



RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION

RHODESIAN RIDGEBACK CLUB OF VICTORIA

As required by:

**ASSOCIATIONS
INCORPORATION
ACT (1981)**

1. *Name*

The name of the incorporated association is the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Victoria (Incorporated) (In these rules called "The Club")

2. *Definitions*

(1) In these Rules, unless the contrary intention appears-

"Act" means the **Associations Incorporation Act 1981**.

"Application for Membership", includes application for re-admission to membership.

"By-Laws", means the By-Laws in force for the time being of the Club as approved by the Committee of the Victorian Canine Association and shall form part of and be deemed to be incorporated in the Rules of the Club.

"Code of Ethics", means the standards adopted by the members of the Club directing owners and breeders in the keeping and breeding of Rhodesian Ridgebacks.

"Committee" means the committee of management of the Club.

"Dual member", means one of any two members of the one family resident at the same address or one of any two of the persons who are partners in the conduct of a Kennel having a kennel prefix in their joint names registered with the Canine Association who has been admitted with the other of such persons as a dual member of the Club.

"Exhibition", includes a Canine Show, Canine Exhibition, Canine Parade, Gundog Trials and Tests, Canine Competition, Display, Obedience Trials and Tracking Trials, Non-Slip Retrieving Trials, Contest, Match or similar events.

"Financial year" means the year ending on 31st August.

"General meeting" means a general meeting of members convened in accordance with rule 12.

"Honorary member", means a person, who upon the recommendation of the Committee or upon a written nomination signed by not less than five members is elected by a resolution passed in General Meeting by a majority of not less than three-fourths of the members voting in person thereat as an Honorary member for such period as may be so determined and who in the opinion of such meeting has rendered outstanding services to the Canine Fancy or to the Club or for other good and sufficient reason and who need not comply with the provisions of Clause 4 (1) and shall in addition have the rights and privileges of a financial member, but shall not be entitled to vote at General Meetings or hold office, unless a majority of members otherwise decides.

"Junior member", means a person under the age of sixteen years who has been admitted as a member of the Club and who shall not be entitled to hold office or to vote at a General Meeting of the Affiliate but shall otherwise be entitled to enjoy all other privileges of membership.

"Life member", means a member who has been admitted to the Club as a member for life, whether upon payment of a subscription or without payment of a subscription as may be determined by the members from time to time.

"Member" means a member of the Club.

"Ordinary member of the committee" means a member of the committee who is not an officer of the Club under Rule 24.

"Period of membership", in relation to a member, denotes the twelve months terminating at midnight on the 31st day of August each year for which such member is for the time being elected or admitted to membership of the club or such portion of that term during which his membership continues.

"Registered", means breeds and breed varieties of dogs for which a separate register is kept by the Victorian Canine Association as specifically referred to in either case in the Rules of the Club.

"Regulations" means regulations under the Act.

"Relevant documents" has the same meaning as in the Act.

"V.C.A.", means The Victorian Canine Association (Incorporated).

(2) In these Rules, a reference to the Secretary of a Club is a reference--

- (a) if a person holds office under these Rules as Secretary of the Club--to that person; and
- (b) in any other case, to the public officer of the Club.

3. *Alteration of the rules*

These Rules and the statement of purposes of the Club must not be altered except in accordance with the Act.

4. *Membership, entry fees and subscription*

(1) A person who applies and is approved for membership as provided in these Rules is eligible to be a member of the Club on payment of the entrance fee and annual subscription payable under these Rules.

(2) A person who is not a member of the Club at the time of the incorporation of the Club (or who was a member at that time but has ceased to be a member) must not be admitted to membership unless-

- (a) he or she applies for membership in accordance with sub-rule (3); and
- (b) the admission as a member is approved by the committee.

(3) An application of a person for membership of the Club must-

- (a) be made in writing in such a form as the Committee may from time to time prescribe and shall be signed by the applicant (and the nominee and seconder where the form so provides)

- (b) be lodged with the Secretary of the Club.
- (4) As soon as practicable after the receipt of an application, the Secretary must refer the application to the committee.
- (5) The committee must determine whether to approve or reject the application.
- (a) Any person applying for Membership or Renewal of Membership who has been proven to have breached 'The Code of Ethics' or Constitution, brought dishonour or caused a financial loss to the Club will have their Membership or Renewal Membership presented at the next Special General Meeting or Annual General Meeting, whichever falls first, to be voted on by the general Members to either accept or reject such application.
- (6) If the committee approves an application for membership, and payment is received the Secretary or a nominated Committee member must, as soon as practicable notify the applicant in writing of the approval for membership.
- (7) The Secretary must, within 28 days after receipt of the amounts referred to in sub-rule (6), enter the applicant's name in the register of members.
- (8) An applicant for membership becomes a member and is entitled to exercise the rights of membership when his or her name is entered in the register of members.
- (9) If the committee rejects an application, the committee must, as soon as practicable, notify the applicant in writing that the application has been rejected.
- (10) A right, privilege, or obligation of a person by reason of membership of the Club-
- (a) is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another person; and
 - (b) terminates upon the cessation of membership whether by death or resignation or otherwise.
- (11) A member may, within thirty days after the end of the Club's financial year, make application to the Club for re-admission as a member to his category of membership upon payment of his annual subscription and shall be deemed for all purposes to have been re-admitted as such a member, otherwise the appropriate joining fee will apply.
- (12) A member, upon election to any category of membership, shall strictly observe and act in conformity with and not otherwise than in accordance with the Act, Rules, By-Laws and Code of Ethics of the Club and the Constitution and Rules and Regulations of the V.C.A. in so far as they shall relate to him and will uphold the honour of, and use his best endeavours to further the objects of the Club.

5. *Annual Subscription and Joining Fee*

Subject to notice of motion first being given by Resolution of the Committee, the members in General Meeting at any time and from time to time may fix the amount of the annual subscription payable by each category of membership and may in like manner determine that a membership joining fee shall be paid and the amount thereof (see By-Law).

6. *Register of members*

- (1) The Secretary must keep and maintain a register of members containing-
 - (a) the name and address of each member
- (2) The register is available for inspection free of charge by any member upon request.
- (3) A member may make a copy of entries in the register.

7. *Classification of Members*

Membership of the Club may be divided into the following categories (see By-Laws)

- (1) Member (Ordinary)
- (2) Dual Member
- (3) Life Member
- (4) Honorary Member
- (5) Junior Member
- (6) Any other class of Member

and every person admitted and/or elected to membership shall be and be deemed for all purposes to have agreed to be bound by the Constitution and Rules and Regulations of the V.C.A. in so far as they shall relate to him and the Act, Rules, By-Laws and Code of Ethics of the Club respectively for the time being in force.

8. *Privileges of Membership*

- (1) Subject to the restrictions and limitation prescribed by or pursuant to the Act, Rules and By-Laws of the Club, the privileges of a member shall be:
 - (a) the right to attend and vote at all General Meetings of the Club; subject to the conditions of Clause 19 (6) and 19 (7);
 - (b) to submit himself as a candidate for any Office of the Club and /or Committee subject to the conditions of Clause 19 (6) and 19 (7);
 - (c) to receive any publication issued by the Club, upon the payment of the prescribed fee, (if any);
 - (d) to compete for prizes (including trophies) available for members of the Club when exhibiting or competing at any exhibition conducted by the Club, complying with the Rules and paying the prescribed fee (if any).
 - (e) to use the Ridgeback Referral Service, complying with the Rules and guidelines in force and paying the prescribed fee .
 - (f) to use the Tattoo Service, complying with the Rules and guidelines in force and paying the prescribed fee.
 - (g) to apply for New Champion, Obedience title, Agility title, E.T. title and Racing title, etc sashes, complying with the Rules and guidelines in force and paying the prescribed fee.
- (2) A junior member shall be entitled to take part in the proceedings of a General Meeting but shall not be eligible to vote and shall not be eligible to hold office as an Office Bearer or an ordinary member of the Committee, but shall be entitled to exercise all other privileges of membership.

9. *Ceasing membership*

- (1) A member of the Club who has paid all moneys due and payable by a member to the Club may resign from the Club by giving one month's notice in writing to the Secretary of his or her intention to resign.

- (2) After the expiry of the period referred to in sub-rule (1)--
 - (a) the member ceases to be a member; and
 - (b) the Secretary must record in the register of members the date on which the member ceased to be a member.

10. Discipline, suspension and expulsion of members

- (1) Subject to these Rules, if the committee is of the opinion that a member has refused or neglected to comply with these Rules, or has been guilty of conduct unbecoming a member or prejudicial to the interests of the Club, the committee may by resolution--
 - (a) fine that member an amount not exceeding \$500; or
 - (b) suspend that member from membership of the Club for a specified period; or
 - (c) expel that member from the Club.
- (2) A resolution of the committee under sub-rule (1) does not take effect unless--
 - (a) at a meeting held in accordance with sub-rule (3), the committee confirms the resolution; and
 - (b) if the member exercises a right of appeal to the Club under this rule, the Club confirms the resolution in accordance with this rule.
- (3) A meeting of the committee to confirm or revoke a resolution passed under sub-rule (1) must be held not earlier than 14 days, and not later than 28 days, after notice has been given to the member in accordance with sub-rule (4).
- (4) For the purposes of giving notice in accordance with sub-rule (3), the Secretary must, as soon as practicable, cause to be given to the member a written notice--
 - (a) setting out the resolution of the committee and the grounds on which it is based; and
 - (b) stating that the member, or his or her representative, may address the committee at a meeting to be held not earlier than 14 days and not later than 28 days after the notice has been given to that member; and
 - (c) stating the date, place and time of that meeting; and
 - (d) informing the member that he or she may do one or both of the following--
 - (i) attend that meeting;
 - (ii) give to the committee before the date of that meeting a written statement seeking the revocation of the resolution;
 - (e) informing the member that, if at that meeting, the committee confirms the resolution, he or she may, not later than 48 hours after that meeting, give the Secretary a notice to the effect that he or she wishes to appeal to the Club in general meeting against the resolution.
- (5) At a meeting of the committee to confirm or revoke a resolution passed under sub-rule (1), the committee must--
 - (a) give the member, or his or her representative, an opportunity to be heard; and
 - (b) give due consideration to any written statement submitted by the member; and
 - (c) determine by resolution whether to confirm or to revoke the resolution.
- (6) If at the meeting of the committee, the committee confirms the resolution, the member may, not later than 48 hours after that meeting, give the Secretary a notice to the effect that he or she wishes to appeal to the Club in general meeting against the resolution.
- (7) If the Secretary receives a notice under sub-rule (6), he or she must notify the committee and the committee must convene a general meeting of the Club to be held within 21 days after the date on which the Secretary received the notice.

- (8) At a general meeting of the Club convened under sub-rule (7)--
- (a) no business other than the question of the appeal may be conducted; and
 - (b) the committee may place before the meeting details of the grounds for the resolution and the reasons for the passing of the resolution; and
 - (c) the member, or his or her representative, must be given an opportunity to be heard; and
 - (d) the members present must vote by secret ballot on the question whether the resolution should be confirmed or revoked.
- (9) A resolution under Rule 10 is confirmed if, at the general meeting, not less than two-thirds of the members vote in person in favour of the resolution. In any other case, the resolution is revoked.

11. *Disputes and mediation*

- (1) The grievance procedure set out in this rule applies to disputes under these Rules between-
- (a) a member and another member; or
 - (b) a member and the Club.
- (2) The parties to the dispute must meet and discuss the matter in dispute, and, if possible, resolve the dispute within 14 days after the dispute comes to the attention of all of the parties.
- (3) If the parties are unable to resolve the dispute at the meeting, or if a party fails to attend that meeting, then the parties must, within 10 days, hold a meeting in the presence of a mediator.
- (4) The mediator must be-
- (a) a person chosen by agreement between the parties; or
 - (b) in the absence of agreement-
 - (i) in the case of a dispute between a member and another member, a person appointed by the committee of the Club; or
 - (ii) in the case of a dispute between a member and the Club, a person who is a mediator appointed or employed by the Dispute Settlement Centre of Victoria (Department of Justice).
- (5) A member of the Club can be a mediator.
- (6) The mediator cannot be a member who is a party to the dispute.
- (7) The parties to the dispute must, in good faith, attempt to settle the dispute by mediation.
- (8) The mediator, in conducting the mediation, must--
- (a) give the parties to the mediation process every opportunity to be heard; and
 - (b) allow due consideration by all parties of any written statement submitted by any party; and
 - (c) ensure that natural justice is accorded to the parties to the dispute throughout the mediation process.
- (9) The mediator must not determine the dispute.
- (10) If the mediation process does not result in the dispute being resolved, the parties may seek to resolve the dispute in accordance with the Act or otherwise at law.

12. Annual general meetings

- (1) The committee may determine the date, time and place of the annual general meeting of the Club.
- (2) The notice convening the annual general meeting must specify that the meeting is an annual general meeting.
- (3) The ordinary business of the annual general meeting shall be-
 - (a) to confirm the minutes of the previous annual general meeting and of any general meeting held since that meeting; and
 - (b) to receive from the committee reports upon the transactions of the Club during the last preceding financial year; and
 - (c) to elect officers of the Club and the ordinary members of the committee; and
 - (d) to receive and consider the statement submitted by the Club in accordance with section 30(3) of the Act.
- (4) The annual general meeting may conduct any special business of which notice has been given in accordance with these Rules.
- (5) People wishing to vote at the annual general meeting for Office-Bearers and Committee must be financial members of their Kennel controlling body and the Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Vic. Inc.

13. Special general meetings

- (1) In addition to the annual general meeting, any other general meetings may be held in the same year.
- (2) All general meetings other than the annual general meeting are special general meetings.
- (3) The committee may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a special general meeting of the Club.
- (4) If, but for this sub-rule, more than 15 months would elapse between annual general meetings, the committee must convene a special general meeting before the expiration of that period.
- (5) The committee must, on the request in writing of members representing not less than 5 per cent of the total number of members, convene a special general meeting of the Club.
- (6) The request for a special general meeting must--
 - (a) state the objects of the meeting; and
 - (b) be signed by the members requesting the meeting; and
 - (c) be sent to the address of the Secretary.
- (7) If the committee does not cause a special general meeting to be held within one month after the date on which the request is sent to the address of the Secretary, the members making the request, or any of them, may convene a special general meeting to be held not later than 3 months after that date.
- (8) If a special general meeting is convened by members in accordance with this rule, it must be convened in the same manner so far as possible as a meeting convened by the committee

and all reasonable expenses incurred in convening the special general meeting must be refunded by the Club to the persons incurring the expenses.

14. *Special business*

All business that is conducted at a special general meeting and all business that is conducted at the annual general meeting, except for business conducted under the rules as ordinary business of the annual general meeting, is deemed to be special business.

15. *Notice of general meetings*

(1) The Secretary of the Club, at least 14 days, or if a special resolution has been proposed at least 21 days, before the date fixed for holding a general meeting of the Club, must cause to be sent to each member of the Club, a notice stating the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business to be conducted at the meeting.

(2) Notice may be sent--

- (a) by prepaid post to the address appearing in the register of members; or
- (b) if the member requests, by facsimile transmission or electronic transmission.

(3) No business other than that set out in the notice convening the meeting may be conducted at the meeting.

(4) A member intending to bring any business before a meeting may notify in writing, or by electronic transmission, the Secretary of that business, who must include that business in the notice calling the next general meeting.

16. *Quorum at general meetings*

(1) No item of business may be conducted at a general meeting unless a quorum of members entitled under these Rules to vote is present at the time when the meeting is considering that item.

(2) Five members personally present (being members entitled under these Rules to vote at a general meeting) constitute a quorum for the conduct of the business of a general meeting.

(3) If, within half an hour after the appointed time for the commencement of a general meeting, a quorum is not present--

- (i) in the case of a meeting convened upon the request of members--the meeting must be dissolved; and
- (ii) in any other case--the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and (unless another place is specified by the Chairperson 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.

(4) 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 personally present (being not less than 3) shall be a quorum.

17. Presiding at general meetings

- (1) The President, or in the President's absence, the Vice-President, shall preside as Chairperson at each general meeting of the Club.
- (2) If the President and the Vice-President are absent from a general meeting, or are unable to preside, the members present must select one of their number to preside as Chairperson.

18. Adjournment of meetings

- (1) The person presiding may, with the consent of a majority of members present at the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and place to place.
- (2) No business may be conducted at an adjourned meeting other than the unfinished business from the meeting that was adjourned.
- (3) If a meeting is adjourned for 14 days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting must be given in accordance with rule 15.
- (4) Except as provided in sub-rule (3), it is not necessary to give notice of an adjournment or of the business to be conducted at an adjourned meeting.

19. Voting at general meetings

- (1) Upon any question arising at a general meeting of the Club, a member has one vote only.
- (2) All votes must be given personally.
- (3) In the case of an equality of voting on a question, the Chairperson of the meeting is entitled to exercise a second or casting vote.
- (4) A member is not entitled to vote at a general meeting unless all moneys due and payable by the member to the Club have been paid, including the amount of the annual subscription payable in respect of the current financial year.
- (5) At meetings of members or of the Committee or of a Sub-Committee the mode of voting shall in the first instance be by a show of hands, or if required by two members by an actual division or by ballot and the Chairman shall have an ordinary and in the case of equality also a casting vote and all questions shall be decided by the majority of votes of the members voting in person at any such meeting provided that on a resolution relating to the election of the Office Bearers or of the members of the Committee or relating to the expulsion of members, the foregoing shall not apply and in lieu thereof votes shall be taken in accordance with the relevant Clause of the Rules.
- (6) Every member who was a financial member of the Club for not less than three months of the financial year preceding the Annual General Meeting and is currently a financial member shall be entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting and shall be eligible to nominate or be nominated as an Office Bearer or member of the Committee. Unless the Club's By-Laws provide otherwise a member may be nominated for and hold more than one position on the Committee.

(7) No person becoming a member between the closing date of the financial year preceding the Annual General Meeting and the date of the Annual General Meeting, shall be eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting, nominate, or be nominated as a Office Bearer or member of the Committee.

(8) In all matters not covered by these Rules the Rules of common debate shall apply provided always that the best interests of the general members of the Club be served and general member have the right to vote in favour or against any Committee decision.

20. Poll at general meetings

(1) If at a meeting a poll on any question is demanded by not less than 3 members, it must be taken at that meeting in such manner as the Chairperson may direct and the resolution of the poll shall be deemed to be a resolution of the meeting on that question.

(2) A poll that is demanded on the election of a Chairperson or on a question of an adjournment must be taken immediately and a poll that is demanded on any other question must be taken at such time before the close of the meeting as the Chairperson may direct.

21. Manner of determining whether resolution carried

If a question arising at a general meeting of the Club is determined on a show of hands-

(a) a declaration by the Chairperson that a resolution has been-

- (i) carried; or
- (ii) carried unanimously; or
- (iii) carried by a particular majority; or
- (iv) lost; and

(b) 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 recorded in favour of, or against, that resolution.

22. Proxies

(1) Representation by proxy including voting by proxy is expressly excluded.

23. Committee of Management

(1) The affairs of the Club shall be managed by the committee of management.

(2) The committee--

- (a) shall control and manage the business and affairs of the Club; and
- (b) may, subject to these Rules, the Act and the Regulations, exercise all such powers and functions as may be exercised by the Club other than those powers and functions that are required by these Rules to be exercised by general meetings of the members of the Club; and
- (c) subject to these Rules, the Act and the Regulations, has power to perform all such acts and things as appear to the committee to be essential for the proper management of the business and affairs of the Club.

(3) Subject to section 26 of the Act, the committee shall consist of--

- (a) the officers of the Club; and

- (b) up to nine ordinary members--
each of whom shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the Club in each year.

24. *Office holders*

- (1) The officers of the Club shall be--
 - (a) a President;
 - (b) a Vice-President;
 - (c) a Treasurer;
 - (d) a Secretary; and
 - (e) a Show Secretary
- (2) The provisions of rule 26, so far as they are applicable and with the necessary modifications, apply to and in relation to the election of persons to any of the offices referred to in sub-rule (1).
- (3) Each officer of the Club shall hold office until the annual general meeting next after the date of his or her election but is eligible for re-election.
- (4) In the event of a casual vacancy in any office referred to in sub-rule (1), the committee may appoint one of its members to the vacant office and the member appointed may continue in office up to and including the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of the appointment.

25. *Ordinary members of the committee*

- (1) Subject to these Rules, each ordinary member of the committee shall hold office until the annual general meeting next after the date of election but is eligible for re-election.
- (2) 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 appointed shall hold office, subject to these Rules, until the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of the appointment.

26. *Election of officers and ordinary committee members*

- (1) Nominations of candidates for election as officers of the Club or as ordinary members of the committee must be--
 - (a) 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) delivered to the Secretary of the Club not less than 7 days before the date fixed for the holding of the annual general meeting.
- (2) A candidate may only be nominated for one office, or as an ordinary member of the committee, prior to the annual general meeting.
- (3) If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the committee, the candidates nominated shall be deemed to be elected and further nominations may be received at the annual general meeting.

(4) 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.

(5) If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot must be held.

27. Vacancies

The office of an officer of the 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; or
- (b) becomes an insolvent under administration within the meaning of the Corporations Law; or
- (c) resigns from office by notice in writing given to the Secretary.
- (d) if as a member of the V.C.A. he is disqualified or suspended by the V.C.A. whilst the Club remains an affiliate of the V.C.A.

28. Meetings of the committee

(1) The committee must meet at least 3 times in each year at such place and such times as the committee may determine.

(2) Special meetings of the committee may be convened by the President or by any 4 members of the committee.

29. Notice of committee meetings

(1) Written notice of each committee meeting must be given to each member of the committee at least 2 business days before the date of the meeting.

(2) Written notice must be given to members of the committee of any special meeting specifying the general nature of the business to be conducted and no other business may be conducted at such a meeting.

30. Quorum for committee meetings

(1) Any 4 members of the committee constitute a quorum for the conduct of the business of a meeting of the committee.

(2) No business may be conducted unless a quorum is present.

(3) If within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present--

- (i) in the case of a special meeting--the meeting lapses;
- (ii) in any other case--the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same place and the same time and day in the following week.

(4) The committee may act notwithstanding any vacancy on the committee.

31. Presiding at committee meetings

At meetings of the committee-

- (a) the President or, in the President's absence, the Vice-President presides; or
- (b) if the President and the Vice-President are absent, or are unable to preside, the members present must choose one of their number to preside.

32. *Voting at committee meetings*

- (1) Questions arising at a meeting of the committee, or at a meeting of any sub-committee appointed by the committee, shall be determined on a show of hands or, if a member requests, by a poll taken in such manner as the person presiding at that meeting may determine.
- (2) Each member present at a meeting of the committee, or at a meeting 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.

33. *Removal of committee member*

- (1) The Club in general meeting may, by resolution, remove any member of the committee before the expiration of the member's term of office and appoint another member in his or her place to hold office until the expiration of the term of the first-mentioned member.
- (2) A member who is the subject of a proposed resolution referred to in sub-rule (1) may make representations in writing to the Secretary or President of the Club (not exceeding a reasonable length) and may request that the representations be provided to the members of the Club.
- (3) The Secretary or the President may give a copy of the representations to each member of the Club or, if they are not so given, the member may require that they be read out at the meeting.

34. *Minutes of meetings*

The Secretary of the Club must keep minutes of the resolutions and proceedings of each general meeting, and each committee meeting, together with a record of the names of persons present at committee meetings.

35. *Funds*

- (1) The Treasurer of the Club must-
 - (a) collect and receive all moneys due to the Club and make all payments authorised by the Club; and
 - (b) keep correct accounts and books showing the financial affairs of the Club with full details of all receipts and expenditure connected with the activities of the Club.
- (2) All cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments must be signed by two members of the committee.
- (3) The funds of the Club shall be derived from entrance fees, annual subscriptions, donations and such other sources as the committee determines.

36. *Seal*

- (1) The common seal of the Club must be kept in the custody of the Secretary.

(2) The common seal must not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of the committee and the affixing of the common seal must be attested by the signatures either of two members of the committee or, of one member of the committee and of the public officer of the Club.

37. Notice to members

Except for the requirement in rule 12, any notice that is required to be given to a member, by on behalf of the Club, under these Rules may be given by-

- (a) delivering the notice to the member personally; or
- (b) sending it by prepaid post addressed to the member at that member's address shown in the register of members; or
- (c) facsimile transmission, if the member has requested that the notice be given to him or her in this manner; or
- (d) electronic transmission, if the member has requested that the notice be given to him or her in this manner.

38. Winding up

In the event of the winding up or the cancellation of the incorporation of the Club, the assets of the Club must be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

39. Custody and inspection of books and records

- (1) Except as otherwise provided in these Rules, the Secretary must keep in his or her custody or under his or her control all books, documents and securities of the Club.
- (2) All accounts, books, securities and any other relevant documents of the Club must be available for inspection free of charge by any member upon request.
- (3) A member may make a copy of any accounts, books, securities and any other relevant documents of the Club.

40. By-Laws

Subject always to the Associations Incorporation Act, V.C.A. Rules and Regulations, and these Rules, members in General Meeting by resolution passed by a majority of not less than two thirds of the members present and voting in person may make By-Laws and may from time to time amend such By-Laws by variation, deletion or addition as they shall think fit in respect of:-

- (a) nomination of members;
- (b) amount of joining fee, if any, and the annual membership subscription;
- (c) the conducting of ballots;
- (d) the holding and conducting of Shows and Exhibitions by the Club;
- (e) the granting of awards and prizes at such Shows or Exhibitions;
- (f) the manner and procedure of dealing with protests and objections made at Shows or Exhibitions subject always to the V.C.A. Rules;
- (g) meetings of members and of Committee;
- (h) the publication of a Newsletter or Journal;
- (i) any matter the members consider necessary.

41. Code of Ethics

- (1) The Committee may develop a Code of Ethics relating to the Standards and behaviour of Breeders and the breeding of Rhodesian Ridgebacks.
- (2) The Committee may from time to time present to members for approval, changes to the Code of Ethics.