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CONSTITUTION
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1. NAME

- (a) The name of the organisation shall be the NEW ZEALAND RIDING CLUBS AND BRIDLEWAYS OF NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED.
- (b) The Registered Office of the NZRC shall be situated at such address as the NZRC National Committee shall from time to time determine.

2. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the NZRC are:-

- (a) To promote and encourage Riding Clubs within New Zealand under the Constitution, Rules and Guidelines of the NZRC
- (b) To promote opportunities for the acquisition and diffusion of skills and information relating to all equestrian sports.
- (c) To co-operate with the NZ Equine Sport New Zealand, the NZ Pony Clubs Association and other New Zealand national equestrian bodies.

- (d) To educate, examine and appoint Examiners and Instructors for the NZRC.
- (e) To promote the NZRC Proficiency Tests for the purpose of educating the adult rider in riding skills and horse and stable management
- (f) Subject to the rules and policy of the NZRC, to affiliate with any organisation, whether operating within New Zealand or overseas, which has objectives similar to or compatible with the NZRC.
- (g) To encourage Inter-Club, Area and Island Teams Competitions and promote an annual National Teams Event Competition.
- (h) To introduce and maintain Rules and Guidelines governing NZRC Proficiency Tests, Examiners, Seminars and Teams Event competition when and where necessary, as seen fit by the NZRC National Committee.
- (i) To promote the safety of horses, riders and handlers.
- (j) To administer Bridleways of New Zealand and support the objectives of Bridleways of New Zealand as listed in Clause 3.
- (k) To concern itself with any matter which may benefit horse and rider and to do all such things which are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objectives.

3. BRIDLEWAYS OF NEW ZEALAND

- (a) In 1989, NZRC took over the administration of the Incorporated Society “Bridleways of New Zealand”. No longer an Incorporated Society in its own right, Bridleways is now administered as a division of the New Zealand Riding Clubs Inc. (Hereinafter referred to as Bridleways).
- (b) Aims and Objectives of Bridleways:
- i. To promote and encourage recreational equestrian activities not directly related to competition.
 - ii. To protect, promote and enlarge access to and extension of equestrian amenities, especially Bridleways.
 - iii. To promote and encourage good standards of horsemanship and horsemastership.
 - iv. To publish literature and information on the above subjects.
- (c) Officers
All duly elected or co-opted office holders of NZRC shall also be the officers of Bridleways. The Convenor of the Bridleways Sub-Committee (see Clause 9) shall have particular responsibility for administering Bridleways matters. Decisions taken regarding Bridleways must have the approval of the NZRC National Committee.

(d) Membership

As a separate division of NZRC, membership in Bridleways shall be separate to membership in NZRC. NZRC members who wish to particularly support the aims and objectives of Bridleways may choose to also, belong to Bridleways. People and organisations may join Bridleways without joining NZRC. However, as members of Bridleways only, they do not have the rights and privileges of NZRC membership.

Classes of membership shall be as follows:

- i. Individual
- ii. Family
- iii. Local club
- iv. National body/organisation

Fees for each category of membership shall be set each year at the AGM.

(e) Voting

As not full members of NZRC, members of Bridleway shall have no individual right to vote at the AGM. However, the Bridleways Convenor shall hold one vote on behalf of all Bridleways members in this way. Bridleways members have the same voting rights as any other single club affiliated to the NZRC.

The Bridleways Convenor shall undertake to gather, by mail telephone or other contact, the views of Bridleways members on remits, election of officers and any other matters being put to the vote.

In addition, if a remit is passed at an AGM which **significantly** alters the nature, administration or objectives of Bridleways, it must be approved by a majority of at least two-thirds (2/3rds) of all Bridleways members in a postal vote before it is considered valid, where a nil response will be taken as approval of the change.

(f) Financial Account

Separate financial accounts shall be maintained for Bridleways. As agreed when Bridleways was take over by NZRC, all existing and incoming Bridleways funds shall be used to further the aims and objective of Bridleways (as stated in Clause 3(b) above).

4. MEMBERSHIP

(a) The NZRC shall have the power to accept or decline applications for membership which meet the criteria laid down in the NZRC Constitution. However, if declined the reason must be given in writing to the applicant.

(b) The membership of the NZRC shall consist of the following:

i. AFFILIATED CLUBS

Affiliated Clubs shall have all the rights and privileges of membership.

ii. INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

An individual (17 years or older) may apply to the National Committee to join as an individual member. The National Committee has full discretion whether or not to accept such as application. Individual Members have all rights and privileges of membership EXCEPT power to vote as members or to claim any share of the property of the NZRC upon its dissolution.

iii. LIFE MEMBERS

The National Committee shall have the power to award Life Membership to any person who has, in the opinion of the National Committee, rendered notable service to the NZRC. Life members shall have all the rights and privileges of membership including voting rights. Life Membership can only be awarded and cannot be purchased.

iv. CONSTITUENT MEMBERS

Constituent Membership may be granted by the National Committee to appropriate organisations, whether commercial or otherwise, e.g. Riding schools, Polytechnics, Country clubs, etc.

Constituent Members will observe the same rules and have the same rights and privileges as affiliated clubs.

- (c) The affiliation fee for all types of Membership shall be set at the Annual General Meeting for the ensuing year and will fall due on the 1st April each year.
- (d) The membership within Affiliated Clubs shall consist of adults (17 years or old). However, having members under 17 years of age shall not disqualify a club from affiliating with the NZRC.
- (e) The administration, constitution and membership fees within affiliated clubs shall remain the responsibility of their committees.
- (f) Mode on which Membership ceases:
 - i. If the annual fee of any type of membership remains unpaid after 1 August. A member remains liable to the NZRC for all monies in arrears.
 - ii. On resignation by written notice to the NZRC Secretary and payment of all due monies owing up to the date of the resignation being accepted by the National Committee.

- iii. On the passing of a resolution by two-thirds (2/3rds) majority of the National Committee members present at a Special Committee Meeting for the purpose of striking off any member who, in the opinion of the Committee, has been guilty of any misconduct or breach of the Constitution or any act detrimental to the NZRC. Notification of such a meeting must be given to the member concerned at least four (4) weeks before the date of the meeting.

5. VOTING

(a) AT COMMITTEE, EXECUTIVE and SUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

All members on the Committee shall have one vote each. In the event of equality, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

(b) AT GENERAL MEETINGS

Each affiliated Club or Life Members shall have one vote. The vote can only be exercised by the person duly nominated by the club in writing to the NZRC Secretary fourteen (14) days prior to the General Meeting.

In addition, Bridleways members shall have one vote as a group, to be cast by the Bridleways Convenor on their behalf.

In the event of equality, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

However, this shall be exercised for the status quo if such circumstances exist.

(c) PROXY AND POSTAL VOTING

Members entitled to vote and not attending a Meeting may vote at General Meetings only by:

- i. Proxy – A Proxy shall be appointed by an Affiliated Club in writing, signed by the Club's representative (vote holder) and countersigned by two of the Clubs Officers and must be received by the NZRC Secretary fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting date.
- ii. Postal – The National Committee may elect to use postal voting on such matters that, from time to time, the Committee needs to know the opinion of Affiliated Clubs.
Affiliates may use postal voting to register their vote on remits, elections and the general business of a General Meeting. In such cases the postal vote must be received by the NZRC Secretary fourteen (14) days before the Meeting date, signed by two Officers of the Affiliated Riding Club.

6. NATIONAL COMMITTEE

(a) The Officers of the National Committee shall consist of:

- i. President/Chairman
- ii. North Island Vice President
- iii. South Island Vice President
- iv. Secretary
- v. Treasurer
- vi. Rider Roundup Editor
- vii. Bridleways Convenor

Plus up to five (5) Committee Members

(b) An Officer must be a member of NZRC, either through membership with an affiliated club or constituency, individual membership or may hold awarded NZRC life membership.

(c) In all cases the nominees for National Committee must be present at the Annual General Meetings elections unless a written reason for non-attendance is accepted by the majority at the AGM.

(d) Each Officer shall assume office immediately upon election and shall retire at the following Annual General Meeting, but shall be eligible for re-election.

(e) An Affiliated club may have no more than two representatives on the National Committee. Each National Committee member elected shall liaise with the clubs in their Area.

(f) Nominees must be eligible according to the Constitution and be correctly nominated and seconded. It is the nominee's responsibility to ensure that this is done, and he/she must give his/her consent before being nominated.

(g) In the event of any National Committee member failing to attend two consecutive meetings and not furnishing an explanation acceptable to the majority of members present, his/her seat may be declared vacant and the NZRC Secretary shall notify him/her accordingly.

7. ELECTIONS

- (a) The nomination of Officers for National Committee shall be by formal written nomination.
- (b) If only one eligible nomination is received then that nomination shall be duly elected to fill the position.
- (c) For each position where no formal nomination has been received, nominations may be made from the floor at an Annual General Meeting.
- (d) In every case where the number of eligible nominations for an Officer/Committee position exceeds the number of vacancies, the election shall be by secret ballot.
- (e) All written nominations must be received by the NZRC Secretary thirty (30) days prior to the AGM date.

8. MANAGEMENT

- (a) The business of the NZRC is managed by the National Committee on behalf of the NZRC members, other than decisions or actions which require discussion or approval at the AGM.
- (b) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – To consist of the following five (5) Members of the National Committee: the President, the two Vice Presidents, the Secretary and the Treasurer. The quorum shall consist of the President and two other members. This Committee shall have the power to make and implement any decisions necessary to be made for the National Committee between meetings of that Committee. Members of the National Committee shall be informed of any decisions made by the Executive Committee as soon as possible.
- (c) The National Committee may from time to time delegate, subject to such conditions as it thinks fit, any such powers to any person, whether members of an Affiliate or Committee or not.
- (d) At all National Committee Meetings, five (5) Committee members shall form a quorum. The President or a Vice President shall preside or, in their absence, a chairman shall be elected by the Meeting.
- (e) Fourteen (14) days notice of National Committee Meetings shall be given to each member of the Committee, and notice shall be deemed to have been given when posted, telephoned or faxed by the NZRC Secretary. Faxed sheets must be posted within 48 Hours.

- (f) The incoming Committee shall elect/fill from among its members any Office that remains vacant and a delegate to other organisations, where specifically required. It is recommended, but not required, that the incoming Committee also choose to elect/fill from among its members the following positions:
- i. Safety Officer, responsible for all matters pertaining to the safety of horse and rider/handler
 - ii. Riding Clubs Rider/Information Exchange Officer.
 - iii. Assistant Bridleways Convenor.
- (g) The incoming Committee shall appoint/co-opt;
- i. The North Island Chief Examiner
 - ii. The South Island Chief Examiner
 - iii. An Auditor
- (h) The National Committee may from time to time by resolution make rules and guidelines for the conduct of its own business and for the conduct of the NZRC's business.
- (i) The National committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur during the term of office.
- (j) National Committee members shall vacate office on the happening of any of the following.
- iv. Resignation in writing to the NZRC Secretary.
 - v. In the Opinion of a majority of the Committee, any member is guilty of any conduct derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interests of the NZRC and the Committee.
 - vi. Also refer to Clause 6(b) and (g).

9. SUB-COMMITTEES

- (a) A sub-committee may be formed as required. The National Committee may delegate any of its powers to such sub-committees and make rules for regulating the proceedings of such sub-committees.
- The role of these sub-committees shall be to undertake special projects on behalf of the National Committee to which they shall report at every National Committee meeting and submit an Annual Report to the AGM.
- All expenditure and any guidelines recommended by these committees must receive National Committee approval before being implemented.
- The Convenor of a sub-committee shall have the power to co-opt any member on to their committee as they see fit, whether they are a member of the NZRC or not.
- (b) The quorum of a sub-committee shall be not less than two-thirds (2/3rds) of its members.
- (c) The incoming National Committee shall appoint from among its members, Convenors to the following SUB-COMMITTEES, if established:-
- i. BRIDLEWAYS OF NZ
- The Convenor of the Bridleways Sub-Committee shall be elected as under Clause 6(a). That person shall manage and pursue all matters as stated in Clause 3. An Assistant Convenor may be selected from among the National Committee as stated in Clause 8(f iii) to assist with the Bridleways Sub-Committee. Other Sub-Committee members shall be co-opted as necessary from NZRC or Bridleways members throughout New Zealand.

ii. NORTH/SOUTH ISLAND WORKING COMMITTEE

A Sub-Committee may be formed in the Island in which the elected President does not reside, for the purpose of promoting the NZRC and dealing with the promotion of Inter-Club, Area and Island communications, Teams competitions, Proficiency Tests, education and Bridleways. The Convenor shall be the Vice President of the Island. The National Chairman and Committee Members of that Island shall be notified of all meetings and have the reserved right to attend all such meetings with the right to speak and advise at such meetings. Affiliated Clubs of that Island shall have no more than one Area Representative [up to six (6) in total] on the Island's Working Sub-Committee. Each Affiliated Club of that Island shall receive notice of all meetings and may at the invitation of the Sub-Committee attend and speak at meeting but only the elected Area Representative plus Convenor shall have voting rights.

iii. TRAINING AND EXAMINERS SUB-COMMITTEE

If elected, to be in such a manner to have an even representation from the North and South Islands (excluding the Convenor) but shall not have more than five (5) members. The Convenor must not be a Level Three Examiner or above. The North and South Island Chief Examiners shall automatically be members of the Sub-Committee and one of whom must be inclusive of the quorum. All matters pertaining to Proficiency Tests, Seminars, Examiners and the Rules that govern them shall be passed by this Sub-Committee before being presented for National Committee approval.

iv. NATIONAL TEAMS EVENTS COMPETITION SUB-COMMITTEE

If elected, to be in such a manner to have even representation from the North and South Islands (excluding the Convenor) but shall not have more than five (5) members.

The responsibilities of this Sub-Committee are:-

- a) To pursue the objective of an annual inter-Islands and/or National Teams Competition.
- b) To set down the events and the rules for such events and competitions.
- c) To investigate the events most suitable for Teams Events with consideration given to the majority of Affiliates' preferences.
- d) To give directives to the Show Committee of both Islands.

- e) To ensure the promotion of teams competitions and that individual performances are not rewarded.
- f) To introduce further rules as seen fit by the Sub-Committee to govern Teams Events competitions.
- g) To appoint delegates to the Show Committees of both Islands.

Competition for junior members, under 17 years, shall not be provided. Perpetual trophies, ribbons and trophy prizes shall be the only form of reward given to winners of NZRC competitions.

- (a) The NZRC President shall have the reserved right to attend all Sub-Committee meetings and the NZRC Treasurer shall be ex officio to all Sub-Committees dealing with finance.

10. GENERAL MEETINGS

- (a) The Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held between the 1st May and 30th June in each year. The date shall be fixed by the National Committee. The AGM shall transact the following business each year:-
 - i. Receiving Officers' annual reports.
 - ii. Receiving the Reviewed annual financial statement and report.
 - iii. Receiving correspondence concerning AGM business
 - iv. Election of Officers and National Committee Members.
 - v. Considering and, if necessary, taking action with reference to any business or motion of which due notice has been given, and discussing the General Business of the meeting.
 - vi. Considering remits from members and recommendations from the National Committee.
 - vii. Transacting any other business which under this Constitution should be transacted at an AGM.
- (b) Notice of the AGM.
 - i. Notice of the AGM and the business to be transacted shall be posted to Individual/Life/Constituent Members and Affiliated Clubs at least forty (40) days before the AGM date.

- ii. Except as provided in paragraph iii. Hereof, no business shall be considered at an AGM unless notice, together with sufficient description in writing of such intended business, shall have been delivered to the NZRC Secretary thirty (30) days prior to the AGM date. All Members must be notified of such business twenty one days (21) prior to the AGM date.
- iii. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph ii. hereof, special business of which due notice has not been given previously shall be considered and dispatched if a resolution for the introduction of such business is carried by those present and entitled to vote.
- (c) Special General Meetings may be convened from time to time as the National Committee sees fit, or on a requisition in writing from five (5) members stating particulars of the business to be brought forward, in which case the meeting shall be called within one month of the receipt of such requisition.
- (d) Voting – Decisions at all meetings shall be determined by majority vote of at least two-thirds ($2/3^{\text{rds}}$). Voting shall be by a “show of hands” or, if the meeting so desires, by secret ballot.
- (e) The quorum at any General Meeting shall consist of 10% of total votes. At any meeting if a quorum is NOT present within half an hour of the appointed time, that meeting shall be adjourned.

- (f) Affiliated Clubs shall advise the NZRC Secretary in writing fourteen (14) days prior to the General Meeting date, the name of their representative who shall hold their voting right.
- (g) The end of the financial year is the 31st March of each year.
- (h) Subject to clauses 11(b) and 15, no resolution at any meeting shall be deemed to have been passed unless it is carried by a majority of the members voting on it.

11. ALTERATION OF THE RULES

- (a) The NZRC may from time to time add to, alter, amend, revise or rescind any section of the Constitution, but only either at a General Meeting or by Postal Vote. Written notice of the proposed changed must have been given to members twenty-one (21) days before the date of such a meeting.
- (b) No resolution to change this Constitution shall be deemed to have been passed unless it has been carried by a majority of at least two-thirds (2/3^{rds}) of the members voting on it.
- (c) In the event of any dispute, doubt or difference arising as to the interpretation or application of this Constitution or any part of it, the decision of the National Committee in respect of such dispute, doubt or difference shall be final and binding.
- (d) No addition to or alteration or rescission of the Constitution shall be approved if it affects Clause 15 regarding the dissolution of the NZRC.
- (e) No addition to or alteration of the non profit aims, personal benefit clause or the winding up clause shall be made which affect the tax exemption status. The provisions and effect of this clause shall not be removed from this document and shall be included and implied into any document replacing this document.

12. COMMON SEAL

The National Committee shall provide a common seal for the NZRC which shall be kept in the custody of the NZCR Secretary. This seal shall not be affixed to any deed or document except by order of the National Committee. Every deed or other document to which the seal of the NZRC is required to be affixed shall be affixed by the NZRC Secretary in the presence of two other Officers of the National Committee and signed by all three.

13. MONIES, INVESTMENTS and LOANS

- (a) All monies received by and/or on behalf of the NZRC shall be banked in such a bank as the National Committee may from time to time determine. All withdrawals of money from any NZRC account shall be signed by any two (2) of the President, Secretary and Treasurer (whom shall be the Trustees of the NZRC).

Any commitment of money over \$200.00 (two hundred dollars) from NZRC accounts must have prior approval of the National Committee.

- (b) The National Committee shall be empowered to borrow money for the purposes of the NZRC on any of the NZRC assets or otherwise from any person(s), bankers or corporations and for the purpose to execute and give security over the NZRC's assets or otherwise for the repayment of the same.
- (c) The funds of the NZRC shall be under the control of the National Committee and shall be applied to further the objects of the NZRC. Until required for any of the purposes of the NZRC, these funds may be invested in real estate, or on real or Government or Municipal securities, or in the Dominion of New Zealand, or may be deposited with any bank, institution or properly constituted Building Society carrying on business in the Dominion of New Zealand.
- (d) Any income, benefit or advantage shall be applied to the objectives of the organisation. No member of the organisation or any person associated with a member, shall participate in or materially influence any decision made by the organisation,

in respect of the payment to or on behalf of that member or associated person of any income, benefit or advantage whatsoever. Any such income shall be reasonable and relative to that which would be paid in an arms length transaction (being open market value). And the provisions and effect of this clause shall not be removed from this document and shall be included and implied into any document replacing this document.

14. AUDITORS

Following the AGM, the incoming National Committee shall appoint an Auditor(s), whose duty it shall be to Review the accounts and books of the NZRC during the ensuring year (refer Clause 8(g)iii.)

15. DISSOLUTION OF THE NEW ZEALAND RIDING CLUBS INC.

The NZRC shall not be dissolved except under the provision of the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 and upon the winding up of the NZRC may direct the method of disposition of the funds and property of the NZRC after the winding up thereof in such a manner as shall provide for the payment of all costs, debts, liabilities and thereafter as the NZRC shall direct for such one or more incorporated societies with objects similar to that of the NZRC and not carried on for the purpose of profit or gain to any proprietor, member or shareholder and which is by the terms of its rules or other document constituting that Society or governing its activities prohibited from making any distribution whether by way of money, property or otherwise howsoever to any such proprietor, member or shareholder or in the alternative to such one or more charities as the NZRC shall determine.

The NZRC may be, by the vote of a bare majority of the members present at a General Meeting, wound up, provided that proper due notice of any such proposal shall have been given twenty-one (21) days before the Meeting date.

16. COPYRIGHT

The NZRC reserves the right to the reproduction of any NZRC publications, literary, artistic work or to translate, film or record such NZRC literature, seminar, competition or activity. Any person(s) offending this clause may be liable to disciplinary action according to the rulings of the National Committee.

17. INDEMNITY

- (a) The NZRC shall indemnify and hold harmless any member or servant of the National Committee against all damages, costs, charges and expenses arising out of anything lawfully done or suffered by any such member for and on behalf of the NZRC including members on the NZRC Approved Examiners Panel.
- (b) Proficiency Tests Examinations – At officially approved examinations, the convening Examiners' decisions concerning the examination's format, interpretation of the syllabus, disqualification or dismissal of candidate(s) and the results of such examinations will be endorsed by the National Committee, unless proven that such happens from the examiner(s) wilful act of neglect or default.
- (c) Any protests, complaints, disagreements or disputes must be made in writing and be in the hands of the NZRC Secretary or Member of the Executive (or in the case of Proficiency Test, a member of the Training and Examiners Sub-Committee) within seven (7) days of the event's occurrence.

DECLARATION

We, being the members of the NEW ZEALAND RIDING CLUBS AND BRIDLEWAYS OF NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED National Committee, do hereby certify that the foregoing rules were substituted as the Constitution of the Society pursuant to a resolution to that effect passed at the Annual General Meeting of the NZRC and Bridleways Incorporated on 26th May 2001 and were accepted as valid at this meeting.

Changes to the Constitution

The following is a brief summary of the changes made to the NZRC Constitution over the years. For the complete details of each Remit, the minutes of the relevant AGM must be consulted.

20th July 1996 – Blenheim

1. **Rule 4(b)iv Constituent Membership.** New rule added to include this type of membership.
2. **Rule 4(b)ii Individual Membership.** Deleted proviso that individual membership ceases if Club in that area.
3. **Rule 8(a) Management.** No change to meaning, just clearer wording, on NZRC being managed by the National Committee.
4. **Rule 8(e) Management.** Notice of meetings to include phone and fax, as well as post.
5. **Rule 9(c)iii Training and Examiners Sub-Committee.** Now states Convenor must not be an examiner.
6. **Rule 10(d) Voting.** Defines majority vote as 2/3^{rds} to be consistent throughout Constitution.

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14th June 1997 Otorohanga

1. **Rule 1 (a) Name.** Changed to “New Zealand Riding Clubs and Bridleways of New Zealand Incorporated”. This was a legal requirement as “Incorporated” must be at end of the name.

12th June 1998 – Christchurch

No Remits

12th June 1999 – Upper Hutt

- 1. Rule 4(b)i Affiliated Clubs.** Moved date fee due from here to Rule 4(a) and change from 1st June to 1st April each year. (See Ham 26/5/2001)
- 2. Rule 4(e)i Membership Ceases.** Changed date fee remains unpaid from 1st September to 1st August.

15th July 2000 – Blenheim

- 1. Rule 2(h) Objective.** Remove NZEF and British Horse Society as no longer affiliated to them.
- 2. Rule 4(e)ii Membership Ceases.** Remove entire clause as individual membership can continue even if a Riding Club in same area affiliates. Relates to Remit 2, 1996 AGM.
- 3. Rule 10(a) General Meetings.** Dates to hold AGM changed from 1st June – 31st August to 1st May – 30th June.
- 4. Rule 10(b)i General Meetings.** Notice of AGM increased from 30 days to 40 days.
- 5. Rule 10(b)i & ii General Meetings.** Rules swapped over.
- 6. Rule 10(g) General Meetings.** End of Financial Year changed to 31st March from 31st May.
- 7. Rule 6(e) National Committee.** Now states that NC Members must be a NZRC Member. (See 9 below)

- 8. Rule 6(d) National Committee.** Rule covered when no longer a member of NC but now covered by rule 6(e) so deleted.
- 9. Rule 6(e) moved to 6(b)** and other rules renumbered accordingly for more logical sequence.
- 10. All Rules.** Any reference to “Officials” be replaced by “Officers” for continuity.

26th May 2001 Hamilton

- 1. Rule 3(a) Bridleways of New Zealand.** Now states accepted abbreviation as Bridleways.
- 2. All Rules.** All reference to be Bridleways.
- 3. Rule 4(a) Membership.** NZRC can accept or decline application for membership but if declined reason must be given to applicant in writing.
- 4. Rule 4(c).** Insert new rule just for affiliation fees. (rule renumbered c onwards)
- 5. Rule 4(b)i. Affiliated Clubs.** Remove details on fees as now included in new Rule 4(c)
- 6. Rule 8(f). Management.** Change delegate to NZEF to delegate of other organisation.
- 7. Rule 9(c)v. Sub-Committees.** Move Executive Committee details from this section to 8.Management.
- 8. Rule 10(b) General Meetings.** Notice of AGM to be given to Individual/Life/Constituent members and Affiliated Clubs. Was previously to all members.

11th June 2005 – Ohakune

No remits

10th June 2006 – Hamilton

1. **Rule 14, & Rule 10(a)ii** Change to “Review” not “Audit”.

9th June 2007 – Mangatoki, Eltham

No Remits

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9.6.2012 - Ohakune

No Remits

8.6 2013 - ATCANZ Training Centre Christchurch

No Remits

21.6.2014 - Airport Motel Wellington

No Remits

June 2015 – Queenstown AGM

No Remits

January 2016 – Committee meeting at NITE, Hamilton

1. **Rule 11 (e)** added IRD Advised for Income Tax Status Exemption
2. **Rule 13 (d)** added IRD Advised for Income Tax Status Exemption

