

**MAIRANGI PLAYERS INCORPORATED**  
**CONSTITUTION**

Including all amendments up to 16 March 2008.

**1. Name:**

Mairangi Players Incorporated.

**2. Objects:**

Furtherance of Dramatic Art as a means of enjoyment and education of members.

**3. Membership:**

(a) Shall be open to all persons over the age of eleven years who must be proposed and seconded by a Financial member of the Club and must be duly elected by a majority of the Committee. Members name shall then be entered on a Register of Names by the Secretary with the date of joining.

(b) No member may participate as an active member until his or her subscription is paid, except under special circumstances at the discretion of the Committee.

(c) It shall be at the discretion of the Committee to decide whether any person for any reason shall have forfeited his or her right to remain a Member of the Club. If so decided, the Secretary shall give such person seven days notice thereof in writing, stating reason thereof and informing such person of the time and place of the meeting of the committee when the question of expulsion will be considered. Such person will have the right of giving an explanation or defence to the Committee. If the committee shall decide that such person has forfeited their right to remain a Member of the Club he/she shall thereupon cease to be a Member.

(d) Any Member may resign by written notice to the Secretary upon payment of any subscription owing.

(e) There shall be three classes of Membership: i) Individual, ii) Family, and iii) Life. All members over the age of 16 shall have the power to vote at Annual General Meetings

(f) All Members on payment of subscription shall receive a copy of the constitution and their Membership card.

**4. Payments to Members:**

No member or person associated with a member of the society shall derive any income, benefit or advantage from the society where they can materially influence the payment of the income, benefit or advantage

Except where that income, benefit or advantage is derived from;

- (a) professional services to the society rendered in the course of business, charged at no greater than current market rates or;
- (b) interest on money lent at no greater rate than current market rates.

## **5. Meetings:**

- (a) The Annual General Meeting shall be at a date fixed by the Executive Officers not being later than the second week in February each year. At this meeting shall be presented an annual Report from the Executive Officers embodying the years' work, the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting, and the Balance Sheet. Fourteen days written notice shall be given to all Members of such a meeting.
- (b) Extra-ordinary meetings of the Club shall be convened by the Secretary at the order of the Executive Officers or upon the request in writing of not less than fifteen Members of the Club. Fourteen days notice shall be given to all Members of such meetings as required under 5(a), and the business to be discussed stated therein.
- (c) Notice of Motion may be given at any meeting and the President or Chairman may, if he thinks fit, accept a motion without notice.
- (d) Committee meetings shall be held once a month on a date decided by the Committee, or as the Committee deems necessary.

## **6. Executive Officers:**

- (a) The Executive Officers of the Club shall be elected at the annual General Meeting and shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and six to eight Committee members.
- (b) Nominations for Executive Positions and committee Members shall be in the hands of the Secretary in writing and seconded not later than 48 hours prior to the Annual General Meeting and shall then be put before the Meeting for election.
- (c) The President may only serve a maximum of five consecutive terms as President at one time.
- (d) The Vice-President may only serve a maximum of five consecutive terms at any one time.

## **7. Powers of The Executive:**

- (a) Shall have the power to carry on the business of the Club and to carry out this Constitution to the best interests of the Club.
- (b) Shall have power to recommend Honorary of Life Members.
- (c) Shall have the power to remove from the Committee any member who fails to attend three consecutive meetings without reasonable or acceptable explanation.
- (d) Raising Loans:
  - (i) Shall have the power to control the funds of the Society;
  - (ii) that the Executive manage the funds as they see fit for the benefit of the Society within limits of current foreseeable income;

(iii) Shall have power to raise such sums of money by loans, the amounts and terms of such loans to be decided in Special General Meetings by a majority vote of Financial members.

(e) Shall have power to co-opt extra committee members as needed, and form sub-committees.

## **8. Quorums:**

For Committee Meetings shall be at least two Executive and four Committee Members. For General Meetings, quorum shall be at least fifteen of the Financial members.

## **9. Duties of Officers:**

President shall act as Chairman for all necessary meetings and shall have the casting vote when required.

Vice-President shall when called upon, act as deputy for the President with full powers of that office.

Secretary shall keep written record of all meetings and attend to all matters normally relegated to this office.

Treasurer will attend to all financial matters normally relegated to this office.

## **10. Stage Properties Belonging to The Club:**

May be loaned with the approval of responsible person elected by the Committee at a charge decided by the Committee.

## **11. Finance:**

The financial year of the Club shall end on the 31st day of December of each year.

Signing of cheques - all to be signed by any two of three appointed signatories decided by the Committee.

All payments to be presented to and passed by the Committee.

## **12. Subscriptions:**

The annual subscriptions and any concessions shall be fixed each year by the members at the Annual General Meeting.

## **13. Auditor:**

The Executive shall appoint an auditor annually.

#### **14. Voting:**

(a) Any Resolution of the Club may be carried by a majority of the Financial Members present and voting at the Meeting at which such Resolution is moved, save on a Resolution for Membership of any other organisation or on a Resolution to amend the Rules.

(b) the Chairman shall decide whether voting shall be by Ballot or by show of hands.

#### **15. Incorporation or Affiliation or Alteration of Rules:**

Any proposal for incorporation or affiliation with any other organisation or for amendment of these Rules shall be moved at an Extraordinary Meeting of which due notice has been given in accordance with the Rule for calling Extraordinary meetings. Any such proposal shall require a majority of two-thirds of Financial Members present and voting.

No addition to or alteration or rescission of the Rules shall be approved if it affects the pecuniary profit clause (clause 4) or the winding up clause (clause 16) unless such a change is required for the benefit of the society.

#### **16. Winding Up:**

The decision to wind up shall be by a simple majority in accordance with Section 24 of the Incorporated Societies Act 1908.

The final wind up process shall be affected by a special Committee appointed for this purpose. Assets of the club to be donated to the New Zealand Theatre Federation or some other active theatrical body having exclusively charitable purposes.

#### **17. Common Seal:**

The Common Seal shall be held by the Secretary of the Society and used in the presence of the President or Vice-President of the Society. The Committee of Executive Officers shall give authority for use of the Seal.