

**THE COMPANIES ACT 2006**  
**PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE**

**ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION**  
**OF**  
**TORNADOES SPORTS EDUCATION AND LEISURE**

**Interpretation**

1 In the articles:

‘address’ means a postal address or, for the purposes of electronic communication, a fax number, an e-mail or postal address or a telephone number for receiving text messages in each case registered with the charity;

‘the articles’ means the charity’s articles of association;

‘the charity’ means the company intended to be regulated by the articles, being Tornadoes Sports Education and Leisure;

‘circulation date’ in relation to a written resolution, has the meaning given to it in the Companies Act 2006;

‘clear days’ in relation to the period of a notice means a period excluding:

- the day when the notice is given or deemed to be given; and
- the day for which it is given or on which it is to take effect;

‘the Commission’ means the Charity Commission for England and Wales;

‘Companies Acts’ means the Companies Acts (as defined in section 2 of the Companies Act 2006) insofar as they apply to the charity;

‘the directors’ means the directors of the charity. The directors are charity trustees as defined by section 177 of the Charities Act 2011;

‘document’ includes, unless otherwise specified, any document sent or supplied in electronic form;

‘electronic form’ has the meaning given in section 1168 of the Companies Act 2006;



‘the memorandum’ means the charity’s memorandum of association; ‘officers’ includes the directors and the secretary (if any);

‘the seal’ means the common seal of the charity if it has one;

‘secretary’ means any person appointed to perform the duties of the secretary of the charity;

‘the United Kingdom’ means Great Britain and Northern Ireland; and

words importing one gender shall include all genders, and the singular includes the plural and vice versa.

Unless the context otherwise requires words or expressions contained in the articles have the same meaning as in the Companies Acts but excluding any statutory modification not in force when this constitution becomes binding on the charity.

Apart from the exception mentioned in the previous paragraph a reference to an Act of Parliament includes any statutory modification or re-enactment of it for the time being in force.

#### **Liability of members**

- 2 The liability of the members is limited to a sum not exceeding £10, being the amount that each member undertakes to contribute to the assets of the charity in the event of its being wound up while he, she or it is a member or within one year after he, she or it ceases to be a member, for:
- (1) payment of the charity’s debts and liabilities incurred before he, she or it ceases to be a member;
  - (2) payment of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up; and
  - (3) adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves.

#### **Objects**

- 3 (1) The charity’s objects (‘Objects’) are restricted specifically, only for the public benefit to help and educate children, young people, and adults through activities to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities such that they may grow to maturity as individuals and members of society and that their conditions of life may be improved.
- (2) Nothing in the articles shall authorise an application of the property of the charity for purposes which are not charitable in accordance with any statutory provision regarding the meaning of the word “charitable” or the words “charitable purposes” in force in any part of the United Kingdom.

## **Powers**

- 4 The charity has power to do anything which is calculated to further its Object(s) or is conducive or incidental to doing so. In particular, the charity has power:
- (1) accept (or disclaim) any gift of money, legacy or other property;
  - (2) raise funds by way of subscription, donation or otherwise;
  - (3) trade in the course of carrying out the Objects and carry out any other trade which is not expected to give rise to taxable profits;
  - (4) establish or purchase companies to carry on any trade;
  - (5) sell, lease or otherwise dispose of all or any part of the charity's real or personal property and any and all rights of the charity, subject to such consents as may be required by law;
  - (6) borrow or raise money and to give security for money borrowed or grants or other obligations by mortgage, charge, lien or other security on the charity's property and assets, subject to such consents as may be required by law;
  - (7) lend and give credit to, take security for such loans or credit and enter into guarantees or give security for the performance of contracts by any person or company;
  - (8) buy, lease, hire or otherwise acquire and deal with any real or personal property and any rights or privileges of any kind over or in respect of any real or personal property and maintain, alter, improve, manage, develop, construct, repair or equip it for use;
  - (9) set aside funds for particular purposes or as reserves against future expenditure;
  - (10) deposit or invest funds with all the powers of a beneficial owner, but to invest only after obtaining advice from a financial expert, having regard to the suitability of investments and the need for diversification;
  - (11) delegate the management of investments to a financial expert, but only on terms that:
    - (a) the charity's investment policy is set down in writing by the directors for the financial expert;
    - (b) all transactions are reported promptly and regularly to the directors;
    - (c) investment performance is reviewed regularly with the directors;
    - (d) the delegation arrangement may be cancelled by the directors at any time;

- (e) a review of the investment policy and the delegation arrangement shall be carried out at least annually;
  - (f) all payments due to the financial expert fall within a scale or a level which is agreed in advance and are notified promptly to the directors on receipt; and
  - (g) the financial expert must not do anything outside the powers of the charity;
- (12) arrange for the investments or other property of the charity to be held in the name of a nominee (meaning a corporate body registered or having an established place of business in the United Kingdom) which is either under the control of the directors or of a financial expert acting on their instructions, and to pay any reasonable fee required;
  - (13) co-operate with other bodies and to exchange information and advice with them;
  - (14) establish or support or aid in the establishment and support of any organisation formed for objects similar to any or all of the Objects;
  - (15) enter into partnership or other arrangement with any other body with objects similar to any or all of the Objects;
  - (16) acquire, amalgamate or merge with, or undertake all or any of the property, liabilities and engagements of any body with objects similar to any or all of the Objects;
  - (17) enter into contracts to provide services to or on behalf of other bodies;
  - (18) provide or procure the provision of advice;
  - (19) publish and distribute books, pamphlets, reports, leaflets, journals, films, tapes, instructional matter and any other form of information in or on any media;
  - (20) promote, undertake and commission research, surveys, studies or other work and to disseminate the useful results;
  - (21) subject to Article 5(3)
    - (a) employ and remunerate any person or persons as necessary for the proper pursuit of the Objects; and
    - (b) make reasonable provision for the payment of pensions for employees and their dependents;
  - (22) take out such insurance policies as are necessary to protect the charity;

- (23) provide indemnity insurance for the directors or any other officer of the charity in accordance with and subject to the conditions in section 189 of the charities Act;
- (24) open and operate bank accounts and other facilities for banking and draw, accept, endorse, issue or execute promissory notes, bills of exchange, cheques and other instruments;
- (25) alone or with other organisations, seek to influence public opinion and make representations to and seek to influence governmental and other bodies and institutions regarding the reform, development and implementation of appropriate policies, legislation and regulations, provided that all such activities are confined to those permitted by law;
- (26) organise and assist in the provision of conferences, courses of instruction, exhibitions, lectures and other educational activities;
- (27) provide and assist in the provision of money, materials or other aid;
- (28) act as trustee and to undertake and execute charitable trusts;
- (29) amalgamate or merge with or acquire or undertake all or any of the property, liabilities and engagements of any body having objects similar to the Objects; and
- (30) pay out of the funds of the charity the costs incurred in connection with the formation and registration of the charity as a company and as a charity.

#### **Application of income and property**

- 5 (1) The income and property of the charity shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the Objects.
- (2) (a) A director is entitled to be reimbursed from the property of the charity or may pay out of such property reasonable expenses properly incurred by him or her when acting on behalf of the charity.
- (b) A director may benefit from trustee indemnity insurance cover purchased at the charity's expense in accordance with, and subject to the conditions in, section 189 of the Charities Act 2011.
- (c) A director may receive an indemnity from the charity in the circumstances specified in article 56.
- (d) A director may not receive any other benefit or payment unless it is authorised by article 8.
- (3) Subject to article 6, none of the income or property of the charity may be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend bonus or otherwise by way of

profit to any member of the charity. This does not prevent a member who is not also a director receiving:

- (a) a benefit from the charity in the capacity of a beneficiary of the charity;
- (b) reasonable and proper remuneration for any goods or services supplied to the charity.

### **Benefits and payments to charity directors and connected persons**

#### **6 (1) General provisions**

No director or connected person may:

- (a) buy any goods or services from the charity on terms preferential to those applicable to members of the public;
- (b) sell goods, services, or any interest in land to the charity;
- (c) be employed by, or receive any remuneration from, the charity;
- (d) receive any other financial benefit from the charity;

unless the payment is permitted by sub-clause (2) of this article, or authorised by the court or the prior written consent of the Charity Commission has been obtained.

In this article a 'financial benefit' means a benefit, direct or indirect, which is either money or has a monetary value.

#### **Scope and powers permitting directors' or connected persons' benefits**

- (2) (a) A director or connected person may receive a benefit from the charity in the capacity of a beneficiary of the charity provided that a majority of the directors do not benefit in this way.
- (b) A director or connected person may enter into a contract for the supply of services, or of goods that are supplied in connection with the provision of services, to the charity where that is permitted in accordance with, and subject to the conditions in, sections 185 and 186 of the Charities Act 2011.
- (c) Subject to sub-clause (3) of this article a director or connected person may provide the charity with goods that are not supplied in connection with services provided to the charity by the director or connected person.
- (d) A director or connected person may receive interest on money lent to the charity at a reasonable and proper rate.

- (e) A director or connected person may receive rent for premises let by the director or connected person to the charity. The amount of the rent and the other terms of the lease must be reasonable and proper. The director concerned must withdraw from any meeting at which such a proposal or the rent or other terms of the lease are under discussion.
  - (f) A director or connected person may take part in the normal trading and fundraising activities of the charity on the same terms as members of the public.
  - (g) A director or connected person may receive or retain any payment for which prior written authorisation has been obtained from the Commission.
- (3) A director's duty under the Companies Act 2006 to avoid a conflict of interest with the charity does not apply to any transaction authorised by this article.

**Payment for supply of goods only – controls**

- (4) The charity and its directors may only rely upon the authority provided by sub-clause (2)(c) of this article if each of the following conditions is satisfied:
- (a) The amount or maximum amount of the payment for the goods is set out in an agreement in writing between the charity or its directors (as the case may be) and the director or connected person supplying the goods ('the supplier') under which the supplier is to supply the goods in question to or on behalf of the charity.
  - (b) The amount or maximum amount of the payment for the goods does not exceed what is reasonable in the circumstances for the supply of the goods in question.
  - (c) The other directors are satisfied that it is in the best interests of the charity to contract with the supplier rather than with someone who is not a director or connected person. In reaching that decision the directors must balance the advantage of contracting with a director or connected person against the disadvantages of doing so.
  - (d) The supplier is absent from the part of any meeting at which there is discussion of the proposal to enter into a contract or arrangement with him or her or it with regard to the supply of goods to the charity.
  - (e) The supplier does not vote on any such matter and is not to be counted when calculating whether a quorum of directors is present at the meeting.
  - (f) The reason for their decision is recorded by the directors in the minute book.

- (g) A majority of the directors then in office are not in receipt of remuneration or payments authorised by this article.
- (5) In sub-clauses (2) and (3) of this article:
- (a) 'charity' includes any company in which the charity:
    - (i) holds more than 50% of the shares; or
    - (ii) controls more than 50% of the voting rights attached to the shares; or
    - (iii) has the right to appoint one or more directors to the board of the company.
  - (b) 'connected person' includes any person within the definition in article 61 'Interpretation'.

#### **Declaration of directors' interests**

- 7 A director must declare the nature and extent of any interest, direct or indirect, which he or she has in a proposed transaction or arrangement with the charity or in any transaction or arrangement entered into by the charity which has not previously been declared. A director must absent himself or herself from any discussions of the charity directors in which it is possible that a conflict will arise between his or her duty to act solely in the interests of the charity and any personal interest (including but not limited to any personal financial interest).

#### **Conflicts of interests and conflicts of loyalties**

- 8 (1) If a conflict of interests arises for a director because of a duty of loyalty owed to another organisation or person and the conflict is not authorised by virtue of any other provision in the articles, the unconflicted directors may authorise such a conflict of interests where the following conditions apply:
- (a) the conflicted director is absent from the part of the meeting at which there is discussion of any arrangement or transaction affecting that other organisation or person;
  - (b) the conflicted director does not vote on any such matter and is not to be counted when considering whether a quorum of directors is present at the meeting; and
  - (c) the unconflicted directors consider it is in the interests of the charity to authorise the conflict of interests in the circumstances applying.
- (2) In this article a conflict of interests arising because of a duty of loyalty owed to another organisation or person only refers to such a conflict which does not



involve a direct or indirect benefit of any nature to a director or to a connected person.

### **Members of the charity**

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- (1) The subscribers to the memorandum are the first members of the charity.
  - (2) Membership is open to other individuals or organisations who:
    - (a) apply to the charity in the form required by the directors; and
    - (b) are approved by the directors.
  - (3) The directors may in their absolute discretion accept or decline to accept any application for membership and need not give reasons for doing so.
  - (4) Membership is not transferable.
  - (5) The directors must keep a register of names and addresses of the members.

### **Classes of membership**

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- (1) The directors may establish classes of membership with different rights and obligations and shall record the rights and obligations in the register of members.
  - (2) The directors may not directly or indirectly alter the rights or obligations attached to a class of membership.
  - (3) The rights attached to a class of membership may only be varied if:
    - (a) three-quarters of the members of that class consent in writing to the variation; or
    - (b) a special resolution is passed at a separate general meeting of the members of that class agreeing to the variation.
  - (4) The provisions in the articles about general meetings shall apply to any meeting relating to the variation of the rights of any class of members.

### **Termination of membership**

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- Membership is terminated if:
- (1) the member dies or, if it is an organisation, ceases to exist;
  - (2) the member resigns by written notice to the charity unless, after the resignation, there would be less than two members;

- (3) any sum due from the member to the charity is not paid in full within six months of it falling due;
- (4) the member is removed from membership by a resolution of the directors that it is in the best interests of the charity that his or her or its membership is terminated. A resolution to remove a member from membership may only be passed if:
  - (a) the member has been given at least twenty-one days' notice in writing of the meeting of the directors at which the resolution will be proposed and the reasons why it is to be proposed;
  - (b) the member or, at the option of the member, the member's representative (who need not be a member of the charity) has been allowed to make representations to the meeting;
- (5) where the member is a director, the member ceases to be a director.

#### **General meetings**

- 12 (1) The charity must hold its first annual general meeting within eighteen months after the date of its incorporation.
- (2) An annual general meeting must be held in each subsequent year and not more than fifteen months may elapse between successive annual general meetings.
- 13 The directors may call a general meeting at any time.

#### **Notice of general meetings**

- 14 (1) The minimum periods of notice required to hold a general meeting of the charity are:
  - (a) twenty-one clear days for an annual general meeting or a general meeting called for the passing of a special resolution;
  - (b) fourteen clear days for all other general meetings.
- (2) A general meeting may be called by shorter notice if it is so agreed by a majority in number of members having a right to attend and vote at the meeting, being a majority who together hold not less than 90 percent of the total voting rights.
- (3) The notice must specify the date time and place of the meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted. If the meeting is to be an annual general meeting, the notice must say so. The notice must also contain a statement setting out the right of members to appoint a proxy under section 324 of the Companies Act 2006 and article 21.
- (4) The notice must be given to all the members and to the directors and auditors.

- 15 The proceedings at a meeting shall not be invalidated because a person who was entitled to receive notice of the meeting did not receive it because of an accidental omission by the charity.

**Proceedings at general meetings**

- 16 (1) No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum is present.

- (2) A quorum is:

- (a) four (4) members present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote upon the business to be conducted at the meeting; or
- (b) one tenth of the total membership at the time,

whichever is the greater, provided that if the total membership at the time comprises fewer than four (4) members entitled to vote upon the business to be conducted at the meeting, the quorum shall be the total membership at the time.

- (3) The authorised representative of a member organisation shall be counted in the quorum.

- 17 (1) If:

- (a) a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting; or
- (b) during a meeting a quorum ceases to be present;

the meeting shall be adjourned to such time and place as the directors shall determine.

- (2) The directors must reconvene the meeting and must give at least seven clear days' notice of the reconvened meeting stating the date, time and place of the meeting.
- (3) If no quorum is present at the reconvened meeting within fifteen minutes of the time specified for the start of the meeting the members present in person or by proxy at that time shall constitute the quorum for that meeting.

- 18 Every general meeting of the charity shall have a chair:

- (1) The chair of directors shall chair general meetings of the charity or, if the chair of directors is absent, the vice-chair of directors shall act as chair.
- (2) If neither the chair nor the vice-chair of directors is present within 15 minutes of the time appointed for the meeting, a director elected by the directors present shall chair the meeting.

- (3) If there is only one director present and willing to act, that director shall chair the meeting.
  - (4) If no director is present and willing to chair the meeting within 15 minutes of the time appointed for the meeting, the members present shall choose one of their number to chair the meeting.
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- (1) The members present in person or by proxy at a meeting may resolve by ordinary resolution that the meeting shall be adjourned.
  - (2) The person who is chairing the meeting must decide the date, time and place at which the meeting is to be reconvened unless those details are specified in the resolution.
  - (3) No business shall be conducted at a reconvened meeting unless it could properly have been conducted at the meeting had the adjournment not taken place.
  - (4) If a meeting is adjourned by a resolution of the members for more than seven days, at least seven clear days' notice shall be given of the reconvened meeting stating the date, time and place of the meeting.
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- (1) Any vote at a meeting shall be decided by a show of hands unless before, or on the declaration of the result of, the show of hands a poll is demanded:
    - (a) by the person chairing the meeting; or
    - (b) by at least two members present in person or by proxy and having the right to vote at the meeting; or
    - (c) by a member or members present in person or by proxy representing not less than one-tenth of the total voting rights of all the members having the right to vote at the meeting.
  - (2)
    - (a) The declaration by the person who is chairing the meeting of the result of a vote shall be conclusive unless a poll is demanded.
    - (b) The result of the vote must be recorded in the minutes of the charity but the number or proportion of votes cast need not be recorded.
  - (3)
    - (a) A demand for a poll may be withdrawn, before the poll is taken, but only with the consent of the person who is chairing the meeting.
    - (b) If the demand for a poll is withdrawn the demand shall not invalidate the result of a show of hands declared before the demand was made.
  - (4)
    - (a) A poll must be taken as the person who is chairing the meeting directs, who may appoint scrutineers (who need not be members) and who may fix a time and place for declaring the results of the poll.

- (b) The result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll is demanded.
- (5) (a) A poll demanded on the election of a person to chair a meeting or on a question of adjournment must be taken immediately.
- (b) A poll demanded on any other question must be taken either immediately or at such time and place as the person who is chairing the meeting directs.
- (c) The poll must be taken within 30 days after it has been demanded.
- (d) If the poll is not taken immediately at least seven clear days' notice shall be given specifying the time and place at which the poll is to be taken.
- (e) If a poll is demanded the meeting may continue to deal with any other business that may be conducted at the meeting.

#### **Content of proxy notices**

- 21 (1) Proxies may only validly be appointed by a notice in writing (a 'proxy notice') which -
- (a) states the name and address of the member appointing the proxy;
  - (b) identifies the person appointed to be that member's proxy and the general meeting in relation to which that person is appointed;
  - (c) is signed by or on behalf of the member appointing the proxy, or is authenticated in such manner as the directors may determine; and
  - (d) is delivered to the charity in accordance with the articles and any instructions contained in the notice of the general meeting to which they relate.
- (2) The charity may require proxy notices to be delivered in a particular form, and may specify different forms for different purposes.
- (3) Proxy notices may specify how the proxy appointed under them is to vote (or that the proxy is to abstain from voting) on one or more resolutions.
- (4) Unless a proxy notice indicates otherwise, it must be treated as -
- (a) allowing the person appointed under it as a proxy discretion as to how to vote on any ancillary or procedural resolutions put to the meeting; and
  - (b) appointing that person as a proxy in relation to any adjournment of the general meeting to which it relates as well as the meeting itself.

### **Delivery of proxy notices**

- 22A (1) A person who is entitled to attend, speak or vote (either on a show of hands or on a poll) at a general meeting remains so entitled in respect of that meeting or any adjournment of it, even though a valid proxy notice has been delivered to the charity by or on behalf of that person.
- (2) An appointment under a proxy notice may be revoked by delivering to the charity a notice in writing given by or on behalf of the person by whom or on whose behalf the proxy notice was given.
- (3) A notice revoking a proxy appointment only takes effect if it is delivered before the start of the meeting or adjourned meeting to which it relates.
- (4) If a proxy notice is not executed by the person appointing the proxy, it must be accompanied by written evidence of the authority of the person who executed it to execute it on the appointor's behalf.

### **Written resolutions**

- 22 (1) Subject to article 22(4), a written resolution of the members passed in accordance with this article shall have effect as if passed by the members in a general meeting. A written resolution is passed:
- (a) as an ordinary resolution if it is passed by a simple majority of the eligible members; or
- (b) as a special resolution if it is passed by members representing not less than 75% of the eligible members. A written resolution is not a special resolution unless it states that it was proposed as a special resolution.
- (2) Where a resolution is proposed as a written resolution of the charity, the eligible members are the members who would have been entitled to vote on the resolution on the circulation date of the resolution.
- (3) Any resolution of the members for which the Companies Act 2006 does not specify whether it is to be passed as an ordinary resolution or as a special resolution shall be passed as an ordinary resolution.
- (4) A members' resolution under the Companies Act 2006 removing a director or an auditor before the expiration of his term of office may not be passed as a written resolution.
- (5) A copy of the written resolution must be sent to every member together with a statement informing the member how to signify their agreement to the resolution and the date by which the resolution must be passed if it is not to lapse.

- (6) A member signifies their agreement to a proposed written resolution when the charity receives from them (or from someone acting on their behalf) an authenticated document identifying the resolution to which it relates and indicating the member's agreement to the resolution. A member's agreement to a proposed written resolution, once signified, cannot be revoked. For these purposes:
- (a) if the document is sent to the charity in hard copy form, it is authenticated if it bears the signature of the person sending it;
  - (b) if the document is sent to the charity in electronic form, it is authenticated if the identity of the sender is confirmed in a manner specified by the charity or, where no such manner has been specified by the charity, if it is accompanied by a statement of the identity of the sender and the charity has no reason to doubt the truth of that statement.
- (7) A written resolution is passed when the required majority of eligible members have signified their agreement to it. In the case of a member that is an organisation, its authorised representative may signify its agreement.
- (8) A proposed written resolution shall lapse if it is not passed within 28 days beginning with the circulation date.
- (9) Communications in relation to written resolutions shall be sent to the charity's auditors in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.
- (10) The members may require the charity to circulate a resolution that may properly be moved and is proposed to be moved as a written resolution in accordance with sections 292 and 293 of the Companies Act 2006.

#### **Votes of members**

- 23 Subject to article 10, every member, whether an individual or an organisation, shall have one vote.
- 24 Any objection to the qualification of any voter must be raised at the meeting at which the vote is tendered and the decision of the person who is chairing the meeting shall be final.
- 25 (1) Any organisation that is a member of the charity may nominate any person to act as its representative at any meeting of the charity.
- (2) The organisation must give written notice to the charity of the name of its representative. The representative shall not be entitled to represent the organisation at any meeting unless the notice has been received by the charity. The representative may continue to represent the organisation until written notice to the contrary is received by the charity.

- (3) Any notice given to the charity will be conclusive evidence that the representative is entitled to represent the organisation or that his or her authority has been revoked. The charity shall not be required to consider whether the representative has been properly appointed by the organisation.

#### **Directors**

- 26 (1) A director must be a natural person aged 16 years or older.
- (2) No one may be appointed a director if he or she would be disqualified from acting under the provisions of article 38.
- 27 The minimum number of directors shall be 3 but (unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution) shall not be subject to any maximum.
- 28 The first directors shall be those persons notified to Companies House as the first directors of the charity.
- 29 A director may not appoint an alternate director or anyone to act on his or her behalf at meetings of the directors.

#### **Powers of directors**

- 30 (1) The directors shall manage the business of the charity and may exercise all the powers of the charity unless they are subject to any restrictions imposed by the Companies Acts, the articles or any special resolution.
- (2) No alteration of the articles or any special resolution shall have retrospective effect to invalidate any prior act of the directors.
- (3) Any meeting of directors at which a quorum is present at the time the relevant decision is made may exercise all the powers exercisable by the directors.

#### **Retirement of directors**

- 31 At the first annual general meeting all the directors must retire from office unless by the close of the meeting the members have failed to elect sufficient directors to hold a quorate meeting of the directors. At each subsequent annual general meeting one-third of the directors or, if their number is not three or a multiple of three, the number nearest to one-third, must retire from office. If there is only one director he or she must retire.
- 32 (1) The directors to retire by rotation shall be those who have been longest in office since their last appointment. If any directors became or were appointed directors on the same day those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot.
- (2) If a director is required to retire at an annual general meeting by a provision of the articles the retirement shall take effect upon the conclusion of the meeting.



### **Appointment of directors**

- 33 (1) The charity may by ordinary resolution:
- (a) appoint a person who is willing to act to be a director; and
  - (b) determine the rotation in which any additional directors are to retire.
- (2) In any case where, as a result of death, the charity has no members and no directors, the personal representatives of the last member to have died have the right, by notice in writing, to appoint a person to be a director.
- 34 No person other than a director retiring by rotation may be appointed a director at any general meeting unless:
- (1) he or she is recommended for re-election by the directors; or
  - (2) not less than fourteen nor more than thirty-five clear days before the date of the meeting, the charity is given a notice that:
    - (a) is signed by a member entitled to vote at the meeting;
    - (b) states the member's intention to propose the appointment of a person as a director;
    - (c) contains the details that, if the person were to be appointed, the charity would have to file at Companies House; and
    - (d) is signed by the person who is to be proposed to show his or her willingness to be appointed.
- 35 All members who are entitled to receive notice of a general meeting must be given not less than seven nor more than twenty-eight clear days' notice of any resolution to be put to the meeting to appoint a director other than a director who is to retire by rotation.
- 36 (1) The directors may appoint a person who is willing to act to be a director.
- (2) A director appointed by a resolution of the other directors must retire at the next annual general meeting and must not be taken into account in determining the directors who are to retire by rotation.
- 37 The appointment of a director, whether by the charity in general meeting or by the other directors, must not cause the number of directors to exceed any number fixed as the maximum number of directors.

### **Disqualification and removal of directors**

38 A director shall cease to hold office if he or she:

- (1) is removed by ordinary resolution of the charity pursuant to the Companies Act 2006;
- (2) ceases to be a director by virtue of any provision in the Companies Acts or is prohibited by law from being a director;
- (3) is disqualified from acting as a trustee by virtue of sections 178 and 179 of the Charities Act 2011 (or any statutory re-enactment or modification of those provisions);
- (4) ceases to be a member of the charity;
- (5) has a bankruptcy order made against them or a composition is made with their creditors generally in satisfaction of their debts;
- (6) in the written opinion, given to the company, of a registered medical practitioner treating that person, has become physically or mentally incapable of acting as a director and may remain so for more than three months;
- (7) resigns as a director by notice to the charity (but only if at least two directors will remain in office when the notice of resignation is to take effect);
- (8) is absent without the permission of the directors from all their meetings held within a period of six consecutive months and the directors resolve that his or her office be vacated; or
- (9) is removed from office by a resolution of the directors that it is in the best interests of the charity that their office be vacated passed at a meeting at which a majority of the directors are present. Such a resolution must not be passed unless:
  - (a) the director has been given at least 14 clear days' notice in writing of the meeting of the directors at which the resolution will be proposed and the reasons why it will be proposed; and
  - (b) the director has been given a reasonable opportunity to make representations to the meeting either in person or in writing. The other directors must consider any representations made by the director (or the director's representative) and inform the director of their decision following such consideration. There shall be no right of appeal from a decision of the directors to terminate the directorship of a director.

### **Remuneration of directors**

39 The directors must not be paid any remuneration unless it is authorised by article 6.

### **Proceedings of directors**

- 40 (1) The directors may regulate their proceedings as they think fit, subject to the provisions of the articles.
- (2) Any director may call a meeting of the directors.
- (3) The secretary (if any) must call a meeting of the directors if requested to do so by a director.
- (4) Questions arising at a meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes.
- (5) In the case of an equality of votes, the person who is chairing the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.
- (6) A meeting may be held by suitable electronic means agreed by the directors in which each participant may communicate with all the other participants.
- 41 (1) No decision may be made by a meeting of the directors unless a quorum is present at the time the decision is purported to be made. 'Present' includes being present by suitable electronic means agreed by the directors in which a participant or participants may communicate with all the other participants.
- (2) The quorum shall be two or the number nearest to one-third of the total number of directors, whichever is the greater, or such larger number as may be decided from time to time by the directors.
- (3) A director shall not be counted in the quorum present when any decision is made about a matter upon which that director is not entitled to vote.
- 42 If the number of directors is less than the number fixed as the quorum, the continuing directors or director may act only for the purpose of filling vacancies or of calling a general meeting.
- 43 (1) The directors shall appoint a director to chair their meetings and may at any time revoke such appointment.
- (2) If no-one has been appointed to chair meetings of the directors or if the person appointed is unwilling to preside or is not present within 10 minutes after the time appointed for the meeting, the directors present may appoint one of their number to chair that meeting.

- (3) The person appointed to chair meetings of the directors shall have no functions or powers except those conferred by the articles or delegated to him or her by the directors.
- 44 (1) A resolution in writing or in electronic form agreed by all of the directors entitled to receive notice of a meeting of the directors and to vote upon the resolution shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the directors duly convened and held.
- (2) The resolution in writing may comprise several documents containing the text of the resolution in like form to each of which one or more directors has signified their agreement.

#### **Delegation by directors**

- 45 (1) The directors may delegate, on such terms of reference as they think fit, any of their powers or functions to any committee comprising two or more directors.
- (2) The directors may delegate the implementation of their decisions or day-to-day management of the affairs of the charity to any person or committee.
- (3) The terms of reference of a committee may include conditions imposed by the directors, including that:
- (a) the relevant powers are to be exercised exclusively by the committee to whom the directors delegate; and
  - (b) no expenditure or liability may be incurred on behalf of the charity except where approved by the directors or in accordance with a budget previously agreed by the directors.
- (4) Persons who are not directors may be appointed as members of a committee, subject to the approval of the directors.
- (5) Every committee shall act in accordance with the terms of reference on which powers or functions are delegated to it and, subject to that, committees shall follow procedures which are based as far as they are applicable on those provisions of the articles which govern the taking of decisions by directors.
- (6) The terms of any delegation to a committee shall be recorded in the minute book.
- (7) The directors may revoke or alter a delegation.
- (8) All acts and proceedings of any committee shall be fully and promptly reported to the directors.

### **Validity of directors' decisions**

46 (1) Subject to article 46(2), all acts done by a meeting of directors, or of a committee of directors, shall be valid notwithstanding the participation in any vote of a director:

- (a) who was disqualified from holding office;
- (b) who had previously retired or who had been obliged by the constitution to vacate office;
- (c) who was not entitled to vote on the matter, whether by reason of a conflict of interests or otherwise;

if without:

- (d) the vote of that director; and
- (e) that director being counted in the quorum;

the decision has been made by a majority of the directors at a quorate meeting.

(2) Article 46(1) does not permit a director or a connected person to keep any benefit that may be conferred upon him or her by a resolution of the directors or of a committee of directors if, but for article 46(1), the resolution would have been void, or if the director has not complied with article 7.

### **Seal**

47 If the charity has a seal it must only be used by the authority of the directors or of a committee of directors authorised by the directors. The directors may determine who shall sign any instrument to which the seal is affixed and unless otherwise so determined it shall be signed by a director and by the secretary (if any) or by a second director.

### **Minutes**

48 The directors must keep minutes of all:

- (1) appointments of officers made by the directors;
- (2) proceedings at meetings of the charity;
- (3) meetings of the directors and committees of directors including:
  - (a) the names of the directors present at the meeting;
  - (b) the decisions made at the meetings; and
  - (c) where appropriate the reasons for the decisions.

### **Accounts**

- 49 (1) The directors must prepare for each financial year accounts as required by the Companies Acts. The accounts must be prepared to show a true and fair view and follow accounting standards issued or adopted by the Accounting Standards Board or its successors and adhere to the recommendations of applicable Statements of Recommended Practice.
- (2) The directors must keep accounting records as required by the Companies Act 2006.

### **Annual Report and Return and Register of Charities**

- 50 (1) The directors must comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 with regard to the:
- (a) transmission of a copy of the statements of account to the Commission;
  - (b) preparation of an Annual Report and the transmission of a copy of it to the Commission; and
  - (c) preparation of an Annual Return and its transmission to the Commission.
- (2) The directors must notify the Commission promptly of any changes to the charity's entry on the Central Register of Charities.

### **Means of communication to be used**

- 51 (1) Subject to the articles, anything sent or supplied by or to the charity under the articles may be sent or supplied in any way in which the Companies Act 2006 provides for documents or information which are authorised or required by any provision of that Act to be sent or supplied by or to the charity.
- (2) Subject to the articles, any notice or document to be sent or supplied to a director in connection with the taking of decisions by directors may also be sent or supplied by the means by which that director has asked to be sent or supplied with such notices or documents for the time being.
- 52 Any notice to be given to or by any person pursuant to the articles:
- (1) must be in writing; or
  - (2) must be given in electronic form.
- 53 (1) The charity may deliver a notice or other document to a member:
- (a) by delivering it by hand to the address recorded for the member in the register of members;

- (b) by sending it by post or other delivery service in an envelope (with postage or delivery paid) to an address recorded for the member in the register of members;
  - (c) by fax to a fax number notified by the member in writing;
  - (d) by electronic mail to an address notified by the member in writing;
  - (e) by a website, the address of which shall be notified to the member in writing; or
  - (f) by advertisement in at least two national newspapers.
- (2) This article does not affect provisions in any relevant legislation or the articles requiring notices or documents to be delivered in a particular way.
- (3) If a notice or document is delivered by hand, it is treated as being delivered at the time it is handed to or left for the member.
- (4) If a notice or document is sent:
- (a) by post or other delivery service in accordance with Article 53.1(b), it is treated as being delivered:
    - (i) 24 hours after it was posted, if first class post was used; or
    - (ii) 72 hours after it was posted or given to delivery agents, if first class post was not used,

provided it can be proved conclusively that a notice or document was delivered by post or other delivery service by showing that the envelope containing the notice or document was:

    - (iii) properly addressed; and
    - (iv) put into the post system or given to delivery agents with postage or delivery paid;
  - (b) by fax, it is treated as being delivered at the time it was sent;
  - (c) by electronic mail, it is treated as being delivered at the time it was sent;
  - (d) by a website, it is treated as being delivered when the material was first made available on the website, or if later, when the recipient received (or is deemed to have received) notice of the fact that the material was available on the website.

For the purposes of this article, no account shall be taken of any part of a day that is not a business day.

- (5) If a notice is given by advertisement, it is treated as being delivered at midday on the day when the last advertisement appears in the newspapers.
- 54 A member present in person at any meeting of the charity shall be deemed to have received notice of the meeting and of the purposes for which it was called.
- 55 (1) Proof that an envelope containing a notice was properly addressed, prepaid and posted shall be conclusive evidence that the notice was given.
- (2) Proof that an electronic form of notice was given shall be conclusive where the company can demonstrate that it was properly addressed and sent, in accordance with section 1147 of the Companies Act 2006.
- (3) In accordance with section 1147 of the Companies Act 2006 notice shall be deemed to be given:
- (a) 48 hours after the envelope containing it was posted; or
- (b) in the case of an electronic form of communication, 48 hours after it was sent.

#### **Indemnity**

- 56 (1) The charity shall indemnify a relevant director against any liability incurred in that capacity, to the extent permitted by sections 232 to 234 of the Companies Act 2006.
- (2) In this article a 'relevant director' means any director or former director of the charity.
- 57 The charity may indemnify an auditor against any liability incurred by him or her or it:
- (1) in defending proceedings (whether civil or criminal) in which judgment is given in his or her or its favour or he or she or it is acquitted; or
- (2) in connection with an application under section 1157 of the Companies Act 2006 (power of Court to grant relief in case of honest and reasonable conduct) in which relief is granted to him or her or it by the Court.

#### **Rules**

- 58 (1) The directors may from time to time make such reasonable and proper rules or bye laws as they may deem necessary or expedient for the proper conduct and management of the charity.
- (2) The bye laws may regulate the following matters but are not restricted to them:
- (a) the admission of members of the charity (including the admission of organisations to membership) and the rights and privileges of such



- members, and the entrance fees, subscriptions and other fees or payments to be made by members;
- (b) the conduct of members of the charity in relation to one another, and to the charity's employees and volunteers;
  - (c) the setting aside of the whole or any part or parts of the charity's premises at any particular time or times or for any particular purpose or purposes;
  - (d) the procedure at general meetings and meetings of the directors in so far as such procedure is not regulated by the Companies Acts or by the articles;
  - (e) generally, all such matters as are commonly the subject matter of company rules.
- (3) The charity in general meeting has the power to alter, add to or repeal the rules or bye laws by special resolution.
- (4) The directors must adopt such means as they think sufficient to bring the rules and bye laws to the notice of members of the charity.
- (5) The rules or bye laws shall be binding on all members of the charity. No rule or bye law shall be inconsistent with, or shall affect or repeal anything contained in, the articles.

### **Disputes**

- 59 If a dispute arises between members of the charity about the validity or propriety of anything done by the members of the charity under these articles, and the dispute cannot be resolved by agreement, the parties to the dispute must first try in good faith to settle the dispute by mediation before resorting to litigation.

### **Dissolution**

- 60 (1) The members of the charity may at any time before, and in expectation of, its dissolution resolve that any net assets of the charity after all its debts and liabilities have been paid, or provision has been made for them, shall on or before the dissolution of the charity be applied or transferred in any of the following ways:
- (a) directly for the Objects; or
  - (b) by transfer to any charity or charities for purposes similar to the Objects;  
or
  - (c) to any charity or charities for use for particular purposes that fall within the Objects.

- (2) Subject to any such resolution of the members of the charity, the directors of the charity may at any time before and in expectation of its dissolution resolve that any net assets of the charity after all its debts and liabilities have been paid, or provision made for them, shall on or before dissolution of the charity be applied or transferred:
- (a) directly for the Objects; or
  - (b) by transfer to any charity or charities for purposes similar to the Objects; or
  - (c) to any charity or charities for use for particular purposes that fall within the Objects.
- (3) In no circumstances shall the net assets of the charity be paid to or distributed among the members of the charity (except to a member that is itself a charity) and if no resolution in accordance with article 60(1) is passed by the members or the directors the net assets of the charity shall be applied for charitable purposes as directed by the Court or the Commission.

### **Interpretation**

- 61 In article 6, sub-clause (2) of article 8 and sub-clause (2) of article 46 ‘connected person’ means:
- (1) a child, parent, grandchild, grandparent, brother or sister of the director;
  - (2) the spouse or civil partner of the director or of any person falling within sub-clause (1) above;
  - (3) a person carrying on business in partnership with the director or with any person falling within sub-clause (1) or (2) above;
  - (4) an institution which is controlled –
    - (a) by the director or any connected person falling within sub-clause (1), (2), or (3) above; or
    - (b) by two or more persons falling within sub-clause 4(a), when taken together;
  - (5) a body corporate in which –
    - (a) the director or any connected person falling within sub-clauses (1) to (3) has a substantial interest; or
    - (b) two or more persons falling within sub-clause (5)(a) who, when taken together, have a substantial interest.

Sections 350 – 352 of the Charities Act 2011 apply for the purposes of interpreting the terms used in this article.