



VICTORIAN AVICULTURAL COUNCIL Inc.

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STATEMENTS OF PURPOSES

1. The promotion of aviculture in Victoria.
2. The representation of all affiliated bird keepers within Victoria.
3. The promotion of goodwill and communication between all bird organizations within Victoria.
4. The provision of a forum for all Victorian bird organizations to express their views and to contribute to a united effort to ensure the betterment of aviculture.
5. The collation and dissemination of information to all affiliated organizations.
6. To maintain an active interest in the laws of Local, State and Commonwealth Governments relating to wildlife in general and aviculture in particular, in the interests of conservation of wildlife and the rights of aviculturalists.
7. The provision of delegates to represent Victoria on a national body.

RULES

1. The name of the organization shall be the Victorian Avicultural Council, herein after called the Council.
2. Membership of the Council shall be open to organizations who abide by the Statements of Purposes, Rules of the Council and have a minimum financial membership of at least 10.
3. The Council shall not, in any way, interfere with the autonomy of any affiliated organization.
4. Any organization, subject to Rule 2, desirous of affiliating with the Council shall be deemed to be affiliated upon payment of the appropriate affiliation fee.
5. The annual affiliation fee shall be determined by the Council annually and affiliated organizations advised of such fee in November of each year.

6. The Council's financial year shall run from 1st January to 31st December.
7. The annual affiliation fee shall be due and payable on the 1st of January each year, and if not paid by 28th February of the same year all rights and privileges shall cease until such time as the fee shall be paid.
8. The funds of the Council shall be derived from annual subscriptions, donations and other sources as the Committee or members shall determine.
9. The Council shall consist of 2 delegates from each affiliated organization.
10. Day to day administration of the Council shall be conducted by the committee.
11. The Council shall meet at any time deemed necessary by the committee or when requested to do so by the delegates of three affiliated organizations.
12. The Council committee shall consist of 6 persons.
13. Officers of the committee shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and 2 interclub Liaison officers.
14. The committee shall meet prior to the regular meeting of the Council and four members therefore shall form a quorum.
15. Nominees to positions on the committee shall be drawn from the affiliated organizations only.
16. An election for the committee shall be held every twelve months in the month of November.
17. All elected committee members shall hold office for 1 year but may be eligible for re-election.
18. Not more than 1 delegate of any one affiliated organization shall hold office at any one time.
19. Casual committee vacancies shall be filled at the discretion of the Council. Committee members so appointed shall be required to stand for election at the next annual election of officers.
20. The President may from time to time co-opt any delegate[s] to perform specific tasks to cater for the proper running of the Council. Such co-opted delegate[s] shall not hold voting rights in executive decisions.
21. The committee shall be responsible for maintaining communication between all affiliated organizations as necessary.
22. The Secretary shall summon all meetings, take charge of all papers, conduct all correspondence, keep a record of the proceedings of the Council and maintain a roll of all affiliated organizations which shall be available for inspection by the delegates. Except as otherwise provided in these rules, the Secretary shall keep in his/her control all books, documents and securities of the Council.

23. The Common Seal of the Council shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary. The Common Seal shall not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of the members and the affixing of the Common Seal shall be attested by the signatures either of two members of the committee or one member of the committee and of the Public Officer of the Association.
24. The Treasurer shall collect and give receipt for all funds and bank all such funds to the credit of the Council. He/she must make and keep in his/her control a record of all receipts and disbursements made on behalf of the Council, submit all accounts payable by the Council as and when they become due to the committee and pay the same when they have been initialled by the Chairman as passed for payment by the committee. All cheques shall be signed by two of the following; President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer. The accounts and books shall be available for inspection by delegates. He/she shall prepare and present to each ordinary General Meeting, a financial statement of receipts and expenditure to the date of such meeting. He/she shall also prepare an annual balance sheet, which after being audited by the Council auditor shall be presented to the Annual Meeting.
25. Each affiliated organization shall have one vote per organization on all matters requiring resolution. That is all the delegates from each organization have one joint vote between them.
26. The affiliated organizations, by two thirds majority of those organizations exercising their right to vote, shall have the power to reprimand, suspend or expel any affiliated organization that may act in a manner detrimental to the Statements of Purposes of the Council.
27. Affiliated organizations unable to accredit delegates to a particular meeting may nominate a proxy to act on their behalf provided that such nomination shall be in writing to the Secretary prior to the commencement of meetings.
28. A Special meeting of Council may be called at the written request to the Secretary by 3 affiliated organizations; such request to detail matters to be discussed at such meeting. There shall be 2 months notice of such special meeting given to all affiliated organizations. No business other than that detailed in the original request shall be discussed at a special meeting. If a quorum cannot be formed then matters detailed for discussion shall be deemed to have lapsed.
29. Delegates of 3 organizations shall be required to form a quorum at annual, general, special and extraordinary meetings. If within 30 minutes from the designated time of such meeting a quorum is not formed such meeting shall, with the exception of special meetings be adjourned to a time and place as decided by the committee. All discussions shall be conducted in accordance with the ordinary rules of debate.
30. The date, time and venue of general meetings will be determined by the Council and advised in the minutes of the preceding meeting. An affiliated organization desiring to bring business before a meeting, may give notice of that business in writing to the Secretary, who shall include that business in the agenda of the next general meeting after the receipt of the notice.
31. No delegate shall hold voting power for more than one affiliated organization.
32. The committee shall have the power to call extraordinary special meetings of accredited delegates at short notice.

33. Any committee member absenting him/herself from 3 consecutive meetings, without a satisfactory explanation, shall be held to have vacated his/her office and the committee may proceed to fill such vacancy.
34. Any committee member or delegate who acts in a dishonorable/disorderly manner may by a majority of those exercising their right to vote be suspended from the Council for a period to be determined. No such action shall be instituted without such member being asked to show cause why he/she should not be suspended.
35. The President shall officiate at all meetings of the Council and in his/her absence the Vice-President shall take the chair. In the absence of both these officers a Chair person shall be appointed from those present at the meeting. The Chair person shall have a casting vote.
36. The President, Secretary and Treasurer will have the power to take immediate interim actions between meetings as required, and all such interim actions shall be tabled at the next meeting for ratification.
37. The interclub Liaison officer shall be responsible for liaising on behalf of the Council with affiliated organizations.
38. The Council may appoint any subcommittee it may deem advisable. The Chair person of such subcommittee shall, by reason of holding that office become a member of the committee during the life of the subcommittee. The President, Secretary and Treasurer will be members of any subcommittee ex officio.
39. The President, Secretary, Vice-President or such other person/s as appointed by the Council shall be accredited delegates to any meeting with Government Departments; State, Federal or Local, and the media.
40. The Council shall have the power to seek membership of and to appoint delegates as may be required, to any Federal organization with similar aims.
41. If at any time the Council shall disband the realisable assets and funds held shall be paid and equally distributed amongst the affiliated organizations.
42. These Statements of Purposes and Rules shall only be altered at the annual or special meeting[s] called for such purpose. Details of any proposed alteration[s] shall be forwarded, in writing to the Secretary. Notification of the proposed alteration[s], time and place of special meeting to consider and resolve same shall be forwarded to the Secretary of all affiliated organizations two months prior to special meeting date.
43. Interpretation of these Statements of Purposes are vested in the committee.
44. A three fourths majority of affiliated organizations, exercising their right to vote shall be required to alter these Statements of Purposes and Rules.