



## **CONSTITUTION**

of

The Northern Region Hobie Class Association (NRHCA)

### **DEFINITIONS**

1. In this Constitution, unless the context indicates otherwise –

"Association" means the Association established in terms of clause 2;

"Executive Committee" means the executive committee contemplated in clause 6;

"Member" means a member of the Association as contemplated in clause 5;

"Official" means any one of the officials mentioned in clause 6 (1) (a) up to and including (h), and "office" shall have a corresponding meaning;

"Chairman" means the Official mentioned in clause 6 (1) (a);

"Prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under clause 23;

"Secretary" means the Official mentioned in clause 6 (1) (c); and

"Treasurer" means the Official mentioned in clause 6 (1) (d).

"Gender": All references herein to the male gender also equally refer to the female gender

"Calendar year" The calendar year shall be defined as 1 January to 31 December.



## HOBIE CAT ASSOCIATION

2. (1) An Association, known as The Northern Region Hobie Class Association (NRHCA), is hereby established.

(2) The Association is a common law corporate body and as such -

(a) Its assets, liabilities, rights and obligations vest in it independently of its members;

(b) It may not distribute any of its profits and gains to any person and it will use its funds solely for the objects for which it has been established and for investment;

(c) It will have perpetual succession; and

(d) It may sue or be sued in its own name.

(3) The members will not by reason of their membership be liable for the liabilities and obligations of the Association.

## AFFILIATION

3. (1) The Association shall affiliate with the South African Hobie Cat Association (SAHCA), and subscribe to its objectives.

(2) If there is any inconsistency between the constitutions of a representative association to which the Association is affiliated and this Constitution, the two instruments shall as far as reasonably possible be reconciled and if the inconsistency cannot be reconciled, the constitution of the representative association shall prevail.

## MISSION AND OBJECTIVES

4. (1) The mission of the Association is to establish and promote participation in Hobie Cat Sailing and racing in the Northern Region of South Africa in collaboration with the National sailing Authorities;



The Northern Region comprises Gauteng. When Limpopo, Mpumalanga, North West does start to have Hobie Sailing they will fall under the Northern Region.

(2) The objectives of the Association, as set out in sub clause (1), include the following:

to give support and encouragement to the sailors of Hobie Cat Sailboats;

to encourage and promote the highest standards of Hobie Cat sailboat racing and to unify the rules in connection therewith;

to support and maintain the one-design features of the Hobie Cat sailboat;

to participate in the promotion of Hobie Cat Sailing activities among the members of the NRHCA;

to uphold the rules governing Hobie Cat racing competitions provided by the IHCA and the ISAF, including the sailing prescriptions of the relevant national authorities;

to provide advisory jurisdiction over activities sponsored by members, Fleets and Divisions of the Association;

to foster educational programmes for the training of members in the sport of Hobie Cat sailing, and for organizational management of such programs;

to foster and promote public interest in the sport of Hobie Cat sailing within the Northern Region;

to maintain liaisons with the national and international sailing authorities, and the ISAF as well as other sailing organizations that may be brought to the attention of the Association in the future, to promote and stimulate interest in Hobie Cat sailing;

to support the manufacturers and dealers in the promotion of Hobie Cat



sailing and the quality production of one design class Hobie Cat sailboats.

## MEMBERSHIP

5. (1) Membership of the Association is open to any Regional or Provincial Association, Fleet or person, within the Geographical area mentioned in 4(1) (a) herein, who subscribes to this Constitution, who pays the prescribed membership fees, who submits to the control of the Executive Committee and who has not been excluded in terms of proper disciplinary proceedings conducted under this Constitution.

(2) A member may not, without the prior written authorization of the Executive Committee, belong to another Hobie Class Association, which authorization shall not unreasonably be withheld.

(3) An application to become a member is submitted to the Secretary on a form substantially corresponding to the form in Annexure A.

(4) The Executive Committee, through the Regional Association, shall consider each application for membership and may accept or reject an application.

(5) If the Executive Committee rejects an application, it shall forthwith provide written reasons for its decision.

The decision of the Executive Committee under sub clause (5) is final and binding on all concerned.

### Privileges of membership:

Members in good standing shall also as such be members of the International Hobie Class Association (IHCA).

Only members in good standing status will be entitled to participate in any sailing events sanctioned by the NRHCA, SAHCA, AHCA and/or the IHCA as well as skipper/crew their boat in such events.

Only members in good standing status are eligible to introduce motions, serve



on NRHCA committees, be a member of the executive or to serve as a Regional association officer.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

6. (1) The Executive Committee of the Association consists of a minimum of three persons in the following categories -

### **(I) Executive elected Officials with voting rights:**

**Chairman;** The Chairman shall:

Preside at all board meetings and general membership meetings. Be responsible for coordinating the affairs of the organization, subject to and in accordance with the bylaws and the direction of the Executive committee.

Be an ex-officiate member of all standing and ad hoc committees. Assist the Treasurer in the preparation and submission of the proposed annual budget to the Executive committee for approval. Manage, control, and conserve any property interest of the NRHCA.

**Vice-Chairman and Sailing Officer;** The Vice-Chairman / Sailing Officer shall:

Provide assistance to the Chairman, and perform such duties as may be delegated by the Chairman. In the absence of the Chairman assume the duties of the Chairman. Succeed to the office of Chairman should the office become vacant during an unfinished term. Serve as chairman of the sailing committee and manage and control all sailing functions/ regattas falling under the umbrella of the NRHCA.

Promote and encourage NRHCA, division and fleet race programmes and others programmes as deemed necessary. Act as, or approve selection of, Principal race officers for all NRHCA and regional events.

### **(II) Executive appointed member with voting rights:**



- (a) One Factory or dealer representative;

**(III) Executive appointed Members without voting rights:**

**(a) Secretary;** The secretary shall:

- (1) Record all minutes of the executive committee and general membership meetings and be responsible for the appropriate distribution and reading of the minutes.
- (2) Receive completed surveys and ballots from general membership, compile the results of these and forward the results to the appropriate committee meeting.
- (3) Assist the Chairman in other areas as needed.
- (4) Serve as Chairman of the Membership Committee.
- (5) Submit recommendations to the executive committee for changes in membership criteria and application.
- (6) Be responsible for the systematic collection of member applications and dues.
- (7) Maintain a current list of members in good standing.
- (8) Be responsible for coordination of other member services.

**(b) Treasurer;** The treasurer shall:

- (1) Maintain current files of all organizational business. Receive all monies of the NRHCA and disburse them under the direction of the executive committee. Be responsible for accurate and complete recording of all organization receipts and disbursements.

Present a current financial report at the annual board meeting and



present for approval a proposed budget for the following year. Maintain and submit appropriate records as required by the internal revenue service.

- (2) The Executive Committee is responsible for the administration and financial management of the Association.
- (3) The Executive Committee shall annually appoint the auditors for the Association
- (4) The Executive Committee shall, as required from time to time, name the representatives of the Association who shall serve on committees appointed and bodies established by any representative association to which the Association is affiliated.
- (5) An Official shall cease to hold office if -
  - (a) he or she is excluded in terms of proper disciplinary proceedings conducted under this Constitution;
  - (b) he or she resigns from office by giving written notice to the Association;
  - (c) he or she is convicted of an offence which involves dishonesty;
  - (d) he or she surrenders his or her estate as insolvent or if his or her estate is sequestrated;
  - (e) he or she is removed from office by a resolution passed at a general meeting of the Association if the intention to vote upon the removal from office has been specified in the notice convening the general meeting; or
  - (f) if he or she is or becomes of unsound mind.
- (6) Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the Executive Committee shall manage and control the business and affairs of the



Association, shall have full powers in the management and direction of such business and affairs, may exercise all such powers of the Association and do all such acts on behalf of the Association as may be lawfully exercised and done by the Association and as are not by this Constitution required to be exercised or done by the Association in general meeting or by another Official, committee or sub-committee, subject, however, to such rules as may have been made by the Association in general meeting or as may be made by the Executive Committee from time to time.

(7) Save as specifically provided in this Constitution, the Executive Committee shall at all times have the right to engage on behalf of the Association the services of accountants, auditors, attorneys, advocates and any other professional firm or person or other employees whatsoever for any reasons deemed necessary by the Executive Committee and on such terms as the Executive Committee shall decide.

(8) The Executive Committee may co-opt any person or persons who may, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, contribute to the performance or exercising of the powers, duties and functions of the Executive Committee, but a person who is co-opted in this way shall not be entitled to participate in the actual decision making process of the Executive Committee.

(9) The Executive Committee shall be entitled to appoint committees consisting of such number of Officials, members and such other persons as they may deem fit and to delegate to such committees such of their functions, powers and duties as they may deem fit, with further power to vary or revoke such appointments and delegations as the Executive Committee may from time to time deem necessary.

(10) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Constitution, the Executive Committee may in the name of the Association enforce the provisions of any rules by civil application or action in a court of competent jurisdiction and for this purpose may appoint such attorneys and counsel as they may deem fit.

(11) If the Executive Committee institutes any legal proceedings





against any member for the enforcement of any of the rights of the Association in terms of this Constitution, the Association shall be entitled to recover all legal costs so incurred from the member or resident concerned, calculated as between attorney and own client.

## MEETINGS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

7. (1) The Executive Committee meets as often as required but at least bi-annually. Meetings may be held by Conference Video/telephone/E-Mail.

(2) Meetings of the Executive Committee are convened by the Secretary on instruction from the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman.

(3) 2/3 (two thirds) of the members of the Executive Committee shall be a quorum.

(4) The Chairman shall preside at meetings of the Executive Committee and, in the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall preside and, in the absence of both the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman, an Official elected by the remaining members of the Executive Committee shall preside.

(5) The Secretary shall cause minutes to be kept at meetings of the Executive Committee and, in the absence of the Secretary, the official presiding at the meeting shall instruct another Official who is present to keep minutes.

(6) Decisions of the Executive Committee are as far as reasonably possible taken by way of consensus.

(7) If the Executive Committee is not able to take a decision by way of consensus, a decision shall be taken by way of ordinary majority vote.

If the Executive Committee has to take a decision by vote and the vote is tied, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.



## GENERAL MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION

8. (1) The Association shall, within 12 month after the end of each financial year, but not later than bi-annually, hold an Annual General meeting and shall specify the meetings as such in the notices in terms of clause 9.

An annual general meeting shall be held at such reasonable time and place as the Executive Committee shall decide from time to time.

The Executive Committee may and must on petition of no less than members together holding not less than 20% (Twenty percent) of the total voting rights of all members, convene extraordinary meetings.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS

9. (1) An annual general meeting and a meeting called for the passing of a special resolution, shall be called by giving at least 21 days' written notice and an extraordinary general meeting, other than one called for the passing of a special resolution, shall be called by giving at least 14 days' written notice.

(2) A general meeting of the Association shall, notwithstanding that it is called by shorter notice than that specified in this Constitution be deemed to have been duly called if it is agreed -

(a) in the case of an annual general meeting, by all the members entitled to attend and vote thereat; or

(b) in the case of an extraordinary general meeting; by a majority in number of the members having a right to attend and vote at the meeting, being a majority together holding not less than 95% of the total voting rights of all members.

(3) Any period referred to in sub clause (1), shall be calculated exclusive of the day on which the notice is given, and shall specify the place, the day and the hours of the meeting, and in the case of special business, in addition to any other requirements contained in this Constitution, the general nature of that business.



(4) The accidental omission to give notice of any resolution, or to give any other notification, or present any document required to be given or sent in terms of this Constitution, or the non-receipt of any such notice, notification or document by any member or other person entitled to receive such notice, notification or document, shall not invalidate the proceedings at, or any resolution passed at, any meeting.

## QUORUM

10. (1) No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum is present when the meeting proceeds to business.

(2) The quorum at any annual general meeting of the Association shall be the executive committee together holding not less than 60% (Sixty percent) of the total voting rights of all members and the quorum at any other general meeting of the Association shall be members together holding not less than 50% (Fifty percent) of the total voting rights of all members.

(3) If, within half an hour from the time appointed for the holding of a general meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same place and time or at such other place as the chairperson of the meeting shall appoint.

(4) If at an adjourned meeting contemplated in sub clause (3) a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for holding the meeting, the members present shall be a quorum.

## AGENDA AT MEETINGS

11. (1) In addition to any other matters required by this Constitution to be dealt with at an annual general meeting, every annual general meeting shall deal with -

- (a) consideration of the Chairman's report;



(b) election of Officials;

(c) consideration of any other matters raised at the meeting, including any resolution proposed for adoption by such meeting, and the voting upon any such resolutions;

(d) consideration of the accounts of the Association for the preceding financial year;

(e) consideration of the report of the auditors and the fixing of remuneration of their remuneration;

(2) No business shall be dealt with at any general meeting unless written notice has been given to the Executive Committee not less than two days before such meeting by the person proposing to raise such business of his or her intention so to do: Provided that the Chairman may on ordinary resolution of the meeting relax this condition.

## PROCEDURE AT GENERAL MEETINGS

12. (1) The Chairman may, with the consent of any general meeting at which a quorum is present and shall, if so directed by the meeting, adjourn a meeting from time to time and place to place.

(2) No business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than business which could have been transacted at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.

(3) Whenever a meeting is adjourned for 10 days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given in the same manner as for an original meeting.

(4) Subject to the provisions of sub clause (3), the members shall not be entitled to any notice of adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.

(5) The Secretary shall cause minutes to be kept of every general



meeting, which minutes shall, without undue delay after the meeting has closed, be reduced to writing and certified correct by the Chairman.

All minutes of general meetings shall, after certification, be placed in a minute book to be kept by the Secretary.

## **PROXIES**

13. (1) An Executive Committee member may be represented at a general meeting by a proxy, who must be a member of the Association.

(2) The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing and signed by the member concerned or his or her agent, duly authorised in writing, but need not be in any particular form.

(3) The instrument appointing a proxy and the power of attorney or any other authority under which it is signed shall be tabled at the meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote.

(4) No instrument appointing a proxy shall be valid after the expiration of three months from the date of its execution.

(5) A vote given in accordance with the terms of a proxy shall be valid notwithstanding the previous death of the principal or revocation of the proxy, provided that no intimation in writing of the death or revocation had been received by the Chairman at any time before a vote is taken in respect of which the proxy exercises such vote.

## **VOTING**

14. (1) At any general meeting of the Association, every member of the Executive Committee who is present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote, shall have one vote.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, no person other than a member duly registered and who shall have paid all membership fees and



other sums, if any, which shall be due and payable to the Association in respect of or arising out of his or her membership, shall be entitled to be present and to vote on any question, either personally or by proxy, at any general meeting.

(3) At any general meeting a resolution put to the vote shall be decided on a show of hands and a declaration by the Chairman that a resolution has, on a show of hands, been carried or carried unanimously or by a particular majority or negatived, and an entry to that effect in the book containing the minutes of the proceedings of the Association, shall be conclusive evidence of the fact, without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against such resolution.

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub clause (3), a poll may, before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands, be demanded by the Chairman or members and any demand of a poll may be withdrawn by the Chairman or members, as the case may be.

(5) If a poll is demanded, the poll shall be taken in such manner, including the manner in which the result of the poll shall be determined, as the Chairman directs and the result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded.

(6) In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

(7) A poll demanded on the election of an Official or on a question of adjournment shall be taken forthwith and a poll demanded on any other question shall be taken at such time as the Chairman directs.

(8) The demand for a poll shall not prevent the continuation of a meeting for the transaction of any business other than the question upon which the poll has been demanded.

(9) Every resolution and every amended resolution proposed for adoption by a general meeting shall be seconded at the meeting and, if not so seconded, shall be deemed not to have been proposed.



(10) An ordinary resolution or the amendment of an ordinary resolution shall be carried on a simple majority of all votes cast.

(11) Unless any member present in person or by proxy at a general meeting, objects before the closure of the meeting to any declaration made by the Chairman as to the result of any voting at the meeting, whether by show of hands or otherwise, or to the propriety or validity of the procedure at such meeting, such declaration by the Chairman shall be deemed to be a true and correct statement of the voting, and the meeting shall in all respects be deemed to have been properly and validly constituted and conducted.

(12) An entry in the minutes to the effect that any motion has been carried or lost, with or without a record of the number of votes recorded in favour of or against such motion, shall be conclusive evidence of the votes so recorded.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICIALS**

15. (1) The Officials are elected on the annual general meeting and shall ordinarily hold office from the date following the date on which they are elected until the date of the next annual general meeting.

(2) An official may be re-elected to a particular office, but the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Treasurer shall not retain the same position for more than two (2) consecutive terms.

(3) For sake of continuity, the Chairman shall ensure that Office bearers shall not vacate their position all at the same time.

(4) If any Official ceases to hold office as contemplated in clause 6 (6), the Executive Committee may appoint a member to hold such office for the remaining portion of the Official concerned term of office.

(5) Any member may, subject to sub clauses (6) and (7), before the commencement of an annual general meeting, submit written nominations for the various offices to the Secretary and such nominations must be countersigned by the nominated member and at least one other member



seconding the nomination.

(6) If only one or no nomination is received for a particular office in terms of sub clause (4), the Chairman may invite nominations during the course of the annual general meeting.

(7) Only members of the Association are eligible to be nominated for an office.

(8) Officials are elected by ordinary majority vote by the members present in person or by proxy at an annual general meeting.

(9) If only one nomination in terms of sub clauses (4) up to and including (7) is received for a particular office, the nominated candidate shall be deemed to be elected unopposed.

(10) If there is an equality of votes in respect of a particular office -

(a) the Chairman has a casting vote if there are only two nominees or two remaining nominees; or

(b) if there are more than two nominees or remaining nominees, the candidate with the least number of votes is eliminated and a new vote is held.

## FINANCES

16. (1) The financial year of the Association shall be from 1 January to 31 December.

(2) The Treasurer may, with the approval of the Executive Committee, open one or more bank accounts into which the funds or surplus funds of the Association may be deposited and from which payments on behalf of the Association may be made.

(3) Withdrawal of funds from any account contemplated in sub clause





(2), whether by cheque or otherwise, shall only be done on authorization of the Treasurer and at least one other Official.

(4) The accounts and books of the Association shall be open to inspection by members at all reasonable times during business hours.

(5) The accounts of the Association shall be examined annually and the correctness thereof ascertained by the auditors of the Association in accordance with standard acceptable accounting practice.

## CONDUCT

17. (1) A member of the Association is at all time subject to this Constitution, the rules made in terms of this Constitution, the laws, by-laws, regulations or rules of IHCA and ISAF and any code of conduct which may be adopted by the Association.

(2) A member of the Association shall at all times conduct himself or herself in such a way that the good name and reputation of the Association may not suffer prejudice as a result of his or her conduct.

## SUBCOMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINE

18. (1) The Subcommittee on Discipline shall consist of the Vice-Chairman, and two additional Officials who are not the Chairman of the Association.

(2) The Subcommittee on Discipline shall consider any infringement of the Constitution, any of the rules of the Association, any resolutions adopted and rulings made by the Association or Executive Committee, any contract entered into by the Association, any competition established by the Association, or any laws, by-laws, regulations or rules of the IHCA and/or ISAF and any code of conduct which may have been adopted by the Association.

(3) If the Subcommittee for Discipline is of the opinion that an infringement is not serious, it may warn the member concerned, not to commit



similar infringements in future.

(4) If the Subcommittee for Discipline is of the opinion that an infringement is serious, it may refer the matter to a disciplinary committee and shall inform the member concerned in writing of the exact nature and extent of the charge, as well as the time, date and place for the disciplinary hearing.

## DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

19 (1) A disciplinary committee, consisting of

(a) at least two impartial Association members or at least one person who is experienced in the administration of sports or sports law and who is not a member of the Association; and

(b) at least one National or Regional representative; may be appointed from time to time when the Subcommittee for Discipline deems it necessary to conduct disciplinary proceedings against a member.

(2) A disciplinary committee may simultaneously enquire into various infringements allegedly committed by a member and may simultaneously enquire into related infringements allegedly committed by different members.

(3) The Subcommittee for Discipline shall appoint -

(a) a member to take minutes at meetings of the disciplinary committee; and

(b) a member to act as prosecutor before the disciplinary committee and to present evidence on behalf of the Association in a particular case.

(4) The disciplinary committee shall afford both the prosecutor and the accused member to present their respective cases and shall consider all the evidence presented by the prosecutor and by or on behalf of the member before making its decision.



(5) A member charged before a disciplinary committee may be assisted in proceedings before the disciplinary committee by another member of his or her choice and the person presiding over the disciplinary committee shall inform the member concerned of this right before the proceedings commence.

(6) If the disciplinary committee finds the accused member guilty of an infringement as charged, it may -

(a) warn the member;

(b) suspend the member for a period not exceeding 6 (Six) months in the case of a first infringement, or a period not exceeding 12 (Twelve) months in the case of a subsequent infringement;

(c) recommend to the Executive Committee that the member should be expelled from the Association; or

(d) take such other steps as it may deem fit in the circumstances of the case.

(7) The disciplinary committee shall, within 3 days, inform the member concerned in writing of its finding and decision, stating the reasons for such finding and decision.

## APPEAL

20 (1) If a member feels aggrieved as a result of a decision by a disciplinary committee, the member may, within 7 days of being informed of the decision of the disciplinary committee, in writing appeal to the Chairman of the Association, stating the reasons for the appeal.

(2) The Chairman of the Association shall consider the appeal on the minutes of the disciplinary committee, the finding and reasons contemplated in clause 22 (6) and the written reasons contemplated in sub clause (1) and may in whole or in part, revoke or amend the decision of the disciplinary



committee and may -

- (a) warn the member;
  - (b) suspend the member for a period not exceeding 6 (Six) months in the case of a first infringement, or a period not exceeding 12 (Twelve) months in the case of a subsequent infringement;
  - (c) recommend to the Executive Committee that the member should be expelled from the Association; or
  - (d) take such other steps as it may deem fit in the circumstances of the case.
- (3) The decision of the Chairman of the Association shall be final and binding on all concerned.

## SERVICE OF NOTICES

21. (1) A notice may be served by the Association upon any member at the address specified on the prescribed application form completed by the particular member unless the member shall have notified the Secretary in writing of another address for service of notices.

(2) Any notice served by post, or in the case of disciplinary proceedings by prepaid registered post, shall, unless the contrary is proven, be deemed to have been served on the fifth day following that on which the notice was posted.

## INDEMNITY

22. (1) Every Official, servant, agent and employee of the Association and any managing agent, his or her employees, nominees or invitees, shall be indemnified by the Association against all costs, losses and expenses which such person or persons may incur or become liable for by reason of any contract entered into or any lawful act or deed done by such person or persons



in the discharge of their respective duties, including in the case of an Official, his or her duties as Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary or other Official.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the sub clause (1), the Association shall specifically indemnify every person referred to in sub clause (1) against all losses of whatsoever nature incurred arising out of any bona fide act, deed or letter done or written by him or her jointly or severally in connection with the discharge of his or her duties.

## RULES

23. (1) Subject to any restriction imposed or direction given at a general meeting of the Association, the Executive Committee may from time to time make rules with regard to -

- (a) the conduct of members;
- (b) the application form for membership of the Association;
- (c) the annual membership fees that are payable by members and different membership fees may be prescribed in respect of different categories of members;
- (d) without limiting the generality of this paragraph, for the furtherance and promotion of any of the objects of the Association and/or for the better management of the affairs of the Association and/or for the advancement of the interests of members, and may vary, modify or repeal any rules made by the Executive Committee, but not rules made by a general meeting of the Association.

(2) A general meeting of the Association may make any rules which the Executive Committee may make in terms of this clause and may vary, modify or repeal any rules made from time to time by it or by the Executive Committee.

(3) The members shall be notified in writing of any rule made by the Executive Committee or the general meeting of the Association.



(4) The Secretary shall keep a copy of this Constitution, as amended from time to time and a record of all the rules made from time to time under sub clause (1).

(5) The Secretary shall on the application of any member, any prospective member, the auditor or the accounting officer supply to such person a copy of the Constitution and all the rules in force, in return for which the Secretary may require such person to pay the fee prescribed therefore.

## AMENDMENT

24. This Constitution may be amended by resolution of a general meeting passed by a majority of not less than 75% of the votes cast.

## MERGER

25. (1) The Association may merge with any other body with similar objects, by resolution of a general meeting passed by a majority of not less than 75% of the votes cast.

(2) In the event of a merger as contemplated in sub clause (1), the Associations net assets after discharge of its liabilities, together with its rights and obligations under this Constitution, shall vest in the merged entity.

## DISSOLUTION

26. (1) The Association may dissolve itself by resolution of a general meeting passed by a majority of not less than 75% of the votes cast.

(2) In the event of a dissolution of the Association - the Officials will act as liquidators; the Association's net assets after discharge of its liabilities will be distributed in the liquidators' discretion to one or more Hobie Class Associations or clubs.



TITLE AND COMMENCEMENT

27. This instrument shall be called the Constitution of The Northern Region Hobie Class Association and shall replace the current constitution on signature hereof.

CONSTITUTION done and approved at ..... on this .....

Chairman

Vice Chairman