

Summary of the changes made to the Rules of the Australian Lancia Register Inc. in the rules drafted for approval in 2014.

It became necessary to make amendments to the rules of the club as a result of the passing of the Incorporated Associations Reform Act 2012, so I took the opportunity to look at other amendments that could be made. Consumer Affairs has published Model Rules which can be adopted in full or provide a draft of individual rules that are acceptable. Some of those model rules have been adopted. Some rules have been moved to a different place or combined with other rules in order to keep the same subject matter together or to create a logical sequence. The following is a summary of the changes made. The full text of the proposed new rules will be available on this web site.

In rule 2.1 the definition of a General Meeting has been amended for clarity and a definition of "Family Member" has been added.

Rule 2.2 has been deleted as it provided for a Public Officer, a position which has been abolished under the new Act.

The "Objectives" has been retitled "Statement of Purposes". Additional purposes have been added in paragraphs (k), (l), (m) and (n) allowing for amalgamation with or acquisition of another similar organization, the transfer of funds and assets to similar organizations and donations for patriotic, charitable or community purposes.

Rule 4 has been amended to simplify the joining procedure and to provide for Family Members" and Temporary Membership. Former rule 4.4 is now part of rule 8.

In rule 5.5 the power to confer Honorary Life Membership has been given to the Committee as the process of seeking the approval of the members in a meeting had the potential to embarrass the proposed recipient if the proposal was defeated.

Rule 6.5 and 6.6 provide for the cessation of membership if the subscription is not paid and re-instatement if it is later paid.

Rule 8 sets out the rights of members.

Rule 10: This disciplinary procedure replaces the procedure formerly included in rule 8. The power to fine a member has been replaced by the power to reprimand a member

Rule 13 sets out the notice required to be given of meetings and the procedure for placing business before a meeting.

Rule 14 sets out the manner of giving notice to members.

In rule 15 the requirement to hold the Annual General Meeting at the biennial rally has been deleted and the business that shall and may be considered at the AGM has been amended. The record keeping requirements in relation to the AGM have been added.

In rule 17 the committee has been given power to convene a General Meeting and the business that may be considered has been expanded.

Rule 19.3 increases the size of the Committee to 15 members.

The Committee has power to conduct all the affairs of the club and the only control the members have had was to either pass a resolution to dismiss an individual committee member from their position or not re-elect them at the AGM. Rule 20.2 gives the members power to direct the Committee as to how it should exercise its powers.

Rule 22 provides for the removal of a Committee member by a special resolution which requires 75% of the members voting to approve the motion.

Rule 24 sets out the duties of Committee members.

Rule 25 sets out the duties of the Secretary in greater detail.

Rule 26 sets out the limits on the use of the register's funds in more detail.

Rule 27 sets out the duties of the Treasurer in greater detail.

Rule 28.2 allows the Committee to require reasons to inspect some of the Register's records and limits the use of any copies allowed.

Rule 31 sets out the limits on distribution of the Register's funds on winding up in more detail.

Rule 32 has been added to define the registered address of the Register.

The Applications forms for Membership, Temporary Membership and for the Appointment of a Proxy have been amended slightly.

In order to put these changes into effect they must be approved by a special resolution at a general meeting. To achieve this a resolution will be moved at the general meeting of the Association to be held on a date to be advised early in 2014.

If you have any suggestion as to how these draft rules should be amended please send them to me at russ.meehan@bigpond.com and the Committee will consider whether to include the change in the final draft to be put before the members for approval.

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