

## **THE CONSTITUTION OF PRETORIA PARROT CLUB**

### **1. NAME**

The name of the club will be: **“Pretoria Parrot Club”**

### **2. DEFINITION**

Parrot refers to Psittaciformes which includes “All species that are family of the Cacatuidae (Cockatoos) and Psittacidae (Parrots and Parakeets)”.

### **3. OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the club are:

- 3.1 To promote high ethical values of its members.
- 3.2 To serve as a mouthpiece for its members and to act on their behalf. To improve liaising between members of the club.
- 3.3 To protect the interests of its members to keep parrots and to breed and sell them.
- 3.4 To improve scientific breeding of parrots and to keep its members updated on the field.
- 3.5 To keep its members informed on local and international matters.
- 3.6 To improve relations with the PASA.
- 3.7 To affiliate and register with the authorities where necessary.
- 3.8 To accept any affiliation from any organisation, that the executive-community committee has agreed upon.

### **4. LEGAL ENTITY AND POWERS**

The club is a legal entity with the following powers:

- 4.1 To own and trade to the benefit of its members all movable and non-movable property.
- 4.2 To use any available funds to the benefit of its members.
- 4.3 To make loans.
- 4.4 To act in any lawsuit or arbitration.
- 4.5 To open bank accounts and control them.
- 4.6 To set and charge members with membership fees, entry fees, and application fees.
- 4.7 To hire and pay staff, advisors, experts, and consultants.
- 4.8 To do anything necessary to execute its powers and to achieve all its goals.
- 4.9 To award honorary membership to an individual who will, thereafter, not have to pay yearly fees.

- 4.10 To launch any activities, including auctions, as decided on by the majority of existing members from time to time.

**5. MEMBERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP FEES**

Membership is available to any person that own parrots, breed them, or are interested in them upon a recommendation and secondment by two current members of the club.

- 5.1 Members fees are payable yearly before the last day of March for the current calender year. Members fees include annuity for the PASA.
- 5.2 The financial year is a calender year.
- 5.3 Any member who's fees are not paid will not have the right of access to the privileges and rights related to the club until the full amount owed is paid.
- 5.4 Honorary members, life-long members and/or patron must be confirmed at the AGM.

**6. RESIGNATION, ENDING, AND FORFEITURE OF MEMBERSHIP**

- 6.1 A member of the club may resign ~~through~~ by giving ~~their~~ written resignation to the club.
- 6.2 The Executive Committee may end or suspend any member's membership, if the Executive Committee has given him/her an audience and are of reason the opinion that the member behaved in a way that disadvantaged the club.

**7. MANAGEMENT**

- 7.1 The management of the club is Executive Committee.
- 7.2 Members of the Executive Committee serve for a period of three years. Outgoing members are voted for yearly through a majority vote at the AGM, sitting members can be re-elected.
- 7.3 The Executive Committee consists of:
1. Chairman
  2. Deputy Chairman
  3. Secretary
  4. Treasurer
- 7.4 The Executive Committee may co-opt 3 additional members with expert knowledge to serve on the Executive Comitee.

- 7.5 The AGM will appoint the chairman and the other members of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will award the positions.
- 7.6 In case of any vacancy in the Executive Committee any member can be elected by the UK to observe act until the next AGM.
- 7.7 Before a member can be elected for the Comitee, they have to declare his/her willingness.

## **8. POWERS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMITEE**

The Executive Committee has, subject to the objectives of the club and in terms of the Constitution, all power that may be exercised through the club, including to: -

- 8.1 execute all instructions of the AGM.
- 8.2 give a report relating to the past year's activities, as well as financial statements at every AGM.
- 8.3 to appoint sub committees to handle sub comitee related business
- 8.4 appoint any member to act on behalf of the club

## **8. MEETINGS**

Six Executive Committee meetings, a AGM and regular club meetings and - gatherings will be held.

- 8.1 The secretary will give at least fourteen days notice to all members of meetings
- 8.2 A quorum at the Executive Committee Meeting will be 3 members
- 8.3 Voting will be done by the raising of hands or voting ballots
- 8.4 The Chairman of the Executive Committee, or in his/her absence the Deputy Chairman, will act as Chairman at any Ececutive Committee Meeting of the club.

## **9. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)**

At the AGM the following must be discussed and considered:

- 9.1 The Chairman's yearly report
- 9.2 The yearly financial statements

9.3 Any-suggestions proposals that are made 30 days before an AGM in writing from a member

9.4 Election of members of the Executive Committee

9.5 All other matters that may be discussed and the AGM

The Agenda of the AGM will be compiled by the Executive Committee.

A quorum at an AGM will be the members present.

## **10. SPECIAL MEETINGS OF MEMBERS**

A Special Meeting of members must as soon as possible be called by the Chairman after receiving a written request by any three members of the Executive Committee or any ten members of the club. A written request must give the reasons as to why a Special Meeting must be held.

## **11. FINANCES**

11.1 Membership fees will be determined by the Executive Committee at the AGM.

11.2 Members that join during the year will pay on a pro rata basis as well as the PASA registration fees.

11.3 All money received by the club will be deposited as soon as possible.

11.4 The financial year of the club is a calendar year.

11.5 The treasurer will keep proper record of the financial affairs of the club and the books will be available at all times for inspection by any member of the Executive Committee.

11.6 Any two of the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Treasurer or Secretary may sign on behalf of the club.

11.7 The Secretary is responsible to keep all club member's information up to date at the PASA.

11.8 Yearly club fees include affiliation fees with the PASA.

11.9 Financial year statements must be signed by the Chairman, Treasurer and a member of the Executive Committee.

**12. DUTIES OF MEMBERS**

- 12.1 The financial obligation of every member is limited to the payment of such membership fees and of other amounts that they owe to the club.
- 12.2 Through acceptance of membership a member endorses the goals and targets of the club and it is expected of them to abide it.

**13. INTERPRETATION**

Should any doubt arise relating to the meaning or interpretation of this Constitution the interpretation by the Chairman and will be binding on all members.

**14. AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION**

- 14.1 The Constitution of the club may be amended if the amendments are approved by at least 2/3 of the present members at an AGM.
- 14.2 Notice of the proposed amendments to the Constitution must be made at least 30 days before the AGM to the Secretary and the details there of must be set out in the agenda of the meeting.

**15. DISSOLVEMENT**

- 15.1 The club may be dissolved through a two third majority of at least 10 present members at an AGM that is called for that specific purpose. The agenda of such a general meeting must contain- notice of the proposed dissolution.
- 15.2 Upon dissolution all money of the club must be held in a trust at the PASA for at least three years, whereafter, at the discretion of PASA, it can be handed to any other organisation that has the same interests.
- 15.3 The Executive Committee will act as liquidator after dissolution and for such reason the Executive Committee will continue existing regardless of the dissolution of the club.

This Constitution will be effective from date of signature hereof:

Chairman : \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed at \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_.

