determined.

(c) Each District shall pay, quarterly, capitation fees on bowlers registered with the District since the previous quarter.

LEVIES ON MEMBER DISTRICTS

32. The Zone, may, by a resolution passed in general meeting by a majority of two-thirds of the persons present and voting at the general meeting, impose on all Member Districts a levy of an amount, determined or

calculated in the manner specified in the resolution imposing the levy, payable by each member District within such period as may be so specified.

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

33. (a) The election of the Executive Committee shall be conducted at each Annual General Meeting of the Zone.

(b) The election shall be conducted as follows:

(i) the nomination of a person to be a member of the Executive Committee must be in writing signed by the nominee, his proposer and his seconder;

(ii) the nominee, proposer and seconder must each be full members of a Member Club affiliated with a Member District and ordinarily resident in the area administered by the Zone;

(iii) the nomination must be delivered to the Secretary before 4:00pm at least twenty-eight (28) days before the Annual General Meeting is to take place;

(iv) a list showing all persons nominated for each of the positions on the Executive Committee shall be served with the notice of the meeting on all Member District and Committee members;

(v) if no more persons are nominated to fill any of the positions than are required for that position, any person duly nominated for that position, shall at the Annual General Meeting at which the election for that position was to have taken place, be declared elected and further nominations may be made verbally to fill any remaining position or positions;

(vi) a nomination made verbally under item (v) has no force unless consented to verbally or in writing by the nominee;

(vii) the nominee, proposer and seconder nominating a person under item (vi) must be a Committee member;

(viii) if no more persons are nominated verbally to fill any remaining position or positions than are required for that position, any persons duly nominated for any such remaining position shall, at the Annual General Meeting at which the election for that office was to have taken place, be declared elected any position still unfilled shall be treated as a vacant position;

(ix) if more persons are nominated to fill any position than are required or more persons are nominated verbally than are required to fill the remaining position or positions, a ballot shall be held at the Annual General Meeting to fill that position or positions as the case may be;

(x) the results of the election of members of the Executive Committee shall be announced (including, where a ballot for any position is

held, details of the votes polled for each candidate) by the chairman of the Annual General Meeting at which the elections are conducted.

TERMS OF OFFICE OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

34. Members of the Executive Committee and District Delegates shall, subject to this Constitution, hold office from the time of their election or appointment at an Annual General Meeting until the time of the election of their successors at the next Annual General Meeting;

VACANCIES ON COMMITTEE, PERMANENT SUB COMMITTEES, OTHER SUB-COMMITTEES AND IN THE POSITION OF PUBLICITY OFFICER

35. (a) A vacancy occurs in a position on the Executive committee, or for a District Delegate, or on a Permanent or other Sub-Committee, or in the offices of Patron/s or Publicity Officer if the person occupying the position:

- (i) dies;
- (ii) ceases to be a full member of a Member Club;
- (iii) becomes a bankrupt, applies to take the benefit of any law for the relief of bankrupt or insolvent debtors, compounds with his creditors or makes an assignment of his assets for their benefit;
- (iv) resigns his position by notice in writing given to the Secretary;
- (v) becomes of unsound mind or a person whose person or estate is liable to be dealt with in any way under the law relating to mental health’.
- (vi) in the case of the State Councilor, does or omits to so do or allows or suffers anything which results in a vacancy occurring in his office as a member of the board of the Association.

(b) If more than two (2) months before the next Annual General Meeting a vacancy occurs in the position of a member of the Executive Committee or there is a vacant position, an election to fill the vacancy shall be held at the next general meeting.

(c) For the purposes of paragraph (b), the provisions of Article 33(b) shall apply, with necessary modifications, to an election to fill the vacancy except that reference in Articles 33(b) to:

- (i) an Annual General Meeting shall be read as a reference to the Ordinary General Meeting at which the election to fill the vacancy is held; or
- (ii) any of the positions on the Committee shall be read as a reference to the vacant position or the positions in which the vacancy has occurred.

(d) If at any time there is vacancy in the position of Secretary or for any reason the Secretary is unavailable, or neglects or refuses to perform any function required of him by this Constitution or by the Committee, the Committee may appoint another suitable person as Secretary to act in the place of the Secretary, where there is a vacancy for so long as the vacancy remains unfilled or, in other case, for so long as the Committee determines.

(e) A persons appointed to act in the place of the Secretary as referred to in paragraph (d) shall, while so acting, be deemed to be the Secretary.

(f) A person appointed to act in the place of the Secretary during the time there is a vacancy in that position or for a period determined by the committee shall cease so to act upon the vacancy being filled or upon the expiration of that period.

(g) If any time there is a vacancy in the position of Treasurer or for any reason the Treasurer is unavailable, or neglects or refuses to perform any function required of him by this Constitution, or by the committee, the Committee may appoint another suitable person to act in the place of the Treasurer, where there is a vacancy, for so long as the vacancy remains unfilled or, in any other case, for so long as the Committee determines.

(h) A person appointed to act in the place of the Treasurer as referred to in paragraph (g) shall, while so acting, be deemed to be the Treasurer.

(i) A person appointed to act in the place of the Treasurer during the time there is a vacancy in that position or for a period determined by the Committee shall cease so to act upon the vacancy being filled or upon the expiration of that period.

(j) If at any time there is a vacancy in the position of State Councilor or for any reason the State Councilor is unavailable, or neglects or refuses to perform any function required of him by this Constitution or by the Committee, the Committee shall appoint another suitable person as State Councilor: to act in the place of the State Councilor where there is a vacancy for so long as the vacancy remains unfilled; or, in any other case, for so long as the Committee determines.

(k) A person appointed to act in the place of the State Councilor as referred to in paragraph (j) shall, while so acting, be deemed to be the State Councilor and shall, when required, be appointed in writing by the Secretary as proxy for the State Councilor any meeting of the Board of the Association or at any meeting of the Association which the State Councilor is unable to attend.

(l) A person appointed to act in the place of the State Councilor, during the time there is a vacancy in that position or for a period determined by the Committee shall cease so to act upon the vacancy being filled or upon the expiration of that period.

(m) If a vacancy occurs in the position of a member of an appointed Sub-Committee a suitable person shall be appointed to fill the vacancy.

(n) If a vacancy occurs in the position of Publicity Officer, the Committee may appoint a suitable person to fill the vacancy.

(o) A person elected or appointed to fill a vacant position of the Association shall hold for the balance of his predecessor's term of office and, subject to this Constitution, is eligible for re-election or re-appointment.

SECRETARY/TREASURER

36. The Secretary/Treasurer shall hold the office of public officer and shall:

- (i) keep a faithful record of all business transacted at meetings of the Committee;
- (ii) keep a list of names and addresses of all members of the Committee and of all Sub-Committees, Patron/s and Publicity Officer;
- (iii) call all meetings of the Committee in accordance with this Constitution;
- (iv) attend all meetings of the Committee and cause minutes of all proceedings at those meetings to be kept and properly entered in books provided for the purpose;
- (v) submit the minutes of any such meeting for confirmation at the next meeting of the same kind; and
- (vi) in each year, when required to do so by the Committee, submit a draft annual report of the Zone for presentation to the next Annual General Meeting.
- (vii) keep records and statistics as required.
- (viii) keep records of all real and personal property of the Zone
- (ix) whenever requested to do so, and from time to time may, of his own initiative, submit recommendations for the overall financial policy of the Zone;
- (x) prepare and submit to the Committee for its approval, the financial budget of the Zone to be presented at the Annual General Meetings of the zone;
- (xi) in conjunction with the Zone's auditor, establish suitable accounting procedures for the Zone;
- (xii) cause to be kept records showing the manner in which the Zone's funds and assets are from time to time held;
- (xiii) prepare and submit financial reports to the Committee as and when required by the Committee;

- (xiv) make available to the Zone's auditors, from time to time as required by them, the accounting records of the Zone;
- (xv) prepare audited income and expenditure statements together with balance sheet, for each financial year for presentation to the Annual General Meeting next following the end of that financial year; and
- (xvi) ensure that the property of the Zone is adequately insured and arrange such other insurance as may be directed by the Committee.

STATE COUNCILOR

37. (a) The State Councilor shall:
- (i) attend and represent the Zone at meetings of the Board of the Association and at meetings of the Association;
 - (ii) prepare and submit reports on his activities as State Councilor, to each meeting of the Committee and otherwise as required by the Committee.

PATRON

38 A Patron or Patrons may be appointed at the Annual General Meeting on the recommendation of the Committee.

FUNDS-MANAGEMENT

39. (a) All moneys received by the Zone shall, as soon as practicable, be deposited to the credit of the Zone in an account or accounts, that may be operated on by cheque, in such bank or banks as the Committee may from time to time determine.

(b) Any cheque drawn by the Zone on any of its bank accounts shall be signed by any two members of the Executive Committee.

(c) Any moneys of the Zone that are not immediately required for the purposes of the Zone may be invested by the Committee from time to time in any one or more of the following investments:

- (i) any investment from time to time authorised by law for the investment of trust funds;
- (ii) Australia State or Commonwealth Bonds.
- (iii) Accounts or deposits with Australian Banks.
- (iv) Security debentures or debenture stock with financial companies affiliated with Australian Banks
- (v) Australian Building Societies.
- (vi) Australian Insurance Companies.

AUDITOR

40. (a) The Committee shall appoint an auditor to audit the accounts of the Zone and to perform such other functions as may be required by the Committee.

(b) If a vacancy occurs in the position of auditor, the Committee shall fill the vacancy within fourteen (14) days.

(d) The auditor is not eligible for election or appointment as a member of the Committee.

LIFE MEMBERS

41. (a) To be eligible to become a life member of the Zone, a person must:

(i) be a full member of a Member Club affiliated with a Member District;

(ii) have demonstrated over a period of at least (five) 5 years a standard of sustained excellence in his application and attendance to duties allotted to him in relation to the conduct of the management and affairs of the Zone; and

(iii) have made a contribution of sustained excellence to the sport of bowls at Zone level.

(b) An application for a member of a Member Club to be elected a life member of the Zone may be made in writing to the Zone by the District Association with which the Member Club is affiliated, or by the Committee.

(c) If the Committee recommends, by resolution passed by a majority of at least three-fourths of its members present and voting when the application is being dealt with, that the application be granted, the Committee, at the next Annual General Meeting of the Zone that is six (6) months or more after the application is received by the Zone, propose the member to whom the application relates for election as a life member of the Zone.

(d) If the member to whom an application relates is elected at an Annual General Meeting of the Zone to life membership of the Zone by a majority of a least two-thirds of the persons present and voting at that meeting, the member shall have the status of life member of the Zone.

(e) The status of life member of the Zone confers the right to attend but not vote at meetings of the Zone, but without limiting his rights if he is a Committee member.

(f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, not more than two (2) persons shall be elected to life membership of the Zone in any financial year.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

42. The President shall, if required to do so by the Committee:

(a) Institute, conduct, defend, compound or abandon any legal proceedings by the Zone or by any member of the Committee on behalf of the Zone or otherwise concerning its affairs and compound and allow time for payment of any debts due to, and of any claims or demands by, the Zone.

(b) So far as he may lawfully do so, defend, compound and abandon any legal proceedings against the Zone or members of the Committee in their capacity as members of the Committee, or otherwise concerning its affairs, and compound and allow time for payment of any due by, or of any claims or demands against, the Zone.

(c) Do all acts, matters and things necessary or expedient for the purposes referred to in paragraph (a) or (b).

INDEMNITY OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE AND OTHER PERSONS

43. Every member of the Committee, the Permanent Sub-Committees and of any Sub-Committee constituted by the Committee under Article 19, and the Publicity Officer shall be indemnified out of the property of the Zone against any liability incurred by him in the exercise in good faith of any power or function in his capacity as such member or Officer.

ZONE EVENTS

44. (a) The Zone shall, in conjunction with the Association, arrange annual championship and pennant bowls competitions open to full members and junior members of all Member Clubs.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the Zone shall, when so directed by the Association, refrain from arranging any such event for the whole or any part of a year in which there is held any bowls championship which the Association designates as an international or Australian bowls championship.

(c) The laws of the game of bowls shall apply to all Zone events.

(d) All Zone fixtures take precedence over District and Club fixtures.

GREENS OF MEMBER CLUBS

45. (a) The Zone from time to time may require any Member District to make available greens of its Member Clubs, or such part of those greens, as the Zone determines, for the playing of bowls in any Zone event or any competition under the control of the Zone.

(b) If a Member District shows cause, which in the opinion of the Zone is sufficient, why any greens required by the Zone under paragraph (a) should not be made available, the Zone shall withdraw its requirement.

DISCIPLINING OF MEMBERS OF MEMBER CLUBS AND OF MEMBER DISTRICTS

46. (a) Full members of Member Clubs affiliated with Member Districts.

A person is disqualified from entering or playing in any Zone event if and so long as he is disqualified from entering or playing in any Association Event pursuant to the Association Conditions of Play.

(b) Member Districts

The Committee may make a recommendation to the Association to disqualify, either absolutely or subject to such conditions as it thinks fit, a Member District from participating in any Zone event held during any period designated by the Association as a bowls season for such period, not exceeding beyond the end of the season if:

(i) all amounts payable to the Zone under this Constitution have not been paid: or

(ii) the Member District refuses or fails to comply with any requirement of the Zone.

(c) The Committee may, if it thinks fit, at any time, withdraw any recommendation under paragraph (b).

SERVICE OF NOTICES

47. (a) Any notice of any other document that under this Constitution is required to be served on any Member District or Committee members may be served:

(i) by delivering it to the President or the Secretary of the member District or to the Committee member; or

(ii) by posting it by pre-paid post addressed to the Secretary of the member District or to the Committee member at his last address shown in the records of the Zone or, if there is no such address in the records of the Zone, at his last know address.

(b) A notice or other document served:

(i) in accordance with paragraph (a)(i), shall be deemed to be served when it is delivered to the person concerned; or

(ii) in accordance with paragraph (a)(i), shall be deemed to be served when it would be delivered in the ordinary course of the post.

ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION OF THE ZONE

48. (a) A provision of this Constitution may not be amended or repealed and a new provision may not be added except by a resolution that is effective for the purposes of this clause.

(b) A resolution is effective for the purpose of this clause if, and only if:

(i) a draft of the amendment or addition has been delivered to the Executive Secretary of the Association at least twenty eight (28) days before the making of the amendment or addition;

(ii) a notice has not been given by the Executive Secretary of the Association before the amendment or addition is made informing the Zone that the amendment or addition has been disallowed by the Association on the ground that it would be inconsistent with any provision of the Association's Constitution; and

(iii) the resolution is passed, at a Special General meeting of the Zone of which not less than twenty-one (21) days notice has been served on all Members Districts and Committee members, by the majority consisting of at least two-thirds of the persons present and voting at the meeting.

DISPUTES

49. The Executive Committee shall have the power to settle all disputes on any matter relating to bowling, either between affiliated Districts or members thereof, which may be submitted to it by the Secretary of any affiliated District.

MEMBERS' LIABILITIES

50. The liability of a member of the Association to contribute towards the payment of the debts of the Association or the costs, charges, and expenses of the winding up of the Association is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid by the member in respect of Annual Fees payable under clause 31 and 32.

INSURANCE

51. (1) The Association must effect and maintain insurance under Section 44 of the Act.

(2) In addition to the insurance required under clause (1), the Association may effect and maintain other insurance.

COMMON SEAL

52. (1) The common seal of the Association must be kept in the custody of the public officer.
- (2) The common seal must not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of the committee and the fixing of the common seal must be attested by the signatures either of two (2) members of the committee or of one (1) member of the committee and of the public officer or secretary.

CUSTODY OF BOOKS

53. Except as otherwise provided by this constitution, the public officer must keep in his or under his control all, records, books and other documents relating to the Association.

INSPECTION OF BOOKS

54. The record, books and other documents must be open to inspection free of charge, by a member of the Association at any reasonable hour.

WINDING UP

55. Any surplus property of the Zone remaining after satisfaction of the debts and liabilities of the Zone and the costs, charges and expenses of the winding up of the Zone shall be vested in an association:

- (a) has objects substantially similar to those of the Zone being wound up.
- (b) is not carried on for the objects of trading or securing pecuniary gain to its members.
- (c) Has provision in its rules requiring the property of the Zone to be distributed in a dissolution of the Zone, to another association of which-
 - Has objects substantially similar to those of the dissolved Zone: and
 - Is not carried on for the objects of trading or securing pecuniary gain for its members: and
 - Is exempt from Income Tax under Section 23 of the Income Tax Assessment Act.