

RULES OF
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OBJECTS

1. To take over and acquire the whole or any part of the real and personal property of the present unincorporated body known as the Tasmanian Fly-tyers Club whether vested in Trustees or not and to undertake all or any of the liabilities of and to carry on the work of their body.
2. The cultivation and encouragement of the art of fly-tying and fly-fishing.
3. To do all things necessary and desirable to draw to the attention of the appropriate Governmental Authorities any matters deemed desirable for:
 - (a) the protection of trout, salmon and other freshwater species,
 - (b) the care and stocking of all trout streams and waters generally,
 - (c) the setting aside of sufficient trout waters for the taking of trout by means of flyfishing only,
 - (d) arrange activities designed to encourage friendship and fellowship among Club members and the fly-tying and fly-fishing fraternity generally.
4. To promote and encourage the skills of trout and salmon fishing using artificial means.
5. To promote and encourage the development of the state's wild salmon and trout fisheries, the enhancement of lakes and streams and the provision of facilities, for use by licensed anglers.

1. **NAME OF THE ASSOCIATION**

The name of the Association shall be "The Tasmanian Fly-Tyers Club Inc". (In these rules called "The Association").

2. **INTERPRETATION**

(1) In these rules, unless the contrary intention appears

"Committee" means the committee of management of the Association;

"general meeting" means a general meeting of members convened in accordance with rules 12 to 20.

"ordinary committee person" means a member of the Committee to whom paragraph (b) of sub-rule (1) of rule 28 relates.

(2) In these rules, expressions referring to writing shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be construed as including references to printing, lithography, photography, and other modes of representing or reproducing words in a visible form.

(3) Words or expressions contained in these rules shall be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of the Acts Interpretation Act 1931 and the Act as in force on the date on which these rules are adopted by the Association.

3. **ASSOCIATION'S OFFICE**

The Office of the Association shall be at 92A Derwent Avenue, Geilston Bay Tasmania 7015 or such other place as the Committee may, from time to time, determine. [As at October 2012 the Club's postal address is GPO Box 289, Hobart, Tasmania 7001]

4. **OBJECTS AND PURPOSES OF THE ASSOCIATION**

- (1) In addition to the basic objects of the Association, the objects and purposes of the Association shall be deemed to include -
 - (a) the purchase, taking on lease or in exchange, and the hiring or otherwise acquiring of any real or personal property that may be deemed necessary or convenient for any of the objects or purposes of the Association;
 - (b) the buying, selling, and supplying of, and dealing in, goods of all kinds;
 - (c) the construction, maintenance, and alteration of buildings or works necessary or convenient for any of the objects or purposes of the Association;
 - (d) the accepting of any gift, whether subject to a special trust or not, for any one or more of the objects or purposes of the Association;
 - (e) the taking of such steps from time to time as the committee or the members in general meeting may deem expedient for the purpose of procuring contributions to the funds of the Association, whether by way of donations, subscriptions, or otherwise;
 - (f) the printing and publishing of such newspapers, periodicals, books, leaflets, or other documents as the committee or the members in general meeting may think desirable for the promotion of the objects and purposes of the Association;
 - (g) the borrowing and raising of money in such manner and on such terms as the Committee may think fit or as may be approved or directed by resolution passed at a general meeting;
 - (h) subject to the provisions of the Trustee Act 1898, the investment of any moneys of the Association not immediately required for any of its objects or purposes in such manner as the committee may from time to time determine;
 - (i) the making of gifts, subscriptions, or donations to any of the funds, authorities, or institutions to which Section 78 (1)(a) of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936 of the Commonwealth relates.
 - (j) the establishment and support, or aiding in the establishment and support, of associations, institutions, funds, trusts, schemes, and conveniences calculated to benefit servants or past servants of the Association and their dependants, and the granting of pensions, allowances, or other benefits to servants or past servants of the Association and their dependants, and the making of payments towards insurance in relation to any of those purposes;

- (k) the establishment and support, or aiding in the establishment or support, of any other association formed for any of the basic objects of the Association;
 - (l) the purchase or acquisition, and undertaking, of all or any part of the property, assets, liabilities, and engagements of any association with which the Association may at any time become amalgamated in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the rules of the Association; and
 - (m) the doing of all such other lawful things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the basic objects of the Association or of any of the objects and purposes specified in the foregoing provisions of this sub-rule.
- (2) In this rule, "basic objects of the Association" means the objects and purposes of the Association, as stated in the application under subsection (2) of section 7 of the Act for the incorporation of the Association lodged with the Commissioner pursuant to that section.

5. **MEMBERSHIP OF ASSOCIATION**

- (1) A person resident of this State who is nominated and approved for membership as provided in these rules is eligible to be a member of the Association on payment of the entrance fee and annual subscription prescribed in, or fixed under, these rules.
- (2) A person who is not a member of the Association at the time of the incorporation of the Association shall not be admitted to membership
 - (a) unless s/he is nominated as provided in sub-rule (3) of this rule; and
 - (b) admission as a member is approved by the Committee.
- (3) A nomination of a person for membership of the Association -
 - (a) shall be made in writing, signed by two members of the Association, both having been members for at least two years; or the Committee, having satisfied itself that the prospective nominee fulfils the criteria in 5(3)(d) below, may nominate a person for membership;
 - (b) shall be accompanied by the written consent of the person nominated (which may be endorsed on the form of nomination); and
 - (c) shall be lodged with the Secretary of the Association;

- (d) except as provided in 5(3)(a) (Committee nomination), proposals for membership shall include a declaration by both proposer and seconder that the nominee is personally known to both, the period(s) of acquaintance indicated, and that both are satisfied that the nominee is a fly fisher with a genuine interest in fly tying and is committed to becoming an active member of the association.
 - (e) the Secretary shall maintain a Register of approved applications for membership in their order of receipt. The Register shall be available for inspection by members at any meeting of the Association;
 - (f) when a vacancy occurs the name of the nominee next in order on the Register will be invited to join the Association, except in the case where an Honorary Member or Associate Member seeks readmission to full membership. These members shall take precedence and shall be readmitted on application, notwithstanding the limitation on membership in clause 5(13).
 - (g) an entrance fee of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) or such other sum determined from time to time by the Committee is payable within fourteen days from date of notification of proposed admission to membership of the Association, together with the annual subscription. The Committee may establish different entrance fees for different classes of nominees according to whether they are the immediate family of current members or are under thirty (30) years of age and may approve payment of entry fees by installments. On receipt of these monies the Secretary shall enter the nominee's name in the Register of Members, whereupon the nominee becomes a member of the Association
- (4) As soon as is practicable after the receipt of a nomination, the Secretary shall refer the nomination to the Committee and advise all members of the name and address of the prospective member, the nominator and seconder.
 - (5) Upon a nomination being approved by the Committee, the Secretary shall, with as little delay as possible, notify the nominee, in writing, that s/he has been approved for membership of the Association and shall enter the nominee's name in the Register as provided in rule 5(3)(e).
 - (6) A member of the Association may, at any time, resign from the Association by delivering or sending by post to the Secretary a written notice of resignation.
 - (7) Upon receipt of a notice under sub-rule (8) of this rule, the Secretary shall remove the name of the member by whom the notice was given from the

register of members, whereupon that member ceases to be a member of the Association.

- (8) When a member voluntarily resigns, or becomes ineligible for membership by virtue of the residency qualification in 5(1) above, that person may, on application, be re-admitted to membership at the discretion of the committee on payment of all extraordinary financial calls since that date. Such readmission is exempted from the entrance fee prescribed under clause 5(3)(g).
- (9) A member may apply to the Committee for Associate Membership if:
 - (a) the member ceases to reside in Tasmania. On application, on permanent return to Tasmania, the member will be re-admitted to full membership, without an entrance fee, rule 5 (13) notwithstanding.
 - (b) the member, by reason acceptable to the committee, is unable to take an active part in club affairs. On application, the member will be re-admitted to full membership, without an entrance fee, rule 5 (13) notwithstanding.

Associate Members are required to pay half the annual subscription plus any extraordinary financial calls made by the club, from time to time.

- (10) Associate Members shall have full use of the facilities of the Association on payment of the prescribed fees, but shall have no voting rights. Associate members shall not be included for reckoning of the limitation of membership under rule 5(13).
- (11) A right, privilege, or obligation of a person by virtue of membership of the Association
 - (a) is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another person; and
 - (b) terminates upon the cessation of membership, whether by death, resignation or otherwise.
- (12) In the event of the Association being wound up -
 - (a) every member of the Association; and
 - (b) every person who, within the period of twelve months immediately preceding the commencement of the winding up, was a member of the Association, is liable to contribute to the assets of the Association for payment of the debts or liabilities of the Association and for the costs, charges, and expenses of the winding up and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves such sum, not exceeding one years annual subscription as may be

required, but a former member is not liable so to contribute in respect of any debt or liability of the Association contracted after he ceased to be a member.

- (13) The membership of the Club shall be limited to eighty members, except as provided under rules 5(3)(f), 5(9), 5(15), 39 and 40.
- (14) The Register of Members as at each Annual General Meeting shall be incorporated into the formal records of the club, and shall include all categories of members under these rules.
- (15) The Committee may increase the limit of 80 specified in section 5(13) to a maximum of 90 providing those extra positions are filled by females or by males under the age of 35 at the time of applying to become a member.

6. **INCOME AND PROPERTY OF ASSOCIATION**

(1)

- a) The income and property of the Association, however derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects and purposes of the Association and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, by dividend, bonus, or otherwise, to any member of the Association.
- b) Donations and bequests received by the Association shall be accepted and recognized by the Committee and Members of the Association.
- c) Donations or bequests that are of a capital nature shall be deposited in an account identified as the Tasmanian Fly Tyers Club Capital Fund.
- d) There is to be no access to the Capital Fund referred to in 6(1)(c) for a minimum of 12 months after its establishment.
- e) All interest earned by the Capital fund is to be re-invested in that fund.
- f) At the end of each financial year the Committee may decide what amount of remaining Club funds from its operating account can be transferred to the Capital Fund.

(2) The Association shall not

- (a) appoint a person who is a member of the Committee to any office in the gift of the Association to the holder of which there is payable any remuneration by way of salary, fees, or allowances; or

- (b) pay to any such person any remuneration or other benefit in or money's worth (other than the repayment of out-of-pocket expenses).
- (3) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this rule prevents the payment in good faith to a servant or member of the Association of
 - (a) remuneration in return for services actually rendered to the Association by the servant or member or for goods supplied to the Association by the servant or member in the ordinary course of business;
 - (b) interest at a rate not exceeding seven and one-quarter per cent on moneys lent to the Association by the servant or member; or
 - (c) a reasonable and proper sum by way of rent for premises let to the Association by the servant or member.

7 DISPOSAL OF REAL PROPERTY

Any proposal for the sale or disposal of any Real Property donations or bequests owned by the Association or expenditure from the Capital Fund shall be dealt with in accordance with the rules governing the conduct of Special General Meetings and

- (a) voting shall be by written ballot
- (b) the proposal shall be passed in the affirmative only if agreed to by not less than 75 per cent of financial members present.

8. ACCOUNTS OF RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURE, ETC

- (1) True accounts shall be kept
 - (a) of all sums of money received and expended by the Association and the matter in respect of which the receipt or expenditure takes place; and
 - (b) of the property, credits, and liabilities of the Association. Subject to any reasonable restrictions as to time and manner of inspecting them that may be imposed by the Association for the time being, those accounts shall be open to the inspection of the members of the Association.
- (2) The Treasurer of the Association shall faithfully keep all general records, accounting books, and records of receipts and expenditure connected with the operations and business of the Association in such form and manner as the committee may direct.

- (3) The accounts, books, and records referred to in sub-rules (1) and (2) of this rule shall be kept at the Association's office or at such other place as the Committee may decide.

9. BANKING AND FINANCE

- (1) The Treasurer of the Association shall, on behalf of the Association, receive all moneys paid to the Association and forthwith after the receipt thereof issue official receipts therefore.
- (2) The Committee shall cause to be opened with such bank as the Committee selects a banking account in the name of the Association into which all moneys received shall be paid by the Treasurer as soon as possible after receipt thereof.
- (3) The Committee may receive from the Association bank or bankers for the time being the cheques drawn by the Association or any of its accounts with the bank or bankers and may release and indemnify the bank or bankers from and against all claims, actions, suits, or demands that may be brought against the bank or bankers arising directly or indirectly out of those cheques or the surrender thereof to the Association.
- (4) Except with the authority of the Committee, no payment of a sum exceeding twenty dollars shall be made from the funds of the Association otherwise than by cheque drawn on the Association's bank account, but the Committee may provide the Treasurer with a sum to meet urgent expenditure, subject to the observance of such conditions in relation to the use and expenditure thereof as the Committee may impose.
- (5) No cheques shall be drawn on the Association's bank account except for the payment of expenditure that has been authorised by the Committee.
- (6) All cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes, and other negotiable instruments shall be signed by any two of the Treasurer, Public Officer, President or such other member(s) of the Committee that the Committee may nominate for that purpose.
- (7) If the committee decides to operate all or part of its financial matters on Internet banking it shall first discuss with the relevant bank available security processes applicable to similar organisations and will after consultation put into place sufficient security arrangements.

10. AUDITOR

- (1) At each annual general meeting of the Association, the members present shall appoint a person as the auditor of the Association.
- (2) A person so appointed shall hold office until the annual general meeting next after that at which s/he is appointed, and is eligible for re-appointment.
- (3) The first auditor of the Association may be appointed by the Committee before the first annual general meeting, and, if so appointed shall hold office until the first annual general meeting, unless previously removed by a resolution of the members at a general meeting, in which case the members at that meeting may appoint an auditor to act until the first annual general meeting.
- (4) If an appointment is not made at an annual general meeting the Committee shall appoint an auditor of the Association for the then current financial year of the Association.
- (5) Except as provided in sub-rule (3) of this rule, the auditor may only be removed from office by special resolution.
- (6) If a casual vacancy occurs in the office of auditor during the course of a financial year of the Association, the Committee may appoint a person as the auditor and the person so appointed shall hold office until the next succeeding annual general meeting

11. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

- (1) Once at least in each financial year of the Association, the accounts of the Association shall be examined by the auditor.
- (2) The auditor shall certify as to the correctness of the accounts of the Association and shall report thereon to the members present at the annual general meeting.
- (3) In certifying to the accounts, the auditor shall state
 - (a) whether s/he has obtained the information required;
 - (b) whether the accounts are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the financial position of the Association to the information and explanations provided and as shown by the books of the Association; and
 - (c) whether the rules relating to the administration of the funds of the Association have been observed.

- (4) The public officer of the Association shall cause to be delivered to the auditor a list of all the accounts, books, and records of the Association.
- (5) The auditor
 - (a) has a right of access to the accounts, books, records, vouchers, and documents of the Association;
 - (b) may require from the servants of the Association such information and explanations as may be necessary for the audit;
 - (c) may employ persons to assist in investigating the accounts of the Association; and
 - (d) may, in relation to the accounts of the Association, examine any member of the Committee or any servant of the Association.

12. ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

- (1) All formal meetings of the Association are general meetings, other than Committee and Executive meetings. The business of meetings and their notification procedures are defined below.
- (2) As a general rule, general meetings shall be held monthly on the third Monday of each calendar month except December in each year. The Committee may vary the timing of general meetings within a calendar month, except as provided under rules 15, 16 and 19.

13. NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS

The Secretary of the Association shall, at least fourteen days before the date fixed for holding a general meeting of the Association, issue notices by post to all association members specifying the place, date and time for the holding of the meeting and the nature of the business to be transacted.

14. BUSINESS AND QUORUM AT GENERAL MEETINGS

Except as provided below, all business of a general meeting is the ordinary business of the Association.

- (1) All business that is transacted at special general meetings and at the -annual general meeting, with the exception of that specially referred to in these rules as being the ordinary business of the annual general meeting, shall be deemed to be special business.
- (2) No item of business shall be transacted at a general meeting unless a quorum of members entitled under these rules to vote is present during the time when the meeting is considering that item.

- (3) Except as provided for special and annual general meetings, a quorum is twenty (20) per cent of financial members.

15. ADJOURNMENT OF GENERAL MEETINGS

- (1) If within one hour after the appointed time for the commencement of a general meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened upon the requisition of members under rule 19, shall be dissolved; and in any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next month, at the same time and (unless another place is specified by the chairman at the time of the adjournment or by written notice to members given before the day to which the meeting is adjourned) at the same place. If at such subsequent time and place a quorum is not present within one hour after the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, the meeting shall be dissolved.
- (2) The chairman of a general meeting at which a quorum is present may, with the consent of the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and place to place, but no business shall be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting at which the adjournment took place.
- (3) Where a meeting is adjourned for fourteen days or more, the like notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of the original meeting.
- (4) Except as provided in the foregoing provisions of this rule, it is not necessary to give any notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.

16. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND QUORUM

- (1) The Association shall, in each year, hold an annual general meeting.
- (2) The quorum for an annual general meeting is twenty five(25) per cent of the financial membership of the Association.
- (3) The annual general meeting shall be held on such day (being not later than three months after the close of the financial year of the Association) as the Committee may determine.
- (4) The annual general meeting shall be in addition to any other general meetings that may be held in the same year.
- (5) The annual general meeting shall be specified as such in the notice convening it.

17. BUSINESS OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- (1) The ordinary business of the annual general meeting shall be
- (2) to confirm the minutes of the last preceding annual general meeting and of any general meeting held since that meeting;
- (3) to receive from the Committee, auditor, and servants of the Association reports upon the transactions of the Association during the last preceding financial year;
- (4) to elect the officers of the Association and the ordinary committee persons;
 - (a) to appoint the auditor and determine his/her remuneration; and
 - (b) to determine the remuneration of servants of the Association.
- (5) The annual general meeting may transact special business of which notice is given in accordance with rule 13.

18. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS AND QUORUM

- (1) The Committee may, at its discretion, convene a special general meeting of the Association.
- (2) The quorum for any special general meeting is twenty five(25) per cent of the financial membership of the Association.

19. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS BY MEMBERSHIP REQUISITION

- (1) The Committee shall, on the requisition in writing of not less than ten per cent of members, convene a special general meeting of the Association.
- (2) A requisition for a special general meeting shall state the objects of the meeting and shall be signed by the requisitionists and deposited at the office of the Association and may consist of several documents in the like form, each signed by one or more of the requisitionists.
- (3) If the Committee does not cause a special general meeting to be held within twenty-one days from the date on which a requisition therefore is deposited at the office of the Association, the requisitionists, or any of them, may convene the meeting; but any meeting so convened shall not be held after three months from the date of the deposit of the requisition.
- (4) A special general meeting convened by requisitionists in pursuance of these rules shall be convened in the same manner as nearly as possible as that in which those meetings are convened by the Committee, and all reasonable expenses incurred in convening the meeting shall be refunded by the Association to the persons incurring them.

20. AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION

Where a special general meeting is called for the purposes of amending the rules of the Association such amendments shall be passed in the affirmative only if agreed to by not less than 75 percent of financial members present at that meeting.

21. PRESIDENT TO PRESIDE AT GENERAL MEETINGS

- (1) The President, or in his/her absence, the Vice-President, shall preside as chairman at every general meeting of the Association.
- (2) If the President and Vice-President are absent from a general meeting, the members present shall elect one of their number to preside as chairman.

22. DETERMINATION OF QUESTIONS ARISING AT GENERAL MEETINGS

A question arising at a general meeting of the Association shall be determined on a show of hands and unless before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands a poll is demanded, a declaration by the chairman that a resolution has, on a show of hands, been carried, or carried unanimously, or carried by a particular majority, or lost, and an entry to that effect in the minute book of the Association is evidence of the fact, without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of, or against, that resolution.

23. VOTES

- (1) Upon any question arising at a general meeting of the Association, a member has one vote only.
- (2) Only financial members present at a meeting may vote.
- (3) In the case of an equality of voting on a question the chairman of the meeting is entitled to exercise a second or casting vote.

24. POLLS

If at a meeting a poll on any question is demanded it shall be taken at that meeting in such manner as the chairman may direct, and the result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting on that question.

25. WHEN A POLL IS TO BE TAKEN

A poll that is demanded on the election of a chairman, or on a question of adjournment, shall be taken forthwith, and a poll that is demanded on any other question shall be taken at such time before the close of the meeting as the chairman may direct.

26. AFFAIRS OF ASSOCIATION TO BE MANAGED BY COMMITTEE

- (1) The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a committee of management (the Committee) constituted as provided in rule 28.
- (2) The Committee
 - (a) shall control and manage the business and affairs of the Association;
 - (b) may, subject to these rules, exercise all such powers and functions as may be exercised by the Association, other than those powers and functions that are required by these rules to be exercised by general meetings of members of the Association; and
 - (c) subject to the Act and these rules, has power to perform all such acts and things as appear to the Committee to be essential for the proper management of the business and affairs of the Association.

27. OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

- (1) The officers of the Association shall be -
 - (a) President;
 - (b) Vice-President;
 - (c) Treasurer; and
 - (d) Secretary.
- (2) The provisions of sub-rules (2), (3), and (4) of rule 29, so far as they are
- (3) applicable and with the necessary modifications, apply to and in relation to the election of persons to any of the offices mentioned in sub-rule (1) of this rule.
- (4) Each Officer of the Association shall hold office until the annual general meeting next after the date of his election but is eligible for re-election.
- (5) In the event of a casual vacancy in any office mentioned in sub-rule (1) of this rule, the Committee may appoint one of its members to the vacant office, and the member so appointed may continue in office up to and including the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following that date.

28. CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEE

- (1) The Committee shall consist of -
 - (a) the officers of the Association; and

- (b) up to four other members, all of whom shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the Association in each year.
- (2) Each ordinary committeeperson shall, subject to these rules, hold office until the annual general meeting next after the date of their election, but is eligible for reelection.
- (3) In the event of a casual vacancy occurring in the office of ordinary committeeperson, the Committee may appoint a member of the Association to fill the vacancy, and the member so appointed shall hold office, subject to these rules until the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following that date.

29. ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE

- (1) Nominations of candidates for election as Officers of the Association or as ordinary committeepersons
 - (a) shall be made in writing signed by two members of the Association and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of nomination); and
 - (b) shall be delivered to the public officer of the Association at least ten days before the date fixed for the holding of the annual general meeting.
- (2) If the number of nominations is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated shall be deemed to be elected.
- (3) If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the Committee, the candidates nominated shall be deemed to be elected and further nominations shall be received at the annual general meeting.
- (4) If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot shall be held.
- (5) The ballot for the election of officers and ordinary committeepersons shall be conducted at the annual general meeting in such usual and proper manner as the chairman may direct.

30. VACATION OF OFFICE

- (1) For the purposes of these rules, the office of an Officer of the Association or of an ordinary committeeperson becomes vacant if the officer or committeeperson
 - (a) dies;

- (b) becomes bankrupt or applies to take or takes advantage of any law relating to bankrupt or insolvent debtors or compounds with creditors, or makes any assignment of his/her estate for their benefit;
- (c) becomes of unsound mind;
- (d) resigns office, in writing;
- (e) ceases to be resident in the State;
- (f) fails, without leave granted by the Committee, to attend three consecutive meetings of the Committee;
- (g) ceases to be a member of the Association; or
- (h) fails to pay all arrears of subscription within fourteen days after receipt of a notice in writing signed by the public officer stating that s/he has ceased to be a financial member of the Association.

31. MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE AND OF SUB-COMMITTEES

- (1) The Committee shall meet at least eleven times a year at such place and at such times as the Committee may determine.
- (2) Special meetings of the Committee may be convened by the President, or any four of its members.
- (3) Notice shall be given to members of the Committee of any special meeting, specifying the general nature of the business to be transacted, and no other business shall be transacted at such a meeting.
- (4) Any four members of the Committee constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a meeting of the Committee.
- (5) No business shall be transacted unless a quorum is present. If within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same place and at the same hour of the same day in the following week unless the meeting was a special meeting, in which case it lapses.

- (6) At meetings of the Committee
 - (a) the President, or in his/her absence the Vice-President; or
 - (b) if the President and the Vice-President are absent, such one of the remaining members of the Committee as may be chosen by the members present.
- (7) Questions arising at meetings of the Committee or of any sub-committee appointed by the Committee shall be determined on a shown of hands or, if demanded by a member, by a poll taken in such manner as the person presiding at the meeting may determine.
- (8) Each member present at a meeting of the Committee or of any sub-committee appointed by the Committee (including the person presiding at the meeting) is entitled to one vote and, in the event of an equality of votes on any question, the person presiding may exercise a second or casting vote.
- (9) Written notice of each Committee meeting shall be served on each member of the committee by delivering it to him/her at a reasonable time before the meeting or by sending it by post in a prepaid letter addressed to their usual or last-known place of abode in time to reach him/her in due course of post before the date of the meeting.

32. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST IN CONTRACTS, ETC

- (1) A member of the Committee who is interested in any contract or arrangement made or proposed to be made with the Association shall disclose the interest at the first meeting of the Committee at which the contract or arrangement is first taken into consideration, if the interest then exists, or, in any other case, at the first meeting of the Committee after the acquisition of the interest.
- (2) If a member of the Committee becomes interested in a contract or arrangement after it is made or entered into s/he shall disclose his or her interest at the first meeting of the Committee after s/he becomes so interested.
- (3) No member of the Committee shall vote as a member of the Committee in respect of any contract or arrangement in which s/he is interested and if s/he does so vote the vote shall not be counted.

33. SUB-COMMITTEE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- (1) The Committee may at any time appoint a sub-committee from the Committee as it may think fit and shall prescribe the powers and functions thereof.
- (2) The Committee may co-opt as members of a sub-committee such persons as it thinks fit, whether or not those persons are members of the Association, but any non member so co-opted is not entitled to vote.
- (3) Two appointed members of a sub-committee constitute a quorum at a meeting of the sub-committee.
- (4) The Secretary of the Association is responsible for calling meetings of a subcommittee.
- (5) Written notice of each sub-committee meeting shall be served on each member of the sub-committee by delivering it to him/her at a reasonable time before the meeting or by sending it by post in a prepaid letter addressed to their usual or last known place of abode in time to reach him/her in due course of post before the date of the meeting.
- (6) The President, the Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer, and the Secretary constitute an Executive Committee, which may issue instructions to the public officer and the servants of the Association in matters of urgency connected with the management of the affairs of the Association during the intervals between meetings of the committee, and where any such instructions are issued shall report thereon to the next meeting.

34. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

- (1) The annual subscription payable by members shall be the sum of thirty dollars (\$30.00) or as determined from time to time by the Committee.
- (2) The annual subscription of a member is due and payable on or before the first day of the financial year of the Association.
- (3) **A member shall be deemed to be unfinancial if the member has not paid his/her annual subscription by the commencement of the Annual General Meeting.**
- (4) **If a member remains unfinancial for more than one month after the Annual General Meeting the Secretary shall write to that member advising that privileges of membership have been withdrawn until such time as the outstanding subscription has been paid and seeking advice whether the member wishes to retain membership.**
- (5) **If a member does not, without providing the Committee in writing with reasonable excuse, pay outstanding subscriptions within thirty (30) days of the date of the Secretary's advice under rule 34(4), the Committee may proceed to advise that member, in accordance with rule 36, that their membership has lapsed.**

35. FINANCIAL YEAR

The financial year of the Association is the period beginning on 1 July in each year and ending on 30 June next following.

36. NOTICES

A notice may be served by or on behalf of the Association upon any member either personally or by sending it through the post in a prepaid letter addressed to the member at his/her usual or last-known place of abode.

37. EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

- (1) Subject to this rule, the Committee may expel a member from the Association if, in the opinion of the Committee the member has been guilty of conduct detrimental to the interests of the Association.
- (2) The expulsion of a member pursuant to sub-rule (1) of this rule does not take effect
 - (a) until the expiration of fourteen days after the service on the member of a notice under sub-rule (3) of this rule; or
 - (b) if the member exercises the right of appeal under this rule, until the conclusion of the special general meeting convened to hear the appeal.
- (3) Where the Committee expels a member from the Association, the public officer of the Association shall, without undue delay, cause to be served on the member a notice in writing
 - (a) stating that the Committee has expelled the member;
 - (b) specifying the grounds for the expulsion; and
 - (c) informing the member that s/he may, within fourteen days after the service of the notice, appeal against expulsion.
- (4) A member on whom a notice under sub-rule (3) of this rule is served may appeal to a special general meeting.
- (5) An appeal requires the member to deliver or post to the public officer of the Association, within fourteen days after the service of that notice, a requisition in writing demanding the convening of a meeting for the purpose.
- (6) Upon receipt of such a requisition, the public officer shall forthwith notify the Committee of its receipt. The Committee shall give notice of a special general meeting within twenty-one days of the date on which the requisition is received by the public officer.

- (7) At a special general meeting convened for the purpose of this rule
 - (a) no business other than the question of the expulsion shall be transacted;
 - (b) the Committee will place before the meeting its reasons for the expulsion;
 - (c) the expelled member shall be given an opportunity to be heard; and
 - (d) the members present shall vote by secret ballot on the question whether the expulsion should be lifted or confirmed.
- (8) If at the special general meeting a majority of the members present vote in favour of the lifting of the expulsion, the expulsion shall be deemed to have been lifted and the expelled member is entitled to continue membership of the Association.
- (9) If at the special general meeting a majority of the members present vote in favour of the confirmation of the expulsion, the expulsion takes effect, and the expelled member ceases to be a member of the Association.

38. DISPUTES

- (1) Subject to this rule, a dispute between a member of the Association and the Association shall be determined by arbitration in accordance with the provisions of the Commercial Arbitration Act 1986.
- (2) Nothing in this rule affects the operation or effect of rule 37.

39. LIFE MEMBERS AND PATRONS

- (1) The **Committee may award** Life Membership and Patronship at the Annual General Meeting. Members may be nominated for these awards **to the Committee, in writing, at least one month prior to the Annual General Meeting, proposed and seconded in accordance with clause 5(3)(a).** Such membership is to be awarded to persons who have rendered special services to the Association and/or fly-fishing or

fly-tying in Tasmania and may only be awarded at an Annual General Meeting.

- (2) Life Members under this rule **retain voting rights and have the use of Association facilities but shall pay all hire charges prescribed for those facilities. Such members are exempt from payment of annual subscriptions and extraordinary financial calls.**
- (3) **Life Members and Patrons shall not be included for reckoning the limitation of membership under clause 5(13).**

40. HONORARY MEMBERS

- (1) Honorary Membership of the Association may be awarded at the Annual General Meeting to any person, who, in the opinion of the Committee, has rendered the Association conspicuous and valuable service over an extended period.
- (2) Honorary Membership shall not exceed ten (10) members at any one time.
- (3) Persons awarded membership under this rule shall not be included for reckoning the limitations of membership under Clause 5 (13).
- (4) Honorary Members shall have the use of the facilities of the Association but shall have no voting rights at meetings. Honorary Members are not be liable for annual subscriptions or extraordinary financial calls under rule 29 but shall pay all hire charges prescribed for Association property.

41. TROPHIES

The Association may award trophies for such purposes and on such conditions as may be determined.

42. SEAL OF THE ASSOCIATION

- (1) The seal of the Association shall be in the form of a rubber stamp, inscribed with the name of the Association encircling the work "Seal".
- (2) The seal of the Association shall not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of the Committee, and the affixing thereof shall be attested by the signatures either of two members of the Committee or of one member of the Committee and of the public officer of the Association or such other person as the Committee may appoint for that purpose, and that attestation is sufficient for all purposes that the seal was affixed by authority of the Committee.
- (3) The seal shall remain in the custody of the public officer.

43. BY-LAWS REGULATING USE OF CLUB PROPERTY

- (1) The Committee shall have the power to make such by-laws as it deems expedient for the efficient use, hire and maintenance of club property.
- (2) A copy of property by-laws shall be made available to all members and a copy shall be available from the Secretary for reference.