

The Australian National Pigeon Association Inc.

The name of the organisation shall be AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL PIGEON ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED.
This name shall be shortened to ANPA.

2. AIMS

- a) To promote and foster greater national interest in the unity of all fanciers and interest in breeding, management, exhibition and quality of recognised breeds and varieties of domestic pigeons in Australia.
- b) To promote greater co-operation between individuals and between show organisations in the pigeon fancy.
- c) To consider and advise on any matters pertaining to the improvement of the fancy and publish a regular bulletin.
- d) To publish an illustrated text containing a National Standard of Excellence for each breed or variety.
- e) To issue a national seamless ring with the band identification 'NPA' or 'ANPA'
- f) To sponsor an annual National Pigeon Show for the purposes of bringing together quality displays of all recognised breeds and varieties where they may compete for coveted awards.
- g) To generally promote and coordinate specialist clubs, ideas, breed standards, rings, shows, show dates, and meetings to assist fanciers in competing anywhere in Australia under similar conditions.

3. STATES

- a) For geographic and communications purposes ANPA shall be divided into branches basically following the boundaries of the states and territories. The Northern Territory to be included in South Australia and the ACT to be included in New South Wales.
- b) States and Territories shall have a minimum of fifteen (15) financial members to form a branch otherwise they will combine with the nearest other state.

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- a) Application for membership is open to any individual or club interested in promoting the aims of ANPA and shall be subject to the approval of the Executive.
- b) Membership fees shall cover the period of September 1 for one year to August 31 of the following year. Payment of the membership fee shall constitute an agreement by the member to be bound by the rules of the constitution of ANPA, including any subsequent alterations or modifications thereof duly made. Membership may be a. Individual membership b. Affiliated Clubs c. Specialist Clubs. No member shall be entitled to any of the privileges or benefits of the Association until the appropriate membership fee for the current year has been paid. The annual subscription of members shall be set and declared by resolution at the Annual General Meeting.

c) The rights of individual members shall be to:

- i. nominate fellow members for elected positions
- ii. stand for and hold office
- iii. vote at the AGM or in ANPA elections
- iv. exhibit at the National Show
- v. nominate persons for consideration of judging at the National Show
- vi. receive a copy of the newsletter
- vii. be nominated for ANPA awards
- viii. nominate persons for consideration for ANPA awards

d) The rights of affiliated clubs shall be to:

- i. receive a copy of the newsletter
- ii. submit bids to host the National Show
- iii. distribute the Australian National Pigeon Association's 'NPA' rings
- iv. nominate changes to the national breed standards and be consulted prior to the Committee's consideration of a nominated change to a breed standard
- v. nominate persons for consideration of judging at the National Show
- vi. nominate one of its members for consideration for ANPA awards

- e) The rights of Specialist Clubs shall be:
 - i. to hold its annual show in conjunction with the National show or other show held under the auspices of ANPA
 - ii. to distribute rings issued by ANPA
 - iii. to nominate changes to its National breed standard and to be consulted prior to the committee's consideration of a nominated change to a breed standard for a breed catered for by that specialist club.
 - iv. to nominate names for judging that breed at the National show
 - v. to nominate one of its members for consideration of ANPA awards
 - vi. to enjoy all the benefits and protection afforded by the membership of ANPA
 - vii. to make suggestions or propositions to change ANPA rules/constitution but any proposition must be submitted through an individual member of ANPA
 - viii. to advertise that the club is affiliated with ANPA.

To gain affiliation with ANPA, a Specialist Club must be properly governed under a suitable Constitution or documented set of rules/code/aims etc, that has been adopted by a majority of the Club's membership. A copy of this document is to be sent to the secretary of ANPA for approval. When forwarding the affiliation form and fee to ANPA on the date it falls each specialist club is to provide a list of the Club's current office bearers and a certified list of financial members. Any such list or other information provided to ANPA remains the property of the club providing it and is for the exclusive use of the ANPA Executive Committee and must not be published or divulged or forwarded in any way to any organization, group or individual.

f) Membership and affiliation fees are to be paid to the National Membership Co-ordinator or any other such person as the Executive Committee decides. Affiliation will not be approved for clubs and societies, which **distribute a ring other than the National ring issued by ANPA (racing pigeon clubs excepted)..**

g) The Committee may recommend to the AGM that Life Membership be granted to individuals who have been members in good standing for at least ten (10) consecutive years and who over a period of at least ten (10) years have performed outstanding service to ANPA. No more than one life membership per year will be granted. A life membership can only be granted on the unanimous vote of the Executive and Committee, which is then submitted to the AGM for majority endorsement.

It is not intended that Life Membership be an automatic right of all members after ten years membership but rather granted in recognition of sacrificial service to ANPA.

5.OFFICE BEARERS

Only financial members may hold office in the Association.

The office bearers within the Association shall be:

- a) President, who shall not hold any other ANPA office
- b) National Secretary.
- c) Treasurer.
- d) Publicity Officer/ Newsletter Editor
- e) Persons holding the offices in paragraphs b, c and d may hold concurrently any other office or Committee position not specifically excluded by this constitution.
- f) Election Supervisor, who shall not hold any other ANPA office and shall not accept nomination for any other ANPA office. The Election Supervisor is not a National Committee position.
- g) State branch officers consisting of 2 representatives for the first fifteen individual financial members plus a further one representative for each additional twenty-five individual members up to a maximum of eight (8) representatives. All representatives to be elected by popular vote. The state officer who polls the most votes from the voting shall become the State Vice President. These state branch officers shall form the State Committee.
- h) Executive consisting of the President, Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity Officer and all the State Vice Presidents.
- i) National Committee, which shall consist of the Executive and the full membership of the State Committees, together with people fulfilling roles in point 5j.
- j) The Committee may appoint from among its members, people to fulfill the following roles in order to assist the National Secretary and or the Committee on an annual basis; Membership Co-ordinator, National Ring Co-ordinator, National Show Coordinator, National Standards Co-ordinator and Rare Breeds Co-ordinator. Additionally a position(s) can be created to address a particular need that may arise. These additional positions can only be created through a majority vote of the Committee. The Committee may if it deems necessary co-opt suitable person(s) to fulfill one or more of these specific roles. A person so co-opted

shall be considered a full member of the National Committee but the appointment shall be reviewed annually.

- k) All of these positions shall be honorary but the Committee, with the approval of the AGM, may determine to pay an honorarium to selected office bearers where it is clear that the work involves considerable personal sacrifice and out of pocket expenses.
- l) Notwithstanding the above provisions, the Committee may, with the approval of the AGM and if financially able, employ a person on a full-time or part-time basis to fill the role of National Secretary combined with the duties of any other Office except President. Where it is determined that such an appointment should be made, it will be by interview and selection arranged by the Executive rather than election. The nomination of the Executive for a person to be so appointed shall come to the AGM.

6. MANAGEMENT

- a) The Executive shall carry out the day to day business as necessary. The President is entitled to a casting vote only.
- b) The National Secretary shall canvass the views of the Executive on important issues through mail or other means available to deal with the efficient running of the Association.
- c) The role of the State Committees shall be to undertake any activities that promote the aims of ANPA at the State level. The State Committee shall canvass opinion on issues of concern and convey the information to the Executive and the AGM. The State Committee of the state nominated to host the National Show shall be responsible to assist the National Committee in making decisions regarding the host club's venue, judging nominations and other matters pertaining to the show.
- d) The full National Committee shall decide on major issues such as changes in the constitution or breed standards, and other issues as defined by the constitution.
- e) Should a member require any matter to be brought before the National Committee they should approach their State Vice President to have the matter raised on their behalf.

7 ACCOUNTS

- a) The National Committee shall cause proper accounts to be kept of all the receipts, credits, payments, assets and liabilities of the Association and of all other matters necessary for showing the true state and condition of the Association and the accounts shall be kept in such books and in such manner as the Committee think fit and to the satisfaction of the appointed Auditor.
- b) The accounts of the Association shall be annually examined and the correctness of the balance shall be ascertained by an Auditor, appointed by the Association at the AGM.
- c) The Treasurer shall present at each AGM a financial statement for the previous year and an audited financial statement shall subsequently be published in the ANPA newsletter.
- d) Approved national bank accounts shall be held for all funds. Signatories for all accounts shall be the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Committee Person, as approved by Executive, with any two to sign.
- e) The President will duly report at each AGM that he/she is personally satisfied that all books of the Association have been duly audited and he/she has taken steps to confirm the current bank balances shown on the Financial Statement.
- f) No officer or member of ANPA shall incur expense, disburse any funds or render ANPA liable for any obligation, which has not first been authorised by the Executive under penalty of personally assuming such liability.
- g) Members of the Committee shall disclose any personal interest they may have in any contract or proposed contract, entered into or to be entered into by the Committee on behalf of the Association.
- h) The property and income of the Association shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the aims of the Association and no part of that property or income may be paid or otherwise distributed, directly or indirectly, to members of the Association, except in good faith in the promotion of those objects or purposes.