

THE COMPANIES ACTS 1862 to 2006

COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

OF

THE NATIONAL SMALL-BORE RIFLE ASSOCIATION



DEFINITIONS

1) In these Articles the following words shall have the meanings as follows:-

“the Association” means this Company;

“the Statutes” means the Companies Act 2006 and any amendment or re-enactment thereof and any other Act of Parliament or statutory regulations for the time being in force and applicable to the Association;

“month” means calendar month;

“Club” means a club, league or association the name of which is entered for the time being in the Register of Affiliated Clubs, Leagues and Associations kept by the Association;

“County Association” means a county association the name of which is entered for the time being in the Register of Affiliated County Associations kept by the Association.

“On Target” means the official journal of the Association from time to time issued to members of the Association, whether known by that title or any subsequent title;

“Shooting Matter” means any matter declared to be so by the Board of Management and referred to the Shooting Council for consideration;

“the old Articles of Association” means the Articles of Association of the Association immediately prior to the adoption of these Articles of Association;

“writing” includes typing, printing, lithography, photography and other modes of representing or reproducing words in a visible form whether sent or supplied in electronic form or other means;

“electronic form” has the same meaning as in section 1168 of the Statutes;

Words or expressions shall bear the same meaning as in the Statutes as at the date on which these Articles or any alteration thereof become binding on the Association;

Words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa;

Words importing the masculine gender include the feminine gender;

Words importing persons include corporations.

2) The name of the company is **THE NATIONAL SMALL-BORE RIFLE ASSOCIATION**.

3) The Registered Office of the Association is situated in England.

OBJECTS

4) The objects for which the Association is established are:-

a) To fit Her Majesty's subjects for the defence of Her realm by the advancement of skill in rifle and other shooting by provision of skilled instruction and opportunity to practise and for the furtherance of such objects to exercise lawfully all or any of the following powers provided they are wholly and exclusively charitable;

b) To act as the national governing body for target shooting for small-bore rifle and pistol, air gun, and cross bow shooting;

c) To promote the establishment and maintenance of rifle, pistol and cross bow clubs;

d) To promote and assist clubs that provide shooting facilities for the physically and visually disabled;

e) To furnish such clubs, on such terms as may be mutually agreed, with ammunition, rifles, pistols, and apparatus suitable for the purposes thereof;

f) To organise and supervise shooting competitions and to provide and contribute to prizes for skill in shooting;

g) To promote the establishment and maintenance within the United Kingdom of county, district, and other associations and bodies created to advance the objects for which the Association was established, and to contribute to the funds of or otherwise support and advance the activities of such associations or bodies;

h) To convene and encourage the convention of conferences, lectures or meetings for the purpose of promoting and developing shooting skills and increasing membership of the Association;

- i) To publish or promote the publication or circulation of any books, pamphlets, periodicals and other printed or electronically generated matter calculated to promote the objects of the Association;
- j) To purchase or otherwise acquire any property, real or personal, and any rights, the acquisition of which may seem conducive to any of the Association's objects;
- k) To borrow or raise money on such terms and on such securities as may seem expedient;
- l) To obtain money by subscription, contribution, donation, bequest, public appeal, corporate sponsorship, corporate partnership or otherwise, and to accumulate funds so far as may seem expedient;
- m) To sell, exchange, lease, deal with or otherwise dispose of any of the property and rights for the time being of the Association;
- n) To recruit and to assist in the recruitment of voluntary workers in and for the Association and to retain or employ professional and technical staff and advisors in connection with the objects of the Association and to pay reasonable and proper remuneration for their services and salaries;
- o) To do all such other lawful things as are conducive to any of the above objects.

MEMBERSHIP

5) a) The members of the Association may be Life Members, Annual Members, Associate Members, Nominated Members, and Representative Members, and those who hold such memberships at the date of the adoption of these Articles of Association shall continue to be so notwithstanding the adoption of these new Articles of Association.

b) An individual may apply to the Association to become an annual or associate member and shall pay to the Association a yearly subscription of such an amount as may be fixed by the Board of Management from time to time.

c) A Club may apply to the Association for an individual nominated by it to become a Representative Member. The Club shall pay to the Association a yearly affiliation fee of such an amount as may be fixed by the Board of Management from time to time. No Club shall have more than one Representative Member and no individual who is a Representative Member shall be accepted as a Representative Member of more than one Club at the same time. A Representative Member may also be a Life Member, Annual Member, Associate member or Nominated Member.

d) A County Association may apply to the Association for an individual nominated by it to become a Nominated Member. A County Association shall pay a yearly affiliation fee of such an amount as may be fixed by the Board of Management from time to time. No County Association shall have more than one Nominated Member and no individual who is a Nominated Member shall be accepted as a Nominated Member on the nomination of any other Association. A Nominated Member may himself be a Life Member, Annual Member, Representative Member or Associate Member.

6) a) Membership of the Association shall be personal to the member. No person shall become entitled to be a member of the Association in consequence of any transfer by or the death of a member.

b) Membership of the Association shall cease immediately on the death of a member.

c) Membership of the Association may be terminated at any time by a member by notice in writing to the Association, or, in the case of Representative Members and Nominated Members, by notice in writing to the Association by his Club or Regional Association. Membership may also be terminated by the Board of Management by giving notice in writing to a member.

d) The Board of Management may, in its absolute discretion and without assigning any reason therefore, decline to accept any application or nomination for membership and may, subject to the provisions of the Articles but otherwise in its absolute discretion and without assigning any reason therefore, accept any application or nomination for membership on such terms and conditions as it may think fit.

7) The income and property of the Association, whensoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Association as set forth in these Articles, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever, by way of profit to the Members of the Association. Subject to the provisions contained in Clause 8 hereof, nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith

of remuneration to any officers or servants of the Association, or to any Member in return for any services rendered to the Association.

8) If any Member of the Association pays or receives any dividend, bonus, or other profit in contravention of Clause 7 of these Articles, his liability to the Association shall be unlimited.

DISSOLUTION

9) Every Member of the Association undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Association in the event of its being wound up during the time that he was a Member, or within one year afterwards, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Association contracted for before the time he ceased to be a Member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up the Association. Such contribution for each Member shall not exceed £1.

10) If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Association there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the Members of the Association, but shall, wherever possible, be given to some other charitable institution or institutions having objects similar to those of the Association and which shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their members at least to the extent of Clause 7 hereof. Such charitable institution or institutions are to be determined by the Members of the Association at or before the time of dissolution and if and so far as effect cannot be given to such provision, then to some charitable object.

ACCOUNTS

11) True accounts shall be kept of the sums of money received and expended by the Association, and of its property, credits and liabilities.

12) The accounts and books of the Association shall be open to inspection by the Members, subject to any reasonable restrictions as to time and manner of inspecting that may be imposed by the Board of Management.

13) Once at least every year the accounts of the Association shall be examined and the correctness of the balance sheet ascertained by one or more properly qualified Auditor or Auditors.

GENERAL MEETINGS

14) a) Annual General Meetings of the Association shall be held as required by the Statutes.

b) All general meetings of the Association other than Annual General Meetings shall be called Extraordinary General Meetings.

15) The Board of Management may, whenever it thinks fit, convene an Extraordinary General Meeting, and shall convene an Extraordinary General Meeting if so required in writing by not less than one hundred members or by a resolution passed at a meeting of the Shooting Council (the notice for which specified the intent to propose such a resolution and the matters to be dealt with at the Extraordinary General Meeting) by a simple majority of the members of the Shooting Council. The provisions of the Statutes relating to the convening of extraordinary general meetings on requisition shall apply to every such requisition and to every meeting so requisitioned.

16) Save as provided by Clause 15 or by the Statutes, no general meetings shall be held except those convened by the Board of Management.

17) An Annual General Meeting and an Extraordinary General Meeting called to pass a special resolution shall be convened by not less than twenty one clear days' notice in writing. Such notice shall be given to all the Members and to the Auditors and shall specify the place, day and hour of the meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted, and may be given in any manner authorised by these Articles. The accidental omission to give notice of any meeting to, or the non-receipt of any such notice by, any person entitled to receive it shall not invalidate the proceedings at the meeting.

PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

18) The business of an Annual General Meeting shall be to receive and consider the Annual Report of the Board of Management, the accounts of the Association and Report of the Auditors, and to elect a President, a Chairman, two

Vice-Chairmen, Treasurer, members of the Board of Management, and any number of Vice-Presidents. The Chairman, Vice-Chairmen and Vice-Presidents will retire from office after one year. The Treasurer, who will also be Company Secretary of the Association, retires from office after two years and the members of the Board of Management retire after three years. All are eligible for re-election. The Annual General Meeting will also appoint Auditors and fix their remuneration, and transact any other business which may be transacted at an Annual General Meeting.

19) Subject to the Statutes, no resolution shall be proposed or passed at any Annual General Meeting affecting any matter that the Board of Management has declared to be a Shooting Matter and which has been referred to the Shooting Council for consideration, unless the Board of Management shall have previously decided that the resolution should be proposed and have given notice to that decision when specifying the place, date and hour of the meeting.

20) No allocation of the funds of the Association contrary to that proposed by the Board of Management shall be made at any general meeting unless the same is carried by a majority of not less than four-fifths of the total votes cast at the meeting.

21) Subject as hereinafter provided ten members personally present shall be a quorum for a general meeting. No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum is present.

22) 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 day in the next week at the same time and place, and if at such adjourned meeting a quorum is not present any five members who are personally present shall be a quorum.

23) The President of the Association, or in his absence or if he is unwilling to act, the Chairmen of the Association, or, in his absence or if he is unwilling to act, one of the Vice-Chairmen of the Association, shall be entitled to take the chair at every general meeting. If at any meeting within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting no such person shall be present and willing to take the chair, the members personally present shall choose another member of the Board of Management as Chairman, and if no member of the Board of Management be present, or if all the members of the Board of Management present decline to take the chair, then the meeting shall choose one of the members of the Association to be chairman of the meeting.

24) Every resolution submitted to a general 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 by the Chairman or by at least one member present and entitled to vote. In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or a poll, the Chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote in addition to the vote or votes to which he may be entitled.

25) At any general meeting, unless a poll is demanded, a declaration by the Chairman that a resolution has been carried or carried by a particular majority, or lost or not carried by a particular majority, and an entry made to that effect in the book of proceedings of the Association, shall be conclusive evidence of the fact, without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against such resolution. If a poll is demanded it shall be taken in such manner as the Chairman directs, and the result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded. The demand for a poll shall not prevent the continuance of the meeting for the transaction of any business other than the question upon which the poll has been demanded.

26) The Chairman of a general meeting may, with the consent of the meeting and if so directed by the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.

VOTES OF MEMBERS

27) a) On a show of hands every member present and entitled to vote shall have one vote only.

b) On a poll every Life Member, every Annual Member and every Associate Member shall have one vote; every Representative Member shall have one vote (which shall be additional to any vote he may have as a Life or Annual member); and every Nominated Member shall have ten votes (which shall be additional to any votes he may have as a Life or Annual Member). On a poll votes may be given either personally or by proxy.

28) a) A member entitled to attend and vote at a meeting shall be entitled to appoint another member as his proxy to attend and vote on his behalf on any matter on which a poll is demanded, but not otherwise.

b) The instrument appointing a proxy shall be signed by the appointing member.

c) The instrument appointing a proxy, and any authority under which it is executed or a notarised copy or in some other way approved by the Board of Management, shall be deposited at the registered office of the Association, or at such other place within the United Kingdom as is specified in the notice convening the meeting or in any instrument or proxy sent out by the Association in relation to the meeting, not later than 10 a.m. on the day before that for the holding of the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote or, and in default the instrument of proxy shall be invalid.

d) An instrument appointing a proxy shall be in the following form, or as near thereto as circumstances admit:

"The National Small-Bore Rifle Association

I.....(name)..... of(address).....
..... in the county of

being a + member of the above named Association, hereby
appoint * of

....., or failing him the Chairman
of the meeting as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the (annual or extraordinary,
as the case may be) general meeting of the Association, to be held on(day).....
the day of 20...., and at any adjournment thereof.

Please indicate with a X in the appropriate space below how you wish your votes to be cast. If no such
indication is given the proxy may vote as he sees fit or abstain from voting.

For Against

Resolution No.

Signed this day of 20....

Signature

+ Insert Life, Annual, Representative, Nominated as applicable

*Unless you insert the proxy's name in the space provided you will be deemed to have appointed the
Chairman of the meeting."

e) Deposit of an instrument of proxy with the Association shall not preclude a member from attending and voting at the meeting or at any adjournment thereof, in which case the instrument of proxy will be cancelled.

f) A vote given in accordance with the terms of an instrument of proxy shall be valid notwithstanding the previous death or insanity of the appointing member or the revocation of the proxy provided that no information in writing of such death, insanity or revocation shall have been received by the Association at its registered office at least one hour before the commencement of the meeting or adjourned meeting or (in the case of a poll taken otherwise than on the same day as the meeting or adjourned meeting) the time appointed for the taking of the poll.

g) No objection shall be raised as to the admissibility of any vote except at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is taken or tendered, and every vote not disallowed at such meeting shall be valid for all purposes. Any objection made in due time shall be referred to the Chairman whose decision shall be final and conclusive.

PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS

29) The members in general meeting may appoint a President of the Association, who may at any time by notice in writing to the Association, resign the office.

30) The members in general meeting may appoint any number of Vice-Presidents of the Association. The Vice-Presidents shall be elected annually and be entitled to continue in office until immediately before the Annual General Meeting in each year, and shall be eligible for re-election. A Vice-President may at any time resign his office by means of notice in writing to the Association.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

31) a) The Association in general meeting will appoint persons who are Life Members or Annual Members to be members of the Board of Management, but so that the number of members of the Board of Management shall not be

less than five nor more than twelve. Details of each candidate for appointment, and of any recommendation of such appointment, together with a summary of the candidate's qualifications shall in so far as is reasonably practicable be given to members at the time they receive notice of any general meeting at which any such appointment is to be considered. The members of the Board of Management shall be the Directors of the Association for the purposes of the Statutes.

b) Only an individual who is himself either a Life Member or an Annual Member and who has attained the age of twenty one years shall be eligible to be a member of the Board of Management.

32) a) The Board of Management shall have up to three ex-officio members and up to nine directly appointed members.

b) The ex-officio members of the Board of Management (subject to Clause 34) shall be the Chairman, one Vice-Chairman and the Honorary Treasurer of the Association for the time being.

33) The Board of Management may appoint a Life Member or an Annual Member to be a member of the Board of Management to fill a casual vacancy arising therein provided that the appointment does not cause the number of members of the Board of Management to exceed the maximum numbers as stated in Clause 31. A member of the Board of Management so appointed shall be deemed to have been appointed by the Association in general meeting and shall hold office only until the next following Annual General Meeting, when he shall retire and be eligible for re-election. He shall not be taken into account in determining the numbers of the Board of Management appointed by the Association in general meeting who are to retire by rotation at that meeting.

34) No person shall, unless recommended by the Board of Management, be appointed a member of the Board of Management at an Annual General Meeting unless, before the 1st March prior to the date of the meeting, notice signed by not less than two members of the Association entitled to attend and vote at such meeting has been given to the Association recommending that person for appointment to the Board of Management together with notice signed by that person of his willingness to be so appointed and accompanied by a summary of his qualifications.

35) a) At the end of his two year term the Honorary Treasurer shall retire and shall be eligible for re-appointment at the next Annual General Meeting.

b) At every Annual General Meeting of the Association one-third of the directly appointed members of the Board of Management shall retire by rotation or, if their number is not three or a multiple of three, the number nearest to but not exceeding one-third shall retire. If there are only two such members one of them shall retire and if there is only one such member he shall retire. A member of the Board of Management so retiring shall be eligible for re-appointment.

c) Members of the Board of Management so to retire by rotation shall be those who have been longest in office since their last appointment or re-appointment. If the members of the Board of Management cannot be identified by length of service because more than the required number share the same length of service then those to retire shall be agreed among themselves, or failing that be determined by lot.

d) If at an Annual General Meeting at which an Honorary Treasurer or member of the Board of Management retires by rotation and the meeting does not fill the vacancy, the retiring Honorary Treasurer or member of the Board of Management shall, if willing to act, be deemed to have been re-appointed by the Association in general meeting unless at the meeting it is resolved not to fill the vacancy or unless a resolution for the re-appointment of such person is put to the meeting and lost.

36) The office of a member of the Board of Management shall be vacated if:

- a) he ceases to be a member of the Board of Management by virtue of any provision of the Statutes or he becomes prohibited by law from being a member of the Board of Management; or
- b) an order be made by a Court of competent jurisdiction by reason of his mental disorder for his detention or for the appointment of any person to exercise powers with respect of his property or affairs; or
- c) he resigns his office by notice in writing to the Association; or
- d) he shall have been absent without permission of the Board of Management from three consecutive meetings thereof and the Board of Management resolves that his office be vacated; or
- e) he ceases to be either a Life Member or an Annual Member of the Association; or

- f) he is called upon to resign by notice in writing signed by a majority of the members of the Board of Management for the time being; or
- g) he holds any office under the Association to which any remuneration is attached.

PROCEEDINGS AND POWERS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

37) a) The Board of Management shall meet at least six times in each calendar year and subject hereto may meet, adjourn and otherwise regulate its meetings as it thinks fit. The quorum necessary for the transaction of business shall be five. The Chairman of the Association or, in his absence, one of the Vice-Chairmen shall be entitled to preside at every meeting. Questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes. In the case of an equality of votes the chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote. Not less than 72 hours' notice of a meeting shall be given to all members of the Board of Management. Meetings shall be summoned by the Secretary at the request of the Chairman or any two members of the Board of Management.

b) A meeting of the Board of Management at which a quorum is present may exercise all the powers exercisable by the Board of Management.

38) The Board of Management may from time to time elect one of its number to be a Vice-Chairman of the Association, but so that the numbers of persons so appointed holding office at the same time shall not exceed two, for such period and on such terms as it thinks fit and may revoke such appointment.

39) The Board of Management may from time to time appoint and discharge such members of the Association as they think fit to assist them in the discharge of their duties, and allot designations of office to such members, but no such appointment or designation shall thereby constitute such person a member of the Board of Management for any purpose whatsoever, nor shall such person be entitled to attend any meeting of the Board of Management except by invitation nor in any case to vote thereat.

40) The Board of Management may delegate any of their powers to the Shooting Council or to any other committee or committees consisting of such members of the Board of Management or of the Association as it shall think fit provided always that the Shooting Council be asked to appoint not less than half of the members of any committee established for the purpose of the conduct or administration of the sport of target shooting, and any committee so formed shall, in exercise of the powers so delegated, conform to any regulations imposed on it by the Board of Management. The meetings and proceedings of any committee shall be governed by the provisions of these Articles for regulating the meetings and proceedings of the Board of Management so far as applicable and so far as the same shall not be superseded by any regulations made by the Board of Management.

41) The Board of Management may exercise all such powers and do all such acts and things as the Association is by its Memorandum and Articles of Association or otherwise authorised to exercise and do and are not hereby or by statute directed or required to be exercised or done by the Association in general meeting, but subject nevertheless to the provisions of the Statutes and of these Articles and to any regulations not being inconsistent with these Articles from time to time made by the Association in general meeting.

42) The Board of Management may exercise all the powers of the Association to borrow money and to mortgage or charge its undertaking and property to any part thereof, and to issue debentures, debenture stock and other securities, whether outright or as security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Association or any third party.

43) The Board of Management shall have power to make, alter and repeal bye-laws regulating the admission of members and of visitors to any premises of or occupied by the Association, for the conduct and safety of such persons thereon, and for the operation of vehicles and equipment thereat provided always that no bye-laws shall affect or repeal anything contained in these Memorandum and Articles of Association, or in the rules and conditions for competitions established by the Shooting Council. It shall be the duty of the Board of Management to publish and the duty of the members to acquaint themselves with such bye-laws and the directions of any member of the Association so authorised by the Board of Management and to ensure as far as possible such compliance on the part of any visitor as aforesaid.

44) The Board of Management shall cause Minutes to be made in books kept for the purpose:

- a) of all appointments of officers made by the Board of Management;
- b) of the names of members of the Board of Management present at each meeting thereof and of any committees thereof; and
- c) of all proceedings at meetings of the Association, or any class of members thereof, and of the Board of Management and of committees thereof.

THE SHOOTING COUNCIL

45) The Shooting Council shall consist (subject to Clause 46) of the members of the Board of Management, the Nominated Members of the Association and not more than six Administrative Members.

46) a) The Shooting Council may from time to time appoint any member of the Association to be an Administrative Member of the Shooting Council, either to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the existing Administrative Members, but so that the total number of Administrative Members holding office at the same time shall not exceed the relevant maximum number laid down by Clause 45.

b) No person other than an Administrative Member of the Shooting Council retiring at a meeting of the Shooting Council shall be eligible for appointment as an Administrative Member of the Shooting Council at that meeting unless within such time limit as may from time to time be determined by the Secretary there shall have been left at the registered office of the Association notice in writing, signed by at least two members of the Shooting Council, recommending the appointment of such person as an Administrative Member of the Shooting Council accompanied by a signed statement of the person recommended that he will accept such appointment, together with a summary of his qualifications.

c) At the first meeting of the Shooting Council after 31st May in each year one-third of the Administrative Members at that time, or if their number is not three or a multiple of three then the number nearest one-third, shall retire from office. If there are only two such members one of them shall retire, and if there is only one such member he shall retire. A retiring Administrative Member shall be eligible for re-appointment.

d) The Administrative Members to retire in each year shall be those who have been longest in office since their last appointment or re-appointment. If the Administrative Members cannot be identified by length of service because more than the required number share the same length of service then those to retire shall be agreed among themselves, or failing that be determined by lot.

47) The office of Member of the Shooting Council shall be vacated if;

- a) an order is made by a Court of competent jurisdiction by reason of his mental disorder for his detention or for the appointment of any person to exercise powers with respect of his property or affairs; or
- b) he resigns his office by notice in writing to the Association; or
- c) being an Administrative Member he shall have been absent without permission of the Shooting Council from three consecutive meetings thereof and the Shooting Council resolves that his office be vacated; or
- d) he ceases to be a member of the Association; or
- e) he is called upon to resign by notice in writing signed by a majority of the members of the Shooting Council for the time being; or
- f) being a member of the Board of Management, he ceases to be such a member; or
- g) being a Nominated member of the Association, the County Association by which he shall have been nominated shall cease to be affiliated to the Association; or
- h) being a Nominated Member the County Association which nominated him withdraws his nomination.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SHOOTING COUNCIL

48) The Board of Management shall convene not less than two and not more than three meetings of the Shooting Council in any calendar year, giving not less than twenty-eight days' notice of items for discussion or determination. The business of the Shooting Council shall be:

- a) the appointment of Administrative Members of the Shooting Council;
- b) the establishment of rules or conditions for competition in target shooting for all the disciplines governed by the Association;

- c) making recommendations to the Board of Management on all aspects of the sport of target shooting;
- d) determining shooting matters; and
- e) the election of members to serve on such committees as may be established by the Board of Management for the conduct and administration of the sport of target shooting.

If the Shooting Council does not carry out any of the above with due expedition the Board of Management may take such action and make such determinations as it shall regard as being in the interests of the Association.

49) The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the Shooting Council shall be ten.

50) Subject to these Articles the meetings and proceedings of the Shooting Council shall be governed by the same provisions of these Articles for regulating the meetings and proceedings of the Board of Management, so far as applicable.

VALIDITY OF DECISIONS

51) All acts done at any meeting of the Board of Management, or of the Shooting Council, or of any committee or sub-committee, or by any person acting as a Member of the Board of Management, shall, notwithstanding that it shall afterwards be discovered that there was some defect in the appointment or continuance in office of such Member of the Board of Management or of the Shooting Council or of any committee or sub-committee or persons acting as aforesaid, or that they or any of them were disqualified, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed or had duly continued to be in office and was qualified to be a Member of the Board of Management or of the Shooting Council or of any committee or sub-committee as the case may be.

52) A resolution in writing, approved without qualification and signed by not less than three-quarters of the members of the Shooting Council or of any committee or sub-committee shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting duly called and constituted.

THE SEAL

53) The Seal of the Association shall not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of a resolution of the Board of Management and in the presence of at least two members of the Board of Management and the Secretary of the Association, all of whom shall sign such instrument.

PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS

54) a) The members of the Association and the members of the Clubs affiliated to the Association shall be entitled to the distribution of rifles, pistols, accessories to rifles and pistols and rifle and pistol ranges, and ammunition subject to any relevant provisions of the Firearms Acts (as amended from time to time) so far as the Board of Management is able to supply them, on the payment of such sums as the Board of Management may from time to time determine. Rifles and pistols, accessories or ammunition may be supplied to the Associations or the Clubs subject to the provisions of the Firearms Acts (as amended from time to time) as aforesaid.

b) All members of the Association and members of Clubs affiliated to the Association who comply with the regulations and meet the conditions specified for any particular match or competition shall have the privilege of competing in each match or competition whether conducted by the Association or any of its affiliated organisations and of qualifying for such awards as may be established by the Association or its affiliated organisations.

c) All members shall have the privilege of requesting and receiving from the Association such advice and assistance as may be currently available concerning guns, crossbows, ammunition and accessories, range construction, organisation of clubs, and competitions.

d) All members of the Association other than Representative members, Nominated members and Associate members shall be entitled to receive, free of charge, a copy of *On Target* as and when issued.

e) All affiliated Clubs shall be entitled to receive free of charge a copy of *On Target* as and when issued.

f) All members, except Nominated members and Representative members, but including Associate Members, are entitled to participate in any member insurance scheme supported by the Association.

NOTICES

55) A notice shall be deemed to be served by the Association upon any member either if it is handed to him personally in writing or published in *On Target* or if it is sent through the post in a prepaid letter, envelope or wrapper, addressed to the member at his place of address as last registered with the Association.

56) As regards any member who has no place of address registered with the Association, a notice posted on a prominent notice board at the registered office of the Association shall be deemed to be well served at the time it is so posted.

57) Any notice sent by post shall be deemed to have been served at the time the letter, envelope or wrapper containing the same would arrive in the ordinary course of the post, and in proving such service it shall be sufficient to prove that the notice was properly addressed and stamped and delivered to the Post Office. Any notice given by advertisement shall be deemed to have been served on the day the advertisement appeared in the newspaper.

58) The signature on any notice to be given by the Association may be written or printed.

INDEMNITY

59) Subject to the Statutes and the Memorandum and Articles of Association, every member of the Board of Management and every member of the Shooting Council and every officer of the Association shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Association against all costs, expenses, losses and liabilities which he may sustain or incur in or about the execution of the duties of his office provided his actions were legal and reasonable.

NSRA Proposed changes to the Articles of Association

CURRENT	PROPOSED	REASON
- Two documents - Articles of Association and Memorandum	- Single document entitled Memorandum and Articles of Association	In line with current practice

Objects

- To afford facilities for the acquisition of guns and equipment	Deleted	Now done by subsidiary companies
Not mentioned	- To act as the national governing body for small-bore, air gun, and crossbow shooting. To promote and assist clubs that provide shooting facilities for the physically and visually disabled. To recruit voluntary workers and to employ and pay staff.	Stating key objects

Membership

- Individual can apply To BOM for life membership	Deleted	Not in Association's best interests
- Membership to cease on bankruptcy	Deleted	Not in Association's best interests

Meetings

- Shooting Council elects a President, Vice-Presidents, Chairman, 1 Vice-Chairman, 3 members of BOM	- To be done at AGM	All members to be able to vote
- AGM to elect 2 Treasurers	- AGM to elect 1 Treasurer	Unnecessary to have two
- Shooting Council elects up to 9 Admin Members	- Shooting Council elects up to 6 Admin Members	Unnecessary to have nine
- Shooting Council to meet between 2 and 6 times per year	- Shooting Council to meet between 2 and 3 times per year	Reflects current practice more closely
- Board of Management to number between 5 and 16	- Board of Management to number between 5 and 12	Reflects current practice more closely
- age of members of BOM to be over 18 years	- age of members of BOM to be over 21 years	Reflects current practice more closely
- Board of Management to meet at least 9 times per year	- Board of Management to meet at least 6 times per year	Greater flexibility
- Quorum for BOM is 6	- Quorum for BOM is 5	Greater flexibility
- BOM may have up to 4 ex-officio members if required	- BOM may have up to 3 ex-officio members if required	Reducing to more manageable number
- Chairmen of Committees must be BOM members	Deleted	Greater flexibility

Indemnity

- Members of BOM, Shooting Council, and officials able to be indemnified for costs incurred in execution of duties	- Indemnification only provided his actions were legal and reasonable	A duty of care imposed
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