

Midwest Pigeon Federation Inc.

Constitution as adopted

12/12/21

CONSTITUTION:

1. Name.
The Federation shall be called "Midwest Pigeon Federation", and hereafter referred to as to as the Federation.
2. Objects.
The objects of the Federation shall be:
 - 1) The encouragement of breeding, training and racing of the working homing pigeon.
 - 2) The organising and controlling and regulating of the sport of pigeon racing and training in the State of New South Wales.
 - 3) The breeding and training of homing pigeons for the purpose of National Defence.
 - 4) The organising and promoting of such tests and competitions as may be deemed necessary from time to time to achieve these objectives.
 - 5) To ensure that the birds are sent in the charge of fully qualified conveyers that they may be fed, watered and have every attention during the journey and at race point.
 - 6) To make such arrangements that the conveyer shall have full information as to the state of the weather between home and the race points, and to ensure that every reasonable has been taken to provide a fair race with fair race returns.
 - 7) To have a uniform system of race marking, setting and opening of clocks, checking on race marks and the compiling of race reports. This rule shall include electronic timing-see ETS and EBSS rules and conditions.
 - 8) The protection of birds and owners by the adoption of such measures as may from time to time; be deemed necessary or advisable for the protection of the birds or the members of associated clubs in their relation as owners or fliers of homing pigeons.
 - 9) Mediate disputes that may arise, whether between clubs and their members, or between members of clubs, or between clubs or their members and the Federation, on appeal being made by any party or parties to such dispute.
 - 10) The acquisition by any lawful means of property or funds for the purpose of carrying out the aforesaid objects or other objects of the Federation for the time being. Including, such special object or objects as shall be determined on by the Federation, whether such acquisition shall be by subscription, gift, devise or bequest of real or personal property, or the sale of goods or other real personal property or by the purchase, exchange or such other means as may be approved of, by the Federation.
 - 11) To borrow or raise money by the issue of debentures or debenture stocks, bonds, mortgages or any other securities founded or based upon all or any of the property of the Federation, or without any such security, and upon such terms as to priority or otherwise as the Federation shall think fit.
 - 12) To manage, let/lease, sell, hire, exchange or otherwise deal with the property of the Federation in such a manner and upon such terms as may be considered expedient or desirable.
 - 13) To invest the monies of the Federation not immediately required in such a manner as may from time to time be determined.
 - 14) From time to time contribute to, or subscribe to any charitable, benevolent or useful object of a public character.
 - 15) To draw, accept, make, endorse, discount and negotiate bills of exchange or promissory notes.
 - 16) The income and property of the MWPF Inc., whensoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the objects of the MWPF Inc., and no portions thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to the members of the MWPF Inc., provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of an allowance to any officials or servants of the MWPF Inc., in return for services actually rendered to the MWPF Inc., or prevent the free gift to the members of the publications of the MWPF Inc., or the giving of privileges to or the payments of

- the expenses of representatives attending meetings on behalf of the MWPF Inc., or to prevent the bona fide issuing of certificates of merit or the giving of prizes or contributions for prizes by the MWPF Inc., to the members of the MWPF Inc.
- 17) To promote pigeon racing by advertising the social, sporting and competitive aspects of the sport. In part this advertising to be carried out through television, radio, newspaper or electronic media.
 - 18) Generally to do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the foregoing objects or any of them.

3. Membership.

- 1) The Federation shall consist of the members of all associated homing clubs, that is to say, such homing clubs in the State of New South Wales as shall join the Federation with the sanction of the Committee of Management of the Federation, and the proper officers of which shall have duly subscribed to these rules in manner to herein after provided, and shall pursuant to these rules have paid to the Federation the annual subscription payable by members of such clubs respectively.
- 2) No homing club wishing to join the Federation as an Associated Club, shall be admitted to membership unless approved by a majority of the Committee of Management.
- 3) Life members may be elected by the Annual Meeting of the Federation. A notice proposing Life Membership will only be accepted from:
 - (a) MWPF Inc. Clubs or
 - (b) The Committee of Management.The notice proposing Life Membership must address the criteria contained in the document MWPF Inc. guidelines for Life Membership.
- 4) Members wishing to change clubs after payment of capitation fees must apply in writing to the Management Committee for approval, submitting reasons for such application. Approval will only be given in exceptional circumstances.

4. Subscription to the Rules.

All clubs joining the Federation shall be required to subscribe to these rules by resolution, and a certified copy of such resolution, signed by the Chairperson and Secretary of the Association before the club shall be entitled to join or the members to enjoy the benefits of membership of the Federation.

5. Entrance Fees

All clubs joining the Federation shall pay an entrance fee, the amount of which shall be fixed from time to time by the Committee of Management.

6. Subscription

- 6.1 The annual subscription of the Federation shall be determined annually and due at the Annual General Meeting of which the amount of \$1 shall be allocated to the Transport Fund until otherwise decided by the Committee of Management.
- 6.2 The subscriptions shall be paid by the Associated clubs respectively, according to the number of club members and each club shall pay an additional subscription for each club member joining after the Annual General Meeting, prior to competing in any club or Federation race.
- 6.3 Any Associated club which shall be in arrears with regard to subscriptions at the end of any financial year shall, if the Federation so decide, be deemed to have ceased to belong to the Federation, shall nevertheless remain liable for any subscription in arrears. The subscription of each member of an Associated club shall be a debt due to the Federation by the member and their club, jointly and severally, and recoverable accordingly.

7. Financial Year.
The financial year of the Federation shall be the period from 1st of July through to 30th of June of the following year.
8. Termination of Membership.
 - 8.1 The Committee of Management of the Federation may in its absolute discretion endorse, refuse to endorse or otherwise rule upon all disqualifications or suspensions by Associated Clubs or members of such Clubs. Notice in writing of any such disqualifications or suspensions shall be given by the Associated Club involved to the General Secretary of the Federation within fourteen days from the date of such disqualifications or suspension.
 - 8.2 The Committee of Management by a majority of its members present in person or by electronic means in its absolute discretion resolve not to admit to membership any applicant for membership of the Federation any member deemed guilty of any one or more of the following:
 - a) Conduct detrimental to the Federation, verbally, via newspaper or social media.
 - b) Breach of the rules and regulations of the Federation or any of them;
 - c) Wilful refusal or neglect to carry out any lawful direction or ruling of the Committee of Management in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Federation or any of them;
 - d) Failure to pay annual subscription or other dues lawfully imposed by the Federation in accordance with the rules and regulations or any of them;
 - e) Conduct contrary to the best interest of the Federation: and
 - f) Bringing into the country pigeon eggs laid in a foreign country or pigeons bred in a foreign country while an act of parliament forbids such imports into Australia.
 - 8.3.
 1. Any member found guilty of administering performance enhancing drugs to their birds or being an accomplice to administering performance enhancing drugs to racing pigeons for the purpose of gaining an advantage over his/her competitors will be disqualified from competing in ALL RACES that are conducted under the auspices of the MWPF Inc. Committee for a period of time to be determined by the MWPF Inc. Committee of Management.
 2. The MWPF Inc Committee reserve the right to have a member's birds tested for all performance drugs and in particular anabolic steroids, Beta-Agonists, Cortico Steroids.
 3. Routine tests will be conducted and any members refusing to have his/her birds tested will be in breach of this rule and will be automatically disqualified from racing until such time as his/her birds have been proven to be free of any performance enhancing substances.
 4. In the case of a clearly positive result all costs shall be borne by the offender. If the result is negative all charges in respect of the testing will be borne by the persons bringing the allegation to proceed.
 5. Medical treatment may not be used as a justification should the result prove positive.
 6. Once the test has been finalised and the result established, a copy of the result shall be forwarded to the member/s in question and another copy to be placed in the hands of the MWPF Inc General Secretary.
9. Infringement of Rules.
 - 9a Should any member of the Federation commit a breach of the rules of the Federation and any of the By-Laws of the Federation, the Committee of Management may notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 8, punish the offender by a term of suspension of membership or by such other form of a penalty as the Committee of Management in its absolute discretion shall think fit.

- 9.b No payment of Subscription or Dues.
Should any member of the Federation fail to pay his/her subscription or other dues or any part thereof when the same shall be due and payable the Committee of Management may notwithstanding the provisions of rule 8 suspend member until such time as all arrears of subscription and dues shall be paid and during the period of such suspension such member shall not be entitled to the rights and privileges of the Federation or any of them.
10. Appeals by Club Members.
The Committee of Management, may at its absolute discretion, hear and decide upon the appeal of any club member against their club's decision provided the notice of such appeal and the grounds thereof be sent in writing to the Secretary of the Federation within fourteen days of the member receiving notice of the decision of their club, and provided that such appeal be also accompanied by a deposit of \$50.00 and in the event of the not being upheld the fee lodged with such appeal shall be forfeited by the member or members or club appealing. Nothing in this rule shall derogate from the powers of the Federation with regard to the settlement of disputes, as provided in Rule 2.9 of these rules and regulations.
11. Officers.
The officers of the Federation shall consist of a Chairperson, Vice President & Secretary and or Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected annually by the financial members of the MWPF Inc Federation and shall be eligible for re-election.
a) Any member of the Federation shall be eligible for election as Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer of the Federation providing the nomination is accompanied by the nominees consent in writing to be handed to the Secretary or acting Secretary one month previous to the election taking place. The Secretary and Treasurer, shall be allowed a voice in all Federation business, but shall not be entitled to vote on any questions. They shall be ex-officio members of the Committee of Management and may be elected to Committees where deemed necessary.
b) Auditor- immediately after the Annual General Meeting the Committee of Management shall appoint an Auditor. The Auditor is to hold office until the next Annual General Meeting and is eligible for re-appointment.
12. Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer.
Any member of the Federation shall be eligible for election as Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer of the Federation providing the nomination is accompanied by nominee/s consent in writing to be in the hands of the Secretary or the Acting Secretary one month previous to the election taking place. The Secretary and Treasurer, shall be allowed a voice in all Federation business
- 13.1 The Chairperson shall preside and keep order at all meetings of the Federation members and Committees. Every member shall pay strict obedience to the presiding officer and shall uphold the dignity of the chair. Any member who in the opinion of the Committee of Management of this Federation is considered guilty of a breach of this rule may be dealt with as though guilty of misconduct.
- 13.2 The Vice-Chairperson shall act in the place of the Chairperson when necessary and assist him/her whenever called upon by him/her to do so.
- 13.3 The Treasurer or Secretary of the Federation shall receive all monies and shall give the Secretary receipt for same. All such monies received by the said treasurer or Secretary shall be paid into the General account of the Federation in such bank as the Committee of Management shall decide, and no monies shall be withdrawn from such account/s without the signature of the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer or Secretary, being any two to sign per cheque. The Treasurer or the Secretary shall pay all expenses contracted by the Federation out of the said general account/s after the accounts have been endorsed by the Chairperson and approved by the

Committee of Management. The Treasurer shall produce to the Chairperson and/or Secretary of the meeting of the Committee of Management all books, accounts, vouchers and associated papers in his/her possession whenever called upon to do so. He/she shall produce no later than 3 weeks before the Annual General Meeting of the members of the Federation a properly audited statement of receipts and expenditure for the Financial year and a balance sheet setting out the assets and liabilities of the Federation.

- 13.4 The Secretary shall keep correctly such books as he/she may be instructed by the Federation or as may be required for the fulfilment of his/her duties in particular, race record registration and receipt books and all usual and proper books of account and a register containing the names and addresses of the members of the Federation, Management, hand to the successor all Federation books, vouchers, papers, correspondence, etc., in his/her possession. The Secretary shall receive all monies paid to the Federation and shall pay the same to the Treasurer, obtaining receipt for same. He/she shall make arrangements subject to the approval of the Federation for all meetings of the Federation Committee of Management delegates or sub-committees. He/she shall make arrangements for the carrying out of all races under the auspices of the Federation and shall determine their result; only airline distances shall be recognised in Federation races when a record is claimed. He/she shall conduct all the correspondence of the Federation.
- 13.5 The Secretary (or an officer so nominated by the Committee of Management) shall determine the results of all races flown under the auspices of the Federation. Should there be an issue arising from the race results, the Secretary shall provide all information to the Committee of Management for review and decision.
- 13.6 The Auditor shall audit the accounts of the Federation annually, and from time to time when required by the Committee of Management. Any questions regarding the accuracy of the figures in the balance sheet must be sent to the Treasurer seven days prior to the annual General Meeting in order that they may be looked into and an explanation given to the members at the time the balance sheet is under discussion.
- 13.7 Club Delegates.
Each Club upon joining the Federation shall provide the Federation a list of members and contact details. These members must then elect from their membership a Federation Delegate who will then be their voice at any Federation meeting. This representative will become a member of the Committee of Management, who will represent their club, Federation or other issues of concern. All Club Delegates will be responsible for updating their membership.
14. Meetings.
- 14.1. General Meetings shall be held when the Committee of Management deem required and convenient, if the need arises electronic means may be utilised.
An agenda shall be presented 21 days prior to meeting.
Order of Business.
1) Previous minutes to be read and confirmed.
2) Business arising out of minutes.
3) Treasurers Report.
4) Correspondence.
5) Reports from Committees.
6) Adjourned motions and business.
7) Motions of which notice has been given.
8) Breaches of rules and regulations.
9) General business.
- 14.2 Special Meetings may be by the Secretary at any time be and shall be called within three days of the Secretary on receiving a written requisition for that purpose stating the specific object/s for which the meeting is required, signed by not fewer than three members of the Committee of Management.

14.3 Annual General Meeting.

Annual General Meetings shall be held by the last week of November all notice of motions shall be in the hands of the Secretary by 1st of November. An agenda will be set and distributed to Club Delegates and Office bearers 21 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Order of Business.

- 1) Presidents Report.
- 2) Treasurers Report.
- 3) Reports from Committees.
- 4) Members club Affiliation Fees.
- 5) Election of Office Bearers.
- 6) Previous minutes to be read and confirmed.
- 7) Business arising out of minutes.
- 8) Correspondence.

14.4 Voting.

Each club shall receive 1 vote only this being made by their Club Delegate in the case of a tied vote the President shall have the casting vote. All voting will be by a show hands or if required electronically.

15. Alterations of Constitution.

No alteration or variation of or addition to the MWPF Inc Constitution and or By-Laws of the Federation shall be made, except by a majority of the financial members of the Federation called for the purpose. Twenty One clear days notice of such meetings shall be given to all members, stating the time and place of holding same and specifying the alterations, variations or additions to the Constitution and or By-Laws proposed to be brought forward.

a) Notice of motion proposing the rescinding alteration, variation or addition to the Constitution and or By-Laws of the Federation shall only be accepted from:

- 1) Associated Clubs of the Federation which have discussed and approved the proposal/s by a majority of members attending an official club meeting at which a quorum was present; or
- 2) The Committee of Management itself. Such alteration/s shall be registered with the Department of Fair Trading NSW as required by the act.

16. The Committee of Management.

- 16.1. All financial members of the Federation, with exception of the presiding Chairperson (see rule 6), shall be eligible to vote for the election of members to the Committee of Management and shall be entitled to one vote for the electorate candidate of their choice. Members will be deemed to belong to one of the electorates and will only be invited to vote in the years that their electorate requires a replacement member.
- 16.2. Nominations for election to the Committee of Management shall be in writing and signed by the nominee and two other members of the said electorate.
- 16.3. Nominations shall be received by the Secretary up to two calendar months prior to the date of each Annual General Meeting.
- 16.4. At the Annual General Meeting (or other specially conducted General Meeting of members), the Returning Officer shall announce to the Chairperson of the Committee of Management, the results of the election and declare the successful nominees elected members of the Committee of Management.
- 16.5. Subject to these rules, the Management of the business of the Federation shall be vested in the Committee of Management who may in addition to the powers and authorities by these rules or otherwise expressly conferred upon them, exercise all such powers of the Federation and do all such things which may be exercised and done by the Federation and are not hereby directed or required to be exercised and done by the Federation in a General Meeting, but no rule or regulation made by the Federation in a General Meeting shall invalidate any prior contract entered into by the Committee of Management which would have been valid if such rule or regulation

had not been made.

- 16.6. The Committee of Management may meet together for the dispatch of business at such times and from time to time as the committee or the Chairperson thereof shall think fit, and may adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings and proceedings as they may think fit.
- 16.7. Only Club Delegates in person or attending via electronic means are eligible to vote at meetings of Committee of Management.
- 16.8. Until otherwise determined by a Special General Meeting of members, the number of electorates shall be Lithgow, Bathurst, Woodstock, Cowra, Grenfell, Parkes, Orange, Wellington, Dubbo, Gulgong, and Mudgee.
- 16.9. At the Annual General Meeting held each year after 2021, those members of the Committee of Management longest in office shall retire progressively from office. In this way, subject to their being no other vacancies brought about by other means, two new members shall be elected each year, with only one member required every third year.
- 16.10. All retiring members of the Committee of Management shall, following retirement from office, be eligible for re-election, regardless of how many terms of three years in office, the member has held.
- 16.11. The Committee of Management shall have the power at any time, and from time to time to appoint any other person as a member of the Committee of Management to fill a casual vacancy. Any member so appointed shall be a member of the electorate from which the vacancy arose, and may hold office for the year in which he/she was appointed and shall retire at the end of that year, but is eligible to nominate for re-election at the next Annual General Meeting. Such member may nominate for one more consecutive three-year term after completion of their full term in office.
- 16.12. The Chairperson and in the Chairpersons absence the Vice President shall preside at all meetings of the Committee of Management.
- 16.13. Votes of members of the Committee of Management shall be by a show of hands unless deemed otherwise by the Chairperson.
- 16.14. All decisions of the Committee of Management shall be carried by a simple majority.
- 16.15. The Secretary and Treasurer and any other officer of the Federation except for the presiding Chairperson, may be appointed as a member of the Committee of Management.
- 16.16. The Committee of Management may in its sole discretion and at any time invite any person/s to attend meetings of the Committee of Management. Such person/s may by invitation be heard, but unless a member of the committee, shall not be entitled to vote.
- 16.17. Minutes of all meetings of the Committee of Management and of the Annual General Meeting and of any Special General Meeting shall be recorded at the meeting by the Secretary and shall at the end of the meeting at which they are recorded be read by the Secretary to members and such additions and alterations as may be necessary made thereto and approved and in evidence of such approval signed by the Chairperson of that meeting.
- 16.18. Within a period of fourteen (14) days after each meeting referred to in Sub rule (17) hereof, the Secretary shall cause a copy of that meetings minutes to be emailed to each of the Club Delegates in the Federation.
- 16.19. The acceptance of 75% majority of members present at the Special General Meeting, and subsequent implementation of this amended rule, shall require the elected Committee of to retire , and be replaced by a new Committee elected as soon as possible and in accordance with the above. In the brief interim period whilst the elections being called and run, as per rules of the Federation, the Secretary shall co-ordinate the management of the affairs of the Federation.
- 16.20. Any currently elected member of the MWPF Inc Committee of Management, shall be eligible to be re-elected to stand for re-election as candidate for their nominated electorate and hence stand for re-election to the new Committee of Management, regardless of previous terms on the old Committee.

- 16.21. Each Representative of the Committee of Management must call a meeting with his/her electorate members each year prior to the drafting of the MWPF Inc race program. Once all Committee of Management members have fulfilled their obligation to the electorate with respect to the race program, the Committee of Management will draft the race program for the following year.
17. Over-Riding Powers of General Members.
- 17.1 Notwithstanding any powers to the contrary vested by this Constitution in the Committee of Management, 10% in total of all general members of the Federation from time to time may in writing petition the Committee of Management to call a Special General Meeting of members of the Federation. A petition shall specify the grounds upon which a Special General Meeting is required and shall set forth all resolutions proposed to be put to the Special General Meeting. The Committee of Management shall within seven (7) days from the receipt of a petition call a Special General Meeting of all Members of the Federation.
- 17.2. A resolution carried by 75% of general members of the Federation present in person or electronically at a Special General Meeting called pursuant to this rule shall over-ride any resolution or decision of the Committee of Management to contrary effect and the general members may by a majority of 75% of their total number at any time vote to remove from office any one or more of the member(s) shall forthwith cease to hold office as members of the Committee of Management and as casual vacancy shall be declared and filled in accordance with these rules. In the event that the whole of the Committee of Management shall be dismissed from office or resign, an election to replace all members of the Committee of Management shall be held in accordance of these rules and the Secretary for the time being shall have all the powers given by these rules to conduct the election to appoint the Returning Officer and to call a Special General Meeting of members for the of the results of the election and all other powers necessary to lead to valid appointment of a new Committee of Management.
18. Affiliation of other Associations and Clubs.
- 18.1. The Federation may grant affiliation with the Federation to any homing pigeon club within the country area of N.S.W.
- 18.2. All applicants for affiliation shall be accompanied by a full list of its officers and members and club rules.
- 18.3. The current affiliation must be paid on joining. Such application shall be submitted to and approved by the Federation thereafter the club shall be registered as an affiliated club.
- 18.4. Members of affiliated clubs using the conveyors shall pay a fee to be determined at each Annual Meeting and clubs not using the conveyor shall pay a fee to be determined likewise.
- 18.5. Such affiliation shall continue so long as the club is financial and otherwise complies with these rules.
- 18.6. Each affiliated club shall forthwith upon their election, register with the Secretary of the Federation the names and addresses of its executive officers and Federation Delegate.
19. Interpretation of Rules and Regulations.
- The Committee of Management shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of these rules and regulations and the decision of the Committee of Management upon any question or interpretation or upon any matter affecting the Federation and not provided for by these rules and regulations shall be final and conclusive.

20. Disposal of Property on Dissolution or Winding Up of the Federation.
If upon the final winding up or dissolution of the Federation there remains after satisfaction of all debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Federation, but shall be paid to or distributed amongst such one or more charitable institutions in Australia as the Committee of Management shall think fit. BUT this rule shall have no application in the case of a winding up or a dissolution for the purpose of re-forming or re-constructing the Federation or altering its constitution, or which is brought about by any other club or Association of clubs having similar objects, nor shall this rule or anything contained or implied therein operate to prevent the sale by the Federation of all or part of its property or undertaking, nor the disposal of its surplus assets in the ordinary way of business and without the intention of distributing the proceeds of such sale or such surplus assets as the case may be among the members of the Federation in contravention of the forgoing provisions of this rule.
21. Headings and Marginal Notes.
Marginal notes and headings, where they occur, shall not be deemed to form part of the Constitution and By-Laws, nor shall they be construed as such.
22. When Rules Come Into Force.
These rules shall come into force forthwith.
23. Repeal of Previous Constitution and Rules.
From the date of registration of this Constitution and these By-Laws, all previously registered constitutions and rules shall be repealed.
25. Standing Orders.
- 24.1. Every member when about to speak shall rise and address the Chair respectively, and to conduct him or herself in a respectable manner towards the Chair. No member shall be allowed to interrupt the speaker, except through the Chairperson, and in explanation of a point of order.
- 24.2. No member shall be allowed to speak more than once on any subject, no longer than five minutes, except with the consent of the meeting. Any member who has spoken on a motion shall not be in order in speaking on any amendment except the mover of the motion, who shall be called on by the Chairperson to reply after the debate has closed, and no member shall speak afterwards on the same subjects.
- 24.3. Not more than two members shall speak in succession, either for or against any motion or amendment, and if, at the conclusion of the second speakers remarks, no member rises to speak on the other side, the question shall be put to the meeting after the mover has replied.
- 24.4. The time for discussing any matter shall not exceed (20) minutes, unless an extension of time has been agreed, upon by two-thirds majority of the members present or electronically represented, and the time for such extensions must be stated.
- 24.5. On any member rising to a point of order during the debate, the speaker shall resume his/her seat, and the person so rising shall state his/her point concisely, when the Chairperson shall rule thereon, the Chairpersons ruling being final, unless challenged by a formal motion submitted to the meeting.
- 24.6. Should any member disagree with the ruling of the Chair, he/she will at once challenge the same, and on this action being taken, the Chairperson shall vacate the Chair, and the question put to the meeting without discussion; it shall require a two-thirds majority to have the rulings disagreed with.
- 24.7. The Chairperson may speak for or against any motion or amendment. In the event of the votes on any subject being equal, he/she shall have a casting vote only, but not otherwise. The Chairperson shall decide on all points of order.
- 24.8. All notices of motion shall be in writing, and shall take precedence of all other new business.

- 24.9. On the adoption of any amendment, such amendment shall become the motion.
- 24.10. No motion of amendment shall be entertained or discussed until it has been seconded, and one amendment only shall be before the meeting at one time. Should a member desire to move a further amendment he/she shall give notice of and indicate it before the vote is taken on the original motion.
- 24.11. A motion or amendment becomes the property of the meeting and can only be withdrawn by a vote of two-thirds of the members present or electronically involved.
- 24.12. Minutes shall be rescinded by a two-thirds majority of members present or electronically involved. Minutes of a Special Meeting shall only be rescinded by a Special Meeting, of which members have been duly notified.
- a) In the event of a motion to rescind a rule or a minute being defeated the said rule or minute will remain effective for at least (12) calendar months.
- b) A minute shall remain effective until its purpose has been fulfilled or for longer than twelve (12) calendar months.
- 24.13. The standing orders may be suspended in the following manner only:
By two-thirds of the members present or electronically involved, being in favour of said suspension, and the time of suspension must be stated.
25. Code of Practice.
There shall be a MWPF Inc Code of Practice and each member of the Federation shall comply with the Code of Practice. Infringements of the Code of Practice shall be dealt with by the Committee of Management, for adjudication as required.
26. Racing Rules.
There shall be a MWPF Inc set of racing rules which will outline procedures and practices to be used as Federation guidelines for each electorate.
27. Code of Discipline.
There shall be a Code of Discipline which each member of Associated clubs will be governed by.