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INTRODUCTION

The Rabbit breeders Association of Tasmania Inc. was incorporated in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act, 1964.

This book offers the Articles of Constitution and the Affiliation Regulations which deal with different aspects of the structure and work of the Association, hereafter referred to as the “Club”.

It must be remembered that it is impossible to cover every point in the work of a Club and hence the Club is governed, not only by its Articles of Constitution, Rules and Regulations, but, also by custom, ie. What has been decided in the past but has never been included in the Rules and what by usage, is “unwritten law”.

The Articles of the Constitution are the fundamental laws and conduct of the Rabbit Breeders Association of Tasmania Inc. The Articles lay down what the Club may do and how it must do it. They can only be changed by a decision of members at a General Meeting.

Articles 14.4 confers upon the Committee of Management responsibility for the proper management of the business and affairs of the Club.

The Affiliation Regulations explain how a Club can become affiliated to the R.B.A.T. Inc and the rights and privileges then awarded with such affiliation.

ARTICLES OF CONSTITUTION

1.0 NAME

- 1.1 **The name of the incorporated club is the RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION OF TASMANIA INCORPORATED.**

2.0 INTERPRETATION

- 2.1 In these articles of the constitution, unless the contrary intention appears:-
- a. "Articles" means Articles of the Constitution.
 - b. "Committee" means the Committee of management of the Club.
 - c. "Financial Year" means the year ending on 30th June.
 - d. "General Meeting" means a general meeting of members convened in accordance with Article 12.
 - e. "Member" means a member of the Club.
 - f. "Ordinary Member of the Committee" means a member of the Committee who is not an Officer of the Club under Article 14.5.
 - g. "Rules and Regulations" means rules and regulations of the Club.
 - h. "The Act" means the Associations Incorporation Act, 1964.
 - i. "The Regulations" means regulations under the Act.
 - j. Reference to the male gender also infers reference to the female gender.
- 2.2 In these Articles, a reference to the Secretary of a Club is a reference to :-

Where a person who holds office under these Articles as Secretary of the Club – to that person.

3.0 OBJECTS OF THE CLUB

- 3.1 **The objects of the Club shall be to protect, further and co-ordinate the interests of all Tasmanian Rabbit breeders, to assist and extend the exhibition of rabbits; to encourage the production, marketing and Consumption of the products of the rabbit (i.e. fur, wool and flesh) to influence, advise and co-operate with All bodies who have an interest in promoting the extension of the breeding of rabbits, and to promote and Encourage education and research of a scientific and/or practical nature.**
- 3.2 . With these objects in view, The Club will and is hereby empowered to:-
- a. Encourage and maintain the qualities of recognised breeds.
 - b. Affiliate and Register organisations having similar objects.
 - c. Supply information to members on all matters appertaining to the keeping, breeding, management and marketing of rabbits and their products.
 - d. Adopt and issue standards for approved breeds.
 - e. Frame rules governing the exhibition of rabbits and support approved shows and exhibitions by granting special prizes.
 - f. Consider and deal with charges of infringement of the Club's Articles, Rules and Regulations, and act in the enforcement thereof.
 - g. Arbitrate in cases of dispute between individual members, between affiliated bodies or between members thereof.
 - h. Grant or Register prefixes for individual members.

- i. Publish such reports as are necessary and may publish a Year Book and leaflets.
- j. Sell identification rings for rabbits and keep records of all sales, and of all transfers of rabbits duly rung with the Rabbit breeders of Tasmania Inc. approved rings of which the Club is notified.
- k. Offer Championships and other awards to members.
- l. Do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.

4.0 APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

- 4.1. Membership of the Club shall consist of Individual Members, Honorary Life Members, Juvenile Members (who shall be over five and under sixteen years of age), Life Members, Affiliated Association, Clubs and Societies, etc.; (who shall be nominated and approved for membership as provided in these Articles) and Shall be eligible to become members of the Rabbit breeders Association of Tasmania Inc. upon fulfilment of all initial and annual membership requirements.
- 4.2. A nominee who is not a member of the Rabbit Breeders Association of Tasmania Inc. at the time of the Incorporation of the Club (or was such a member at that time but has ceased to be a member) shall not be Admitted to membership:-
 - (a) Unless he is nominated as provided in sub-clause (4.3) and
 - (b) His admission as a member is approved by the Committee.
- 4.3. A nomination for membership of the Club:-
 - (a) Shall be made in writing in the form set out by the Club;
 - (b) Shall be lodged with the Secretary of the Club.
- 4.4. As soon as practicable after the receipt of the nomination, the Secretary shall refer the nomination To the Committee.
- 4.5. Upon a nomination being referred to the Committee, the Committee shall determine whether to Approve or reject the nomination.
- 4.6. Upon acceptance of the nomination, the nominee becomes a Probationary Member of the Club.
- 4.7. Upon satisfaction of the following conditions, full payment of standard renewals and the expiration of a period of 12 months from the date of the acceptance of the nomination, the Probationary Member will become a Member of the Club, at which time the Secretary shall enter the name of the Probationary Member in the Register of Members kept by him/her.
 - (a) Actively exhibiting at three (3) or more shows within the 12 month probationary period. Shows held concurrently on the same date will be taken for the purpose of this clause to be one (1) show. One or more exhibit entered in the show for competition shall be deemed to be actively exhibiting.
 - (b) Conducting themselves in a manner pursuant with the RBAT Show Rules & Regulations, RBAT Code of Ethics and RBAT Stewarding Guidelines.
 - (c) Approval by a majority vote of the committee as soon as practicable after the expiration of the 12 month period.

5.0 MEMBERSHIP

- 5.1 A right, privilege, or obligation of a member by reason of membership of the Club:-
- (a) is not capable of being transferred to another person, affiliated Association, Club or Society etc.
 - (b) Terminates upon the cessation of membership wether by death or resignation or otherwise.
- 5.2 An Adult member shall be entitled to the full rights and privileges of a member of the Club, subject to clause 32.2; Juvenile Members shall be entitled to the full rights and privileges with the exception of voting powers, subject to clause 32.2; Probationary Members shall be entitled to the full rights and privileges with the exception of voting powers, subject to clauses 32.1 and 32.2. No person shall be entitled to any benefits of membership until his/her subscription for the current year shall have been paid in full. Family membership shall entitle all members to full rights and privileges of ordinary membership.
- 5.3 A copy of the Club's Articles, Rules and Regulations shall be sent to each member. Ignorance of any Article, Rule or Regulation of which a copy has been sent to the member shall not excuse him from Being bound by that Article, Rule or Regulation.
- 5.4 Payment of a member's subscription shall be held to indicate the member's acknowledgement of, and Agreement to observe and be bound by the Articles, Rules and Regulations of the Club until the member Shall have had his name removed from the roll of members.

6.0 ENTRANCE FEE AND ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

- 6.1 The entrance fee and annual subscription shall be as laid down by the Committee at the Annual General Meeting.
- 6.2 One payment of \$350.00 shall entitle an individual member to the privileges of full membership and shall exempt him from further subscriptions.
- 6.3 The entrance fee and subscriptions in sub-clauses 6.1, 6.2, and 6.3 shall apply from 1st July until 30th of June each year.**
- 6.4 A general meeting may elect as Honorary Life Members, persons of distinction associated with the Rabbit Fancy or Industry who have rendered it important services, provided the number so elected
- 6.5 Any member whose subscription remains unpaid after 28 days from the end of the financial year of the Club, shall cease to be a member, and must pay a rejoining fee as set down by the Committee.

7.0 REGISTER OF MEMBERS

- 7.1 The Secretary shall keep and maintain a Register of Members in which shall be entered the full Name, address and date of entry of the name of each member and the register shall be available for Inspection by members at the address of the Public Officer.

8.0 RESIGNATION AND EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

- 8.1 A member of the Club who has paid all monies due and payable by him to the Club may resign From the Club by first giving one months notice in writing to the Secretary of his intent to resign, And upon the expiration of that period of notice, the member shall cease to be a member.
- 8.2 Upon the expiration of a notice given under sub-clause 8.1, the Secretary shall make in the Register of Members an entry recording the date on which the member by whom the notice was given, ceased to be a Member.
- 8.3 Subject to these Articles, the Committee may by resolution:-
- (a) Expel a member from the Club:-
 - (b) Suspend a member from membership of the Club for a specified period; or
 - (c) Fine a member in accordance with The Regulations if the Committee is of the opinion that the member:-
 - (1) Has refused or neglected to comply with these Articles, or
 - (11) has been guilty of conduct unbecoming a member or prejudicial to the interests of the Club.
- 8.4 A resolution of the Committee under sub-clause 8.3:-
- a. Does not take effect unless the committee, at a meeting held not earlier than 14 days and not later than 28 days after the service on the member of a notice under sub-clause 8.5 confirms the resolution in Accordance with the clause; and
 - b. Where the member exercises a right of appeal to the Club under this clause, does not take effect unless the Club confirms the resolution in accordance with this clause.
- 8.5 Where the Committee passes a resolution under sub-clause 8.3 the Secretary shall as soon as practicable, Cause to be served on the member a notice in writing:-
- a. Setting out the resolution of the Committee and the grounds on which it is based.
 - b. Stating that the member may address the Committee at a meeting to be held not earlier than 14 and not later than 28 days after service of the notice.
 - c. Stating the date, place and time of the meeting, lodge with the Secretary a notice to the effect that he wishes to appeal to the Club in General meeting against the resolution.
- 8.6 at a meeting of the Committee held in accordance with sub-clause 8.4, the Committee:-
- a. Shall give to the member an opportunity to be heard;
 - b. Shall give due consideration to any written statement submitted by the member; and
 - c. shall by resolution determine whether to confirm, or to revoke the resolution.
- 8.7 Where the Secretary receives a notice under sub-clause 8.5, he shall notify the Committee and the Committee shall convene a general meeting of the Club to be held within 21 days after the date on which The Secretary received the notice.
- 8.8 At a general meeting of the Club convened under sub-clause 8.7:-
- a. No business other than the question of the appeal shall be transacted:

- b. The Committee may place before the meeting details of the grounds for resolution and the reasons for the passing of the resolution;
- c. The member shall be given an opportunity to be heard; and
- d. The members present shall vote by secret ballot on the question whether the resolution, should be confirmed or revoked.

8.9 If at the general meeting:-

- a. Two thirds of the members vote in person or by proxy in favour of the confirmation of the resolution, the resolution, the resolution is confirmed; and
- b. In any other case, the resolution is revoked.

9.0 INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS

9.1 The Club shall have power by an investigation Committee appointed by the Committee to inquire into And deal with with any complaint which may be made against any person (whether he is or is not an Individual member of the Association), for:-

- a. Any act or default in regard to a rabbit; or
- b. Any matter connected with, or arising out of or relating to a rabbit show; or
- c. Any breach of Rabbit breeders Association of Tasmania Inc. Show Rules or Regulations that are promulgated from time to time.

9.2 If the Investigation Committee shall find the complaint proved (after inquiry at which that person shall Have had, if he is so requested, an opportunity, on reasonable notice given to him, to attend), the Investigation Committee shall have power, subject to that person's right to appeal to the Committee in Accordance with the Rules governing the Investigation of Complaints, to impose any or all of the Penalties as laid down in those Rules.

9.3 On hearing of an appeal from the decision of the Investigation Committee under this Rule, the Committee shall have the same powers as the Investigation Committee.

9.4 The Investigation Committee shall have power to take action against any person or persons making a Frivolous or malicious complaint listed under sub-clause 9.1.

10.0 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

10.1 Rabbit breeders Association of Tasmania Inc. shall in each calendar year convene an Annual General Meeting of its members.

10.2 The Annual General meeting shall be held on such day as the Committee determines.

10.3 The Annual General meeting shall be specified as such in the notice convening it.

10.4 The Ordinary business of the Annual general meeting shall be:-

- a. To confirm the minutes of the last preceding Annual General Meeting and of any and of any General meeting held since that meeting;
- b. To receive from the Committee reports upon the transactions of the Club during the last preceding financial year;
- c. To elect Officers of the Club and the ordinary members of the Committee.

- 10.5 The Annual General Meeting may transact special business of which notice is given in Accordance With these Articles.
- 10.6 The Annual g!General Meeting shall be in addition to any other general meetings that may be held in the Same year.

11.0 SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

- 11.1 All General Meetings other than the Annual General Meeting shall be called Special General Meetings.
- 11.2 The Committee may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a Special General Meeting of the Club and, where, But for this sub-clause, more than fifteen months would lapse between Annual General Meetings, shall Convene a Special General Meeting before the expiration of that period.
- 11.3 The Committee shall, onthe requisition in writing of members representing not less than 20 per cent of The total number of members, convene a Special General meeting of the Rabbit breeders Association Of Tasmania Inc.
- 11.4 The requisition for a Special General Meeting shall state the objects of the meeting and shall be signed By the members making the requisition and be sent to the address of the Secretary and may consist of Several documents in a like form, each signed by one or more of the members making the requisition.
- 11.5 If the Committee does not cause a Special General Meeting to be held within one month after the date on Which the requisition is sent to the address of the Secretary, the members making the requisition, or any Of them, may convene a Special General meeting to be held not later than three months after that date.
- 11.6 A Special general Meeting convened by members in pursuance of these Articles shall be convened in the Same manner as nearly as possible as that in which those meetings are convened by the Committee and All reasonable expenses incurred in convening the meeting shall be refunded by the Club to the persons Incurring the expenses.

12.0 NOTICE OF MEETING

- 12.1 The Secretary of the Rabbit Breeders Association of Tasmania Inc., shall at least 14 days before the date fixed for holding a General Meeting of the Club, cause to be sent to each Member of the Club at his postal or email address, appearing in the Register of Members, a notice stating the place, date and time of the Meeting and the nature of the business to be transacted at the Meeting.
- 12.2 No business other than that set out in the notice convening the meeting shall be transacted at the Meeting.
- 12.3 A member desiring to bring any business before a meeting may give notice of the business in writing to The Secretary, who shall include that business in the notice calling the next general meeting after the Receipt of the notice.

13.0 PROCEEDINGS AT MEETINGS

- 13.1 All business that is transacted at a Special General meeting and all business that is transacted at the Annual General Meeting with the exception of that specifically referred to in these Articles as being the Ordinary business of the Annual General Meeting, shall be deemed to be special business.
- 13.2 No item of business shall be transacted at a general meeting unless a quorum of members entitled Under these Articles to vote is present during the time when the meeting is considering that item.
- 13.3 Five per cent of the members personally present (being members entitled under these Articles to vote At a general meeting) constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a General Meeting.
- 13.4 If within half an hour of the appointed time for the commencement of a general meeting, the quorum is not Present, the meeting if convened upon the requisition of members shall be dissolved and in any other case Shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and (unless another place is Specified by the Chairman at the time of the adjournment or by written notice to members given before the Day to which the meeting is adjourned) at the same place and if at the adjourned meeting the quorum is Not present within half an hour after the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, the Members present (being not less than three) shall be a quorum.
- 13.5 The President, or in his absence, the Vice-President, shall preside as Chairman at each general meeting Of the Club.
- 13.6 If the President and the Vice-President are absent from a general meeting, the members present shall Elect one of their number to preside as Chairman at the meeting.
- 13.7 The Chairman of a general meeting at which a quorum is present may, with the consent of the meeting, Adjourn the meeting from time to time and place to place, but no business shall be transacted at an Adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting at which the adjournment took Place.
- 13.8 Where a meeting is adjourned for 14 days or more, a like notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given As in the case of the general meeting.
- 13.9 Except as provided in sub-clause 13.7 and 13.8, it is not necessary to give notice of an adjournment or The business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.
- 13.10 A question arising at a general meeting of the Club shall be determined on a show of hands a poll is Demanded, a declaration by the Chairman that the resolution has, on a show of hands, has been carried Or carried unanimously or carried by a particular majority or lost, and an entry to that effect in the Minute Book of the Club is evidence of the fact, without proof of the number or proportion of the votes received In favour of or against, that resolution.
- 13.11 Upon any question arising at a general meeting of the Club, a member has one vote only.
- 13.12 All votes shall be given personally or by proxy.

- 13.13 In the case of an equality of voting on a question the Chairman of the meeting is entitled to exercise a Second or casting vote.
- 13.14 If at a meeting a poll on any question is demanded by not less than five per cent of members present, It shall be taken at that meeting in such a manner as the Chairman may direct and the resolution of the poll Shall be deemed to be a resolution of the meeting on that question.
- 13.15 A poll that is demanded on the election of a Chairman or on a question of an adjournment shall be taken Forthwith, and a poll that is demanded on any other question shall be taken at such time before the close Of the meeting as the Chairman may direct.
- 13.16 A member is not entitled to vote at any general meeting unless all monies due and payable by him to the Club have been paid.
- 13.17 Each Member shall be entitled to appoint another member as his proxy by notice given to the Secretary no Later than 24 hours before the time of the meeting in respect of which the proxy is appointed.

14.0 COMMITTEE OF MANGEMENT

- 14.1 The affairs of the Club shall be managed by a Committee of Management constituted as provided in Article 14.9.
- 14.2 The first Committee of Management of the Club shall be elected by the members of the Rabbit Breeders Association of Tasmania Inc. at a Special General Meeting of that body, before the date of incorporation Of the Club, and shall hold office until the first Annual General Meeting of the Rabbit Breeders Association of Tasmania Inc.
- 14.3 The Committee of Management and all Committees shall have the power to co-opt experts or specialists, Not necessarily members of the Club, to assist in any matter under consideration and such persons shall Not have any voting rights.
- 14.4 The Committee:-
- a. Shall control and manage the business affairs of the Club.
 - b. May, subject to these Articles, the Regulations and the Act, exercise all such powers and functions that are required by these Articles to be exercised by the Club other than those powers and functions that are required by these Articles and:
 - c. subject to these Articles, the regulations and the Act, has power to perform all such acts and things as as appear to the Committee to be essential for the proper management of the business and affairs of the Club.
- 14.5 The Officers of the Club shall be:-
- a. President
 - b. Vice President
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Honorary Treasurer

And all four Officers shall be ex-officio members of all Committees with the exception of the Appeals Committee and the Investigation Committee and no person shall be a member of an Appeals Committee And Investigation Committee at the same time.

- 14.6 The provisions of Article 15 so far as they are applicable and within the necessary modifications, apply to And in relation to the election of persons to any of the offices mentioned in sub-clause 14.5.
- 14.7 Each Officer of the Club shall hold office until the Annual General meeting next after the date of his Election but is eligible for re-election.
- 14.8 In the event of a casual vacancy in any office referred to in sub-clause 14.5 the Committee may appoint One of its members to the vacant office and the member so appointed may continue in office up to and Including the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting next following the date of his appointment.
- 14.9 The Committee shall consist of :-
- a. The Officers of the Club; and
 - b. five Ordinary Members;
- each of whom shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Club in each year.
- 14.10 Each Ordinary member of the Committee shall, subject to these Articles, hold office until the Annual General Meeting next after the date of his election, but is eligible for re-election.
- 14.11 In the event of a casual vacancy occurring in the office of an Ordinary Member of the Committee, the Committee may appoint a member of the Club to fill the vacancy and the member so appointed shall Hold office, subject to these Articles, until the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting next following The date of his appointment.

15.0 ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND VACANCY

- 15.1 Nominations of candidates for election as Officers of the Club or as an Ordinary Member of the Committee:-
- a. Shall be made in writing, signed by two members of the Club and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of nomination); and,
 - b. Shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Club not less than seven days before the date fixed for the holding of the Annual General Meeting.
- 15.2 If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the Committee the candidates nominated Shall be deemed to be elected and further nominations shall be received at the Annual General Meeting.
- 15.3 If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons Nominated shall be deemed to be elected.
- 15.4 If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot shall be held.

- 15.5 The ballot for the election of Officers and Ordinary Members of the Committee shall be conducted at the Annual General Meeting in such usual and proper manner as the Committee may direct.
- 15.6 For the purposes of these Articles, the Office of the Officer of a Club or of an Ordinary member of the Committee becomes vacant if the Officer or Member :-
- a. ceases to be a member of the Club;
 - b. becomes an insolvent under administration within the meaning of the Companies code; or
 - c. resigns his office by notice in writing given to the Secretary.

16.0 PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEE

- 16.1 The Committee shall meet at least three times a year at each place and such times as the Committee may Determine.
- 16.2 Special Meetings of the Committee may be ordered by the President or any four members of the Committee.
- 16.3 Notice shall be given to members of the Committee of any special meeting specifying the general Nature of the business to be transacted and no other business shall be transacted at such meeting.
- 16.4 Any four members of the Committee constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of the meeting Of the Committee.
- 16.5 No business shall be transacted unless a quorum is present and if within half an hour of the time Appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same place And at the same hour of the same day in the following week unless the meeting was a special meeting In which case it lapses.
- 16.6 At the meetings of the Committee:-
- a. The President or in his absence the Vice President shall preside, or
 - b. If the President and the Vice President are absent, such one of the remaining members of the Committee as may be chosen by the members of the committee shall preside.
- 16.7 Questions arising at a meeting of the Committee or of any sub-Committee appointed by the Committee Shall be determined on a show of hands or, if demanded by a member, by a poll taken in such manner As the person presiding at the meeting may determine.
- 16.8 Each Committee member present at the meeting of the Committee or of any sub-Committee appointed By the Committee (including the person presiding at the meeting) is entitled to one vote and, in the Event of an equality of votes on any question, the person presiding may exercise a second or casting vote.
- 16.9 Written notice of each Committee meeting shall be served on each member of the Committee by delivering It to him at a reasonable time before the meeting or by sending it by pre-paid post addressed to him at his Usual or last known place of abode at least five business days before the date of the meeting.

16.10 Subject to sub-clause 16.4 the Committee may act notwithstanding any vacancy on the Committee.

17.0 SECRETARY

17.1 The Secretary of the Club shall keep minutes of the resolutions and proceedings of each General Meeting and each Committee meeting in books provided for that purpose together with a record Of the names of persons present at Committee Meetings.

18.0 HONORARY TREASURER

18.1 The Honorary Treasurer of the Club;

- a. shall collect and receive all monies due to the club and make all payments authorised by the Club; and
- b. shall keep correct accounts and books showing the financial affairs of the Club with full details of all receipts and expenditure connected with activities of the Club.

18.2 The accounts and books referred to in sub-clause 18.1 shall be available for inspection by members.

19.0 REMOVAL OF MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE

19.1 The Club in General Meeting may by resolution remove any member of the Committee before the Expiration of his term of office and appoint another member in his stead to hold office until the expiration of the term of the first mentioned member.

19.2 Where the member to whom a proposed resolution referred to in sub-clause 19.1 and makes Representations in writing to the Secretary or President of the Club (not exceeding a reasonable Length of time) and requests that they be notified to the members of the Club, the Secretary, or the President may send a copy of the representations to each member of the Club or, if they are not Sent, the member may require that they be read out at the meeting.

20.0 CHEQUES

20.1 All Cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments shall be signed by the Honorary Treasurer or one additional Committee Member if and when the Committee see fit.

21.0 COMMON SEAL

21.1 The Common Seal of the Club shall be kept in the custody of the President. The seal shall not be used Or affixed to any deed or other document except pursuant to the resolution of the Committee and in the Presence of the President and two members of the Committee both of whom shall subscribe their Names as witnesses.

22.0 ALTERATIONS OF ARTICLES AND OBJECTS OF THE CLUB

- 22.1 This Constitution may be amended from time to time by a resolution carried by a two thirds majority at Annual or General Meetings.
- 22.2 One months notice of motion, giving particulars of the proposed amendment, shall be given to the secretary.

23.0 NOTICES

- 23.1 A Notice may be served by or on behalf of the Club upon any member, either personally, by email or by sending it by post to the member at his address shown in the Register of Members.
- 23.2 Where a document is properly addressed, prepaid and posted or emailed to a person as a letter, the document shall, unless to contrary is proved, be deemed to have been given to the person at the time at which the letter would have been delivered in the ordinary course of Transmission or post.

24.0 BREED STANDARDS

- 24.1 The Club shall issue a quinquennial publication of the Standards for Approved Breeds should there be any Alterations during the five years between publications, then the alteration shall only be effective from the date of the next publication.

25.0 WINDING UP OR CANCELLATION

- 25.1 The Club may be dissolved or wound up by a resolution at any General meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for such purpose. If upon the dissolution or winding up the Club there remains, after the Satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to, Transferred or distributed amongst the members of the Club. It shall be given to some other association, Institution or body having objects similar wholly or in part to the objects of the Club, provided that the Association, Institution or body shall prohibit the distribution of its income and property amongst its Members, or it shall be paid to or transferred to some charitable object, which association, institution, Body or object shall be determined by the members of the association at or before the time of dissolution Or winding up. In default of any such resolution such payment, transfer or distribution shall be determined By a Judge of the District Court.

26.0 CUSTODY OF RECORDS

- 26.1 Except as otherwise provided in these Articles, the Secretary shall keep in his custody or under his control All books, documents and securities of the Rabbit breeders Association of Tasmania Inc..

27.0 FUNDS

- 27.1 The funds of the Club shall be derived from entrance fees, annual subscriptions, donations and such other sources as the Committee determines.

28.0 INDEMNITY

- 28.1 The President, Vice President, Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and any other Officer for the Being of the Club, Management Committee or any other Committee shall be indemnified Out of the General Funds of the Club, so long as and so far as the Funds of the Club shall Permit against costs, damages and expenses in respect of any matter, deed, act, step or thing Done, taken, made or omitted by such President, Vice President, Honorary Treasurer, or other Officer in accordance with the decision or on the instruction or the request of or at any time Given by the Management Committee or other Committee of the Club acting on behalf of the Club and so far as such costs, damages and expenses are occasioned by the proper and Complete adherence to or compliance with the decision or instruction or request of the Management Committee or any other Committee of the Club provided that notice of any Claims for costs, damages and expenses made against such President, Vice President, Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, or other Officer and full information and every possible Assistance is made or given to the Club by the Officer or Officers against whom a claim has Arisen, and reimbursement out of such Funds shall be made within six calendar months of Such President, Vice President, Secretary, Honorary Treasurer or other Officer, placing before The Management Committee due proof of the losses, damage or expense incurred, suffered, Borne or given by or against him.

29.0 NON-PROFIT

- 29.1 The income and property of the Club shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the Objects Of the Club. No portion of the income or property shall be paid, transferred or distributed directly or Indirectly to the members of the Club or to any person other than a member, in return for services Rendered to the Club.

30.0 INTERPRETATION OF ARTICLES,RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 30.1 Should any question arise as to the interpretation of the Articles of Constitution, the Rule and Regulations of the Club (other than the Regulations under the Act), the matter shall be referred to The Management Committee, whose decision shall be binding on all parties.

31.0 AUDITOR

- 31.1 An Auditor shall be appointed by the Members at the Annual General Meeting.
- 31.2 The fee of an Auditor shall be payable exclusively out of revenue of the R.B.A.T. Inc.
- 31.3 An Auditor appointed shall not be a member of the R.B.A.T.Inc.
- 31.4 The statement of accounts for the Rabbit Breeders Association of Tasmania Inc. shall be Submitted at the Annual General Meeting audited by the Auditor.

32.0 RINGS AND TATTOOS

- 32.1 Upon acceptance as a probationary member, the probationary member will be entitled to the purchase of five (5) rings and /or tattoos for the breed(s) of their choosing.
- 32.2 Members, Probationary Members and Juvenile Members will be entitled to the purchase of rings and/or tattoos subject to satisfying at least one (1) of the following conditions
- (a) Actively exhibiting in at least three shows in the 12 months preceding the date of the request for the acquisition of the rings and/or tattoos to the ring registrar. Shows held concurrently on the same date will be taken for the purpose of this clause to be one (1) show. One or more exhibit entered in the show for competition shall be deemed to be actively exhibiting.
- (b) At the discretion of the RBAT committee in the event of extenuating circumstances including, but not limited to, ill health or quarantine status.

AFFILIATION REGULATIONS

These regulations were approved by the Committee of Management of the Rabbit breeders Association of Tasmania Inc. on the 27th August 1993 and the effective date of operation is 27th August 1993.

1.0 ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1 All Clubs and Societies etc., (whether general, local or special agricultural societies or authorities), Including rabbits in their operations, are eligible for affiliation subject to the special rules of affiliation being Being fulfilled.

2.0 BENEFITS OF AFFILIATION

- 2.1 All Affiliated/associations, Clubs and Societies etc., shall retain freedom of action and be at liberty to Carry through any programme within their own sphere as they deem desirable or which may be most Suited to their particular locality, except that all organisations affiliated to the Rabbit breeders Association Of Tasmania Inc. must hold their rabbit shows under R.B.A.T. Inc. Show Rules.

3.0 APPLICATION FOR AFFILIATION

- 3.1. Application for affiliation must be accompanied by a copy of the Rules of the body applying for affiliation Applying for affiliation and the names and addresses of the President/Chairman and Secretary.

4.0 APPROVAL FOR APPLICATION OF AFFILIATION

- 4.1 The approval of such application for affiliation of all organisations shall be at the discretion of the Committee of Management of R.B.A.T.Inc. The benefits of affiliation shall be limited to the Organisation as an entity only.

5.0 ENTRANCE FEE AND ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

- 5.1 The Entrance fee and Annual Subscription for affiliated organisations form part of the Articles Constitution and are as promulgated from time to time.
- 5.2 The annual subscriptions are due and payable on the 1st day of July in each year and any affiliated Organisation whose subscription remains unpaid on the 31st day of July in any year shall cease to be A member.

6.0 WITHDRAWAL FROM AFFILIATION

- 6.1 Notice of wish to withdraw from affiliation must be given to the Secretary of the Rabbit Breeders Association of Tasmania Inc. prior to the 1st July in any year, otherwise the subscription for the Ensuing year will be due and claimed.

7.0 SUPPORT OF ACTION TAKEN AGAINST OFFENDERS

- 7.1 The suspension of prohibition of or penalties imposed on any person for offences Against the law and morality of rabbit keeping, by any affiliated organisation, shall Be recognised by the Rabbit breeders Association of Tasmania Inc. provided always that The case should have been first duly reported to and approved by the R.B.A.T. Inc. Affiliated organisations will recognise suspensions or inhibitions or other penalties imposed By the Rabbit breeders Association of Tasmania Inc.

8.0 PRIVILEGES OF AFFILIATED ORGANISATIONS

- 8.1 The benefits of affiliation which are limited to the affiliated body as an entity only, include :-
- a. Advice to the affiliated organisations on all matters relating to club management and technical matters,etc.
 - b. The appointment of a scrutineer to conduct ballots.
 - c. Special prizes, as may be determined from time to time, together with the ability to claim show support offered by the Rabbit breeders Association of Tasmania Inc.
 - d. Assistance with demonstration and publicity material for exhibitions and from District Advisors.
 - e. Arbitration
 - f. Any other rights or privileges, which may be introduced from time to time. offered to Rabbit Breeders Association of Tasmania Incorporated by Corporate Affairs as a result of their incorporation.

9.0 CANCELLATION OF AFFILIATION

- 9.1 The Rabbit Breeders Association of Tasmania Inc. shall have the power shall have the power at any time to sever the Clubs connection with an affiliated organisation, without assigning a reason for doing so.