

# RULES OF THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ORNITHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

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## 1.—NAME

This Association shall be called "The South Australian Ornithological Association."

## 2.—OBJECTS

The objects of the Association shall be:—

- (a) To encourage the study and protection of Australian birds.
- (b) To record the results of scientific research in regard to all aspects of bird life.

## 3.—MEMBERSHIP

- (a) The Association shall consist of Ordinary Members and Junior Members. Junior Members shall be members under 18 years of age at the beginning of the Association's financial year.
- (b) Honorary membership may be granted to any person at any time for distinguished services to the Association and or to the cause of ornithology generally, provided that the number of honorary members at any time shall not exceed five. An honorary member shall not be deemed to be duly elected unless:—(1) His name shall have been proposed in writing to the Committee of Management; and (2) such proposal shall have received the concurrence of the Committee; (3) his name shall have thereafter been submitted to the next Annual Meeting or to a Special General Meeting convened for that purpose.
- (c) New members may be proposed and seconded by two members of the Association at any meeting, and may be elected at the following meeting. A ballot may be demanded by any member, and one adverse vote in five shall exclude.
- (d) The Honorary Secretary shall keep a Roll of Members which will indicate at all times whether such members are financial or not.

## 4.—SUBSCRIPTIONS

- (a) Annual subscriptions shall fall due on the First Day of April of each year, and shall be as follows:—Ordinary Members One Pound Ten Shillings (£1/10/-), and Junior Members Ten Shillings and Six Pence (10/6).
- (b) Any member whose subscription is two years in arrear shall *ipso facto* cease to belong to the Association, but shall be eligible for re-election on payment of dues in full or on such terms as may be decided by the Committee of Management.
- (c) Provided that if a member joins during the last six months of any financial year only half fees shall be payable.

## 5.—ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- (a) The election of officers consisting of Patron, President, Vice-President, Honorary Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Librarian, Ordinary Member of the Committee of Management, Auditor, and such other officers as considered necessary from time to time shall take place at the Annual General Meeting or adjournment thereof.
- (b) All nominations for office-bearers shall be signed by two members of the Association and the nominee; and handed to the Honorary Secretary at or before the monthly meeting preceding the Annual Meeting.
- (c) In the event of two or more nominations for any one position, election shall be by postal vote to be closed and declared at the Annual Meeting or adjournment thereof.
- (d) In the event of insufficient nominations being received, the Committee of Management shall nominate members to fill all the vacancies.
- (e) All officers are eligible for re-election.

## 6.—COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

- (a) The affairs of the Association shall be controlled by a Committee of Management which shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Honorary Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Librarian, and one Ordinary Member of the Association, and shall meet as arranged by the Honorary Secretary.
- (b) Three members of the Committee shall form a quorum.

## 7.—MEETINGS

Meetings of members shall be held as under:—

- (a) Ordinary Meetings shall be held on the last Friday of each month or at such time as determined by the Committee of Management.
- (b) An Annual Meeting shall be held in March of each year.
- (c) The Committee of Management may at any time upon not less than fourteen days notice given to members call a Special General Meeting of members, the notice for which shall specify the business to be considered thereat.
- (d) The business of the Annual Meeting shall be the confirmation of Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting, the election of officers, election of honorary members and new members, presentation of the Annual Report and statement of the financial position of the Association by the Honorary Secretary and the Treasurer, and any other business, of which notice shall have been given at any preceding Ordinary Meeting.
- (e) Due notice shall be given to members of every Ordinary and Annual Meeting by the Honorary Secretary.
- (f) At all meetings of the Association five members shall form a quorum.
- (g) No business shall be put forward at any ordinary monthly meeting other than such minor business as may be appropriate to such meetings unless fourteen days' notice has been given thereof to all members of the Association on the notice convening the meeting at which such business is to be dealt with.

## 8.—PUBLICATIONS

- (a) The Association may, when finances permit, and at the discretion of the Committee of Management, publish any books, pamphlets, or magazines concordant with its objects, and, in particular, the magazine, "The South Australian Ornithologist."
- (b) The production of "The South Australian Ornithologist" and any other publication shall primarily be the concern of the Editor, who shall nevertheless be subject to the control of the Committee of Management with regard to all matters relating to such production. The Committee of Management may at any time appoint an Assistant Editor.
- (c) One copy of "The South Australian Ornithologist" shall be posted or delivered free of charge to every Honorary, Ordinary and Junior Member of the Association whose subscriptions are not more than twelve months in arrear.
- (d) "The South Australian Ornithologist" may be subscribed for by non-members for fifteen shillings per annum, or three shillings and three pence per single copy delivered post free, providing subscriptions are paid up to date.

## 9.—LIBRARY

- (a) The Association shall maintain a Library of scientific publications which will be available on loan to all members.

## 10.—ALTERATION OF RULES

The rules of the Association shall not be altered added to or rescinded except

- (a) on a written motion signed by two members of the Association presented to an Ordinary Meeting and carried at the next Annual Meeting the notice for which shall contain such motion;
  - (b) at a Special General Meeting convened for that purpose and called in accordance with the Rules.
- No alteration, addition, or rescission shall be valid unless supported by a two-thirds majority of members voting.

## 11.—VOTING AT MEETINGS

- (a) All honorary members, and Ordinary or Junior Members who are financial for the current year, shall be eligible to vote on any matter before the Association.

- (b) The Chairman of the meeting shall decide on the form of voting to be used on any one occasion.
- (c) Immediately following the voting on any matter a member may demand a poll on that matter and notwithstanding paragraph (b) of this section the poll shall be conducted as a postal vote of the whole eligible membership within eight weeks of the request for such a poll.

*EDITOR'S NOTE:* Recent changes and additions to the Rules of the Association have been made as follows:

Sections 4 (a); 4 (c); 5 (a); 9(b) was deleted (March 25, 1960—see *S. Austr. Orn.*, 23, p. 47).

Sections 5(a); 5(b); 5(c); 5(d); 5(e); 7 (a) was added; 11 (a); 11 (b); 11 (c) (Adopted at Annual General Meeting and adjournment thereof, for March/April, 1961.)

Members are reminded that the Rules no longer provide for voting by proxy or post. Also that only financial members may exercise a vote (Section 11 (a) ).