

**West Nile Golf Club**

**P. o. Box 161, Arua -UGANDA**

**THE**

**CONSTITUTION**

**Of**

**WEST NILE GOLF CLUB**

**TITLE OF CLUB**

1. The Club shall; be called the *West Nile Golf Club*.  
The Club may sue or be sued under this name.

- OBJECTS**
2. The objectives of the club shall be to provide social, sporting and other recreational amenities for its members.
- VESTING OF PROPERTY**
3. All properties of the Club shall be vested in a corporate body known as the ***Registered Trustees of the West Nile Golf Club***.
- TRUSTEES**
4. The Trustees of the West Nile Golf Club shall only be three in number and shall only be elected by a General Meeting of the West Nile Golf Club.
- REMOVAL FROM OFFICE AND RESIGNATION OF TRUSTEES.**
5. The Trustee may be removed from office by *a General Meeting*.
6. A Trustee may resign from an office: ***by tendering one month's notice to the Chairman who*** will present such a resignation to the Committee. The Committee will accept the resignation, but a new appointment to the office of the Trustee must be made by a General meeting within the period of notice.
- COMMON SEAL**
7. The Common seal of the Club shall be kept by the Club's Bankers.
- USE OF COMMON SEAL**
8. The Common Seal shall be affixed in the presence of any One Trustee and the Secretary Trustee who will attest the fixing.
- DUTIES OF TRUSTEES**
9. It shall be the duty of the retiring Chairman before election of Club Members to office as Trustee, to bring to their notice, their duties under the Trustees Incorporation Ordinance, 1939.
- MEMBERSHIP**
10. a) ***Application*** for membership ***must be made in Writing on the approved forms*** and must be proposed and seconded by committee members of the Club.
- All applications will be posted on the Club Notice board for a minimum period of one month, during which time the signature of not less than six (6) non-committee senior members must be added. Thereafter, application will be considered by the Committee at their regular meetings and proposers will be advised of the acceptance or otherwise of their candidate's application. In all cases the decision of the Committee will be final.
- No members may support any application unless they themselves have been members for at least twelve (12) months. And no members may second any unless they themselves had been members for six (6) months.

- B) Any up to date member of any sports Club affiliated to Uganda Golf Club Union is an automatic member of West Nile Golf Club.

## **CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP**

- 11. There are shall be the following classes of membership: -
  - a) **Full Membership**: - Applicable to persons living within 50 miles of Arua town.
  - b) **Country Membership**: - Applicable to all other persons.
  - c) **Honorary Life Membership**: - A general meeting may, by two thirds majority vote, elect to Honorary Life Membership any person who has rendered outstanding service to the Club. Such Honorary Life Member shall enjoy all the privileges attached to full membership, but shall not be required to pay any subscriptions.

## **EDR CLARITY ARTICLE**

- 12. Entrance fee shall be fixed by the Committee Members per person regardless of the class including temporary membership per visit per day, which will vary as will be directed by circumstances.

## **ARTICLE**

- 13. Subscription shall be per month and should be paid quarterly and the amount will vary from time to time as will be dictated by circumstance.

## **ARTICLE SUBSCRIPTION NOT PAYABLE IN ABSENCE**

- 14. (a) Full Members absent from the District for more than three (3) consecutive months may have their subscriptions for their period of absence waived, provided that advance notice is given to the Honorary Treasurer.
- (b) Any Member who absents him/ herself from the Club without notice for more than three (3) months will be relegated to the status of a visitor and after six (6) will be required to re-apply.

## **JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP**

- 15. Members' children not in receipt of their own income may use the facilities of the Club without payment of subscription or entrance fees, but the parents shall be responsible for any debts to the Club which their children incur, and also for the Club and of any laws (such as those concerning the supply of alcoholic drinks) which may affect their relations with the Club.

## **VISITORS**

- 16. Any member may introduce guests to the Club provided that the visitors' Book is duly signed. The introducing Member shall be responsible for payment of visitor's fee, which shall vary from time to time. No person eligible for Membership shall be introduced for a period in excess of

fifteen (15) days and any person living in the District for a period exceeding fifteen (15) days shall be deemed to fulfil the residence qualifications for Membership.

Visitors of Members and from other affiliated Clubs shall be introduced to the Bar Member or Secretary before getting service in the Club.

- RECIPROCAL ARRANGEMENTS** 17. The Committee may take reciprocal arrangements with other Clubs which shall entitle the Members of such Clubs to use any facilities of West Nile Golf Club for period not exceeding fifteen (15) consecutive days. Provided that he/ she behaves in a decent manner and is in possession of valid membership card of the Club where he/ she belongs.
- THE CLUB COMMITTEE** 18. The management of the Club shall be vested in the Committee, subject to any prior direction of a General Meeting.
- CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEE** 19. The Committee shall consist of the following members: *Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Bar Members, Social Member (Lady), Entertainment Member (Gentleman), Golf Captain, Golf Vice Captain, Lawn Tennis and Indoor Games Captain, House Member*. This Constitution may be amended.
- ELECTION OF COMMITTEE** 20. The Committee shall be elected every six months at the Bi-annual General Meeting. All persons proposed to be office bearers shall leave the room whilst voting takes place and the number of votes for each candidate shall be recorded, only the names of members elected appearing in the minutes.
- VACANCIES ON COMMITTEE** 21. If any office on the Committee, other than that of a Trustee, falls vacant, the remaining members of the Committee may co-opt another Club Member to fill it in an acting capacity until the next Bi-annual General Meeting. Alternatively, they may call on Extra Ordinary General Meeting and request such meeting to elect a member to the vacancy. If any other office bearer other than a Trustee is to be absent from Arua for a considerable time, or is taken ill, the Committee may appoint a deputy to carry out his/her duties until he is able to resume.
- DECISION OF COMMITTEE** 22. At all Committee Meetings, decisions shall be by simple majority vote. The Chairman, or the Member of the Committee nominated by him to take the chair in his absence, shall have an original and casting vote: 50% of the Members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.
- COMMITTEE MEETINGS** 23. Committee Meetings, decisions shall be held monthly and as and when required; adequate notice of such meetings must be given to all Committee Members. 50% of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

Where both Chairman and his/her vice are absent but the quorum is realised, other Committee Members shall elect one of them to take the chair and their decisions will be binding.

#### **NON-PAYMENT OF DUES**

24. A) There shall be *no credit facilities* at all in respect of service in the Club and whoever allows it shall be held responsible and accountable for it.
- B) If a Member of the Club *fails to pay his subscription and bills if any, he may be suspended at the discretion of the Committee*. If he subsequently pays the account, he may be re-admitted, subject to the right of the Committee to demand payment, at their discretion, of the amount outstanding and the normal entrance fees.

#### **SUSPENSION FOR ILL BEHAVIOUR**

25. Any Member who deliberately acts against the interests of the Club Committee. A subsequent General Meeting shall have the power to reinstate or expel him / her or to suspend him/her for such a period as it may think fit. A suspended Member shall have no right to use any of the facilities of the Club, but shall not be required to pay any subscription for the period of suspension. A disciplinary Committee consisting of five senior members shall be elected by the General Meeting to deal with disciplinary matters.

#### **BANKING ACCOUNT**

26. A banking account shall be maintained in the name of the *Trustees of the West Nile Golf Club* and shall be operated on their behalf by the Honorary Treasurer of West Nile Golf Club. There shall be three signatories to such account, i.e. Chairman, Treasurer and Bar Member.

#### **BAR**

27. The Committee from time to time shall make arrangements for operation of the bar, subject to any directions by a General Meetings.

#### **CLUB ACCOUNTS**

28. *The Treasurer shall keep the accounts of the Club in good order and prepare final accounts to be laid before the Bi-annual General Meeting*. The Committee may examine the Club accounts and arrange for an audit of it whenever it thinks fit. The financial year shall be from the January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, *but the Honorary Treasurer for each Bi-annual General Meeting shall prepare a half-yearly statement*.

#### **BI-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** 29

The Annual or Bi-annual General Meeting shall be held during January and July of each year. Notice of at least fourteen (14) days shall be given to all Club Members, specifically the agenda which shall include

- (a) Passing the minutes of the previous General Meeting.

- (b) Consideration of the Chairman's and Treasure's reports for the previous half year, and the final account which must be audited before presentation to the General Meeting.
- (c) Election of the Committee.

**EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING** 30.

An extra-ordinary General Meeting may be convened: -

- (a) By the Committee.
- (b) By no fewer than half of Members of the Club.
- (c) On application of any Member suspended under Rule 25.

At least fourteen (14) days notice shall be given to all Members of any extra-ordinary General Meeting.

**QUARUM FOR GENERAL MEETING** 31.

To constitute a quorum, the number of Members present shall not be less than 40% of the number of full Members of the Club. If a quorum is not present, the Chairman shall adjourn the meeting to some time within the next ten- (10) days, which shall be notified to Members and this adjourned meeting, any number of Member shall constitute a quorum.

**VOTING POWERS AT GENERAL MEETING** 32.

Each Member, whether full or country, shall have a vote, except the Chairman shall only have a casting vote. Non Members and Members who have not paid up their quarterly subscriptions fully will not be allowed to vote.

**MOTIONS AT GENERAL MEETING** 33.

Any Member, including an office bearer may propose a resolution, which if **SECONDED**, shall be voted upon. A motion may be withdrawn if the proposer, with the consent of the seconder and of the meeting, wishes to withdraw it; or an amendment to it may be proposed, seconded and voted upon. Each motion shall be decided before the meeting proceeds to consideration of a further motion.

**MAJORITIES** 34.

Except where otherwise provided, voting shall be by simple majority of those present and voting.

**POWERS IN ABSENCE**

35. Motions and votes in absentia are permissible if communicated to the Secretary before, in hand writing.

**RETIRING**

36. A retiring Committee shall remain in office until the new Committee is elected.

**BYLAWS**

37. Bylaws under these may be made and amended by decision of a General Meeting.

**WINDING UP OF THE WEST NILE GOLF CLUB**

38. Should the West Nile Golf Club be wound-up for any reason whatsoever, then all assets of the Club shall be realised and shared equally between the existing paid up Members at the date of winding – up.

39. The annual General Meeting shall elect the Patron of the Club.

**CERTIFICATE IN RESPECT OF RULES 1 – 38**

40. We certify that these rules have been formally adopted by the Members of the Club at their Annual General Meeting of January 14<sup>th</sup>, 1990.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

**CHAIRMAN**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

**SECRETARY**