

Constitution and Rules of THE DANISH ASSOCIATION in New Zealand (Incorporated)

Name

1. The name of the Society shall be "The Danish Association in New Zealand (Incorporated)."

Objects

2. The objects of the Association are:

- (a) The restoration of Denmark's freedom and independence by:
 - (1) Promoting and strengthening Danish National feeling.
 - (2) Actively supporting the British Commonwealth of Nations and its allies in their fight for the Nations' freedom, being convinced that Denmark's liberation depends upon the Allies' victory in the present war.
 - (3) Collaborating with organisations in other countries that have similar objectives.
- (b) To extend a friendly hand to all Danish newcomers and visitors to New Zealand.
- (c) To assist Danes in New Zealand and at all times promote good fellowship among them and loyalty to their adopted country.
- (d) Such further objects as the Executive Committee shall from time to time decide.

Membership

3. All approved persons of Danish descent over the age of 18 years living

in New Zealand and their wives and husbands who in writing declare themselves in agreement with the Association's objectives shall be eligible for membership. Application shall be made to the Secretary, and the Executive Committee shall decide whether or not such application shall be accepted. Membership fee shall be 5/- per annum payable in advance.

Persons shall cease to be members:

- (a) By voluntary resignation.
- (b) In case of non-payment of subscription within three months of due date, i.e., on or before 1st May in each year.
- (c) For any conduct, deed or action which in the judgment of the Executive Committee is detrimental to the aims of the Association.

Officers

4. There shall be a President and two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and Treasurer, and an Executive Committee consisting of seven members exclusive of ex-officio members.

Meetings

5. General meetings shall be called by seven days' written notice to each member. The Annual General meeting shall be held in March of each year, and the business to be conducted at such meeting shall be:

- (a) Receipt and consideration of report of the Executive Committee for past year and Treasurer's financial statement.
- (b) Election of officers.
- (c) Any special business introduced by notice of motion of which

written notice shall have been given to the Secretary prior to the date of the meeting.

(d) Any other general business.

An extraordinary general meeting may be called at any time on a requisition signed by not less than twelve members delivered to the secretary setting out the object of such a meeting.

Twelve members personally or by proxy shall form a quorum at general meetings, and five members at the meetings of the Executive Committee of whom three shall be personally present in which case two or more may be represented by a proxy. All proxies shall be in writing attested by a witness and delivered to the Secretary before the commencement of the meeting.

All voting shall be by show of hands unless a ballot is demanded in which case voting shall be by secret ballot.

All meetings shall be presided over by the President or in his absence by a Vice President appointed at the meeting to preside, who shall in all respects represent the President.

All meetings shall be conducted in the English language, but the Danish language may be used by members after the close of meetings and at social functions.

Executive Committee

6. The Executive Committee shall hold office until its successors shall have been elected. It shall meet at least once a month at such times and places as it may determine.

The Executive Committee may appoint any member of the Association

to fill any vacancy which may occur during its period of office.

The President and Secretary shall be members of the Executive Committee ex officio.

Provincial Committees

7. A Provincial Committee to consist of at least three members, may at any time be set up of its own motion for the purpose of transacting the business of the Association in that Province. All such Provincial Committees shall be under the supervision and directions of the Executive Committee, and shall forward a report of its activities to the Secretary at least fourteen days before the Annual General Meeting.

Funds

8. The funds of the Association shall be in the custody of the Treasurer and all cheques and other documents shall be signed by the President and the Secretary and/or such other person as may from time to time be appointed by the Executive Committee. All moneys shall be lodged forthwith in the banking account of the Association.

Common Seal

9. The Common Seal of the Association shall be in the custody of the Secretary who shall affix the same to documents on the authority of a motion duly passed by the Executive Committee, and in the presence of the President.

Registered Office

10. The Registered Office of the Association shall be at Auckland or such other place in New Zealand as shall from time to time be decided.

Due notice of any change shall be given forthwith to the Registrar and to all members.

Alteration of Rules

11. The Rules of the Association shall be altered or extended only by majority vote at the Annual General Meeting.

Winding Up and Dissolution

12. In the event of winding-up of the Association or dissolution by the Registrar the funds of the Association shall be disposed of as decided upon by the Executive Committee or as the Registrar directs.

Audit

13. The Accounts of the Association shall be audited annually by a qualified accountant and submitted to the Annual General Meeting. The only charges upon the funds of the Association shall be the travelling expenses of the President and Secretary if required, printing, stationery, postage and telegrams, and such other payments as the Executive Committee shall from time to time decide.

Differences and Disputes

14. In the event of any difference of opinion as to the interpretation of any Rule or matter arising thereout, the same shall be referred to the Executive Committee whose decision shall be binding, except so far as it shall be in conflict with the law of New Zealand.

General

15. No member of the Executive Committee or other person shall take individual action with regard to the affairs of the Association without proper authority.

RULES

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The Danish Association

in New Zealand

(INCORPORATED)

Founded by Mr. E. A. Dahl
on Feb. 2nd 1942 at
Wellington

Mr. C. Langkilde - 1st President 1942 to March 1944. Mr. Otto Høderup 2nd & final President March 1944 to March 1946