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1. The Association shall be called "The St. Lucia Golf Association" and is hereinafter referred to as "The Association".

MEMBERSHIP

2. The Association shall consist of individuals as hereafter defined. Individual membership shall consist of ordinary members, life members, temporary members, junior members, overseas members and honorary members.

In this Constitution the Singular includes the plural and the masculine gender the feminine gender.

3. For the purpose of this constitution:-

Individual shall mean any person who is an amateur or professional golfer as defined by the Rules of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club Saint Andrews or the United States Golf Association.

- a. Ordinary members shall consist of the Individual members of The Association who are citizens of St. Lucia or who are residents of St. Lucia.
 - b. Life members shall consist of those ordinary members who have prepaid their subscription for life.
 - c. Temporary members shall consist of individuals who are not resident in St. Lucia who have been granted membership in The Association for a short period of time and or for a specific purpose.
 - d. Junior members shall consist of those persons who are under the age of 18 years but who otherwise qualify to be ordinary members of The Association.
 - e. Overseas members shall consist of individuals who reside overseas but are citizens of St. Lucia or have previously been ordinary members of The Association.
 - f. Honorary members shall consist of individuals who have been so elected at a general meeting as being persons who have contributed outstanding and significant service to golf in St. Lucia.
 - g. Provided that only Honorary, Life and Ordinary members shall be entitled to vote at meetings or serve as members of the Executive Committee of The Association.
4. Any individual desirous of joining The Association shall make application for membership in writing to the Secretary of the Association on a form to be prescribed by The Association. Such application shall be accompanied by a copy of its rules and such application fee as St. Lucia Golf Association shall determine.
 5. Each individual who becomes a member of The Association shall receive a copy of the Constitution and rules of The Association and shall thereafter be bound thereby.
 6. Each individual who is a member of The Association shall pay such annual subscription as the Executive (constituted as hereinafter mentioned) may fix from time to time. Subscription shall be payable in advance by the 1st of May in each year. Any individual joining The Association for part of a year only shall notwithstanding be liable for a full year's subscription.

7. Should the subscription of any individual be in arrears, for more than two months, The Association may notify the individual of the default and if the subscription remains unpaid for a further 30 days after such notification The Association may remove the individual from membership of The Association. During any period of default in payment of subscription the individual in such default shall not be entitled to exercise any of the rights of membership of The Association.

OBJECTS

8. Subject to the stipulation and declaration that The Association recognizes The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of Saint Andrews, and the United States Golf Association as the ruling authorities in the game of golf and is affiliated to the USGA. The objects of The Association shall be:
 - a. To foster, develop and maintain a high standard of Golf in St. Lucia
 - b. To fully promote and support the development of junior golf in St. Lucia.
 - c. To uphold the rules of Golf as laid down from time to time by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of Saint Andrews and the United States Golf Association.
 - d. To arrange dates for and to regulate and manage all championships and other competitions promoted by The Association.
 - e. To decide all doubtful and disputed matters in connection with the game of golf and the rules and regulations in respect thereof.
 - f. To carry through any matter or undertaking which in the opinion of The Association will assist in the advancement of Golf in St. Lucia.
9. The Income and Property of The Association shall be applied solely in carrying out the objects of The Association and payments may be made by way of salary, fee or expenses to any body or individual whether a member of The Association or not for services rendered to The Association.

GENERAL MEETINGS

10. Once in each calendar year during the month of May the Association shall hold an Annual General Meeting at which the following shall be entitled to attend and vote.
 - a. All Honorary, Life and paid up ordinary members of The Association.
11. At every annual general meeting of The Association all members of the executive committee shall retire from office. The retiring members shall be eligible for re-election at the same or any other general meeting.
12. At every annual general meeting of The Association there shall be elected from the general members an Executive Committee consisting of:

President
Vice President
Secretary/Handicap Secretary
Treasurer
Captain of the St. Lucia Golf Club
Two Floor Members
The Immediate Past President

Provided that the same person may hold the office of Secretary and Treasurer.

13. Nominations for membership on the Executive Committee must be in writing signed by two members as proposer and seconder and forwarded to the Secretary, **at least 10 days before the Annual General Meeting.**
14. All casual vacancies arising amongst the Executive Committee shall be filled by the Committee. A casual vacancy shall be deemed to include a vacancy on the committee which should have been voted in at an annual general meeting but which for any reason was not filled.
15. The duties of the Annual General Meeting shall be:
 - a. To elect the persons mentioned in clause 12 to the Executive.
 - b. To receive reports from the Executive upon its work in the preceding year.
 - c. To approve, correct or alter the constitution of The Association.
 - d. To approve the Annual Accounts and to appoint an Auditor.
 - e. To deal with any other business of which the Secretary had received seven days written notice or any other business which the Chairman and or the majority of members at the meeting deem necessary or desirable.
16. At all meetings, the President or in his absence the Vice-President, or if they both be absent a member to be appointed by the meeting, shall take the chair. Each member of The Association shall have one vote only, but in the case of an equality of votes the Chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote as well as an original vote.
 - a. The quorum for a general meeting shall be ten members or delegates.
 - b. If within half-an-hour of the time appointed for the meeting, there shall be no quorum present, the meeting shall stand adjourned for a time and place seven days hence. If at such adjourned meeting there shall not be present the prescribed quorum, the meeting shall nevertheless be deemed fully constituted.
 - c. At a special general meeting no business shall be transacted other than that for which the meeting was called.
17. The Secretary shall give twenty one days' notice of each general meeting. Such notice shall be sent by ordinary mail or faxed or e-mailed as appropriate to each member of The Association at the last known address and a copy of the notice shall be posted on the Notice Board.
18. The Secretary shall, upon the directions of the President or the Executive Committee or upon receipt of a requisition signed by at least twenty members of The Association call a special general meeting of The Association. Such direction shall state the objects for which the meeting is desired and within seven days of the receipt of the direction or requisition, the Secretary shall summon a meeting of The Association as provided in clause 17 hereof.
19. Only those members or delegates personally present at a general meeting may vote. Any question shall be decided on a show of hands unless before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands a demand is made for a secret ballot, such demand to be made by at least two members present, when such secret ballot shall take place immediately.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

20. The management of The Association shall be vested in the Executive Committee, herein called the Executive.

The Executive shall meet at such times and places as it may from time to time decide, but it shall meet at least four times in every year.

Notice of every meeting stating the business to be transacted thereat, shall be e-mailed/phoned by the Secretary to each member of the Executive at least four days prior to the date fixed for such meeting. Provided, however, that the failure of the Secretary to notify any member (as aforesaid) shall not invalidate the business done at such meeting.

21. The duties and powers of the Executive shall be:

- a. To appoint Sub-committees, including a Rules Sub-committee, a Ladies Sub-committee, a tournament Selection Sub-committee or any other sub-committee for any purpose connected with The Association and to delegate to such sub-committees such powers as it may consider fit, and to receive reports from all sub-committees.

PROVIDED THAT the President shall be an "ex officio" member of each sub-committee of the Executive

- b. To appoint any member of The Association to be a member of the Executive provided that such appointee shall not have a vote.
- c. To control and apply the finances of The Association, and to pay such expenses as may be deemed expedient in connection with any of the business of The Association.
- d. To carry out the objects of this constitution as set out in clause 8 hereof.
- e. To interpret this Constitution, provided that all such decisions shall be reported by the Executive to the next annual general meeting.
- f. To decide all doubtful and disputed matters in connection with the game and the rules thereof, and all questions on matters, competitions or tournaments, promoted by The Association.
- g. To frame bye laws and conditions for any competitions promoted by The Association, and for the purpose of carrying out any of the objects of The Association.
- h. To frame rules and regulations for the selection of any team or teams representing St. Lucia or this Association and vary or replace such rules and regulations from time to time and to select or arrange for selection of teams for matches promoted or approved by The Association.
- i. To investigate any allegation of misconduct or behaviour detrimental to the interest of golf by any individual member and on such investigation to make a determination and to impose such penalty or punishment as it may in its absolute discretion think proper. PROVIDED ALWAYS that prior to such determination the individual member shall be allowed an opportunity to defend, justify or explain such conduct, behaviour or practice.
- j. To consider and deal with:
- i. All applications to join The Association
 - ii. The removal of individuals from membership of The Association.

- iii. The re-instatement upon terms or otherwise, as it may think proper, of any individual penalized for any offence
 - iv. All suggested amendments to the Constitution by notifying the members of The Association of the amendment(s) and summoning the necessary general meeting of members to review and deal with all suggested amendments.
 - k. To impose penalties on any member for any infringement of the Rules of the game, or of rules and regulations of The Association.
 - l. To borrow money for any of the purposes of The Association
 - m. To do all things in the interest of the game and The Association that it may deem necessary.
22. At all meetings of the Executive the President or in the absence the Vice President, or if they both be absent a member to be appointed by the meeting, shall take the chair. Each member of the Executive shall have one vote only, but in the case of an equality of votes the Chairman of the meeting shall have a casting as well as an original vote.

The quorum for a meeting shall be three members.

23. The office of a member of The Executive shall IP SO FACTO be vacated if:-
- a. By notice in writing to the Executive he resigns office, or
 - b. He ceases to be a member of The Association, or
 - c. Without leave of the Executive he shall fail to attend any regular meetings of the Executive for a period of three consecutive meetings and shall be requested by his fellow members on the Executive to resign his office.

FINANCE

24. Subscriptions and all other funds payable to The Association shall be forwarded to and received by the Treasurer of The Association.
25. The Treasurer shall lodge the funds received by him/her in a Bank Account of The Association, the said Bank Account to be operated as determined by the Executive.