



## **CONSTITUTION OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN ANTARCTIC CLUB**

### 1. NAME

The name of the club will be "The South African Antarctic Club".

### 2. AIMS

The aims will be:

- a. To resume and maintain contact with members of Antarctic and Sub-Antarctic Expeditions.
- b. To resume contact with people with Antarctic interests at heart.
- c. To convene a sociable gathering at least once a year about Midwinter day, details of which are to be released to members at least three months before the day of the function.

### 3. MEMBERSHIP

- a. Persons who spent the winter in either Antarctica, Marion Island or Gough Island, are invited in writing to become full members after having received a  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority vote during a committee meeting. The reply to the invitation should be in writing.
- b. Persons with Antarctic and Sub-Antarctic interests at heart are invited in writing to become assessor members after having received a  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority vote during a committee meeting. The reply to the invitation should be in writing.
- c. The membership fee will be determined at the annual general meeting.
- d. Life membership may be procured at an amount of R120.00.
- e. The award of honorary membership is determined by a  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority vote at the annual general meeting. A member who is absent may vote by means of a letter. The initiative for such a award may be taken either by the committee or by club members, the latter in a petition with ten signatures.

### 4. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual general meeting is to be held on the day of the year's main function. Notice of the meeting will be mailed to members a month before.

### 5. COMMITTEE

- a. The committee is to comprise chairman, a vice chairman, a Secretary, Treasurer and five additional members. Four committee members constitute a quorum.

- b. The new committee is elected at the annual general meeting.
- c. The outgoing committee is relieved of its duties following the main function of the year.
- d. The chairman is not eligible for re-election to this capacity after having served a year.
- e. The committee has the right to co-opt members for special assignments.

## 6. THE VOTE

- a. Every member is to have the right to vote with the exception of that only full members are allowed to vote on constitutional changes and the disbandment of the club.
- b. In addition to this vote the chairman will have casting vote.

## 7. CONSTITUTION

- a. The constitution may be emended by a  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority vote of full members at the annual general meeting.
- b. Every proposed amendment to the constitution should be communicated in writing to the Secretary and mailed to all members by the Secretary at least four weeks before the annual general meeting.

## 8. MINUTES

The minutes of the annual general meeting will be furnished to members.

## 9. LANGUAGE

A member may express himself in either of the two official languages.

## 10. DISCONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP

The committee may terminate a persons membership of the South African Antarctic Club when he fails to pay his membership for three years running and disregards written reminders from the Secretary.

After having lost his membership in this way a person may submit a written application for admission to the Club, provided that either outstanding fees plus 5% interest per annum or the full sum of R120,00 for life membership should be enclosed. Notice of the termination should reach the person concerned by registered mail.

## 11. DISBANDMENT

The Club may be disbanded by a  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority vote of full members at the annual general meeting.

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