

**Southern Africa Arms and Ammunition Collectors Association
Mpumalanga Chapter**

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1: NAME

The name of the organization shall be the **Southern Africa Arms and Ammunition Collectors Association, Mpumalanga**, which may be abbreviated to **SAAACA, Mpumalanga**.

ARTICLE 2: MISSION

The mission of SAAACA Mpumalanga, a non-profit organization is:

- Section 1 To promote the collection, study, restoration, preservation and responsible recreational use of collectible arms and ammunition.
- Section 2 To promote the collecting, study, restoration, preservation and use of accessories and other items related to arms and ammunition.
- Section 3 To work with any other body or bodies, for legislation and other purposes supportive of this Association's primary mission.
- Section 4 To promote the appreciation and acceptance of Collectors and Collecting amongst all Stakeholders, and to encourage responsible and ethical behavior of its members in this regard.

(Stakeholders shall include, but not be limited to, Private and Institutional Collectors of Arms, Ammunition, and related artifacts, and all Public, Private and Government bodies affecting, affected by, or interested in the bona fide collection of Arms, Ammunition and related artifacts).

ARTICLE 3: MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1 Membership will only be open to persons who have satisfied the Executive Committee, through a sub-committee established for that purpose, and in accordance with such sub-committee's Terms of Reference as approved by the Executive Committee, that they are, or desire to become, bona-fide collectors of

arms and ammunition.

- Section 2 There will be Ordinary membership and Junior membership. Junior membership shall be open to juniors up to the age of eighteen, whereupon they will automatically become eligible for Ordinary membership.
- Section 3 Life Membership: Members who have been in good standing with the Association for a period of five (5) years or who have been active Executive Committee members for three (3) years, may apply in writing to become Life Members. Life membership contributions will be kept in a separate fund.
- Section 4 Applications for life membership will be assessed on the basis of the members contributions to the Association, and/or the benefit to the Association of such membership.
- Section 5 Life membership will be limited to 10% of current ordinary members.
- Section 6 Membership shall be self-governing and selective but open to all collectors, including beginners, modest collectors and experienced collectors.
- Section 7 There shall be no upper age limit.
- Section 8 A prospective member shall be introduced by two members of good standing.
- Section 9 Mechanism for revoking membership. Should the actions of a member be deemed to be in contravention of this Constitution or contrary to the spirit of the Association:
- 9.1 The Membership Sub-Committee, acting as a disciplinary committee in accordance with its Terms of Reference, will put the allegations to the member concerned, who will be given the opportunity to answer the allegations.
 - 9.2 The majority decision of the disciplinary committee will be referred to the Executive Committee, and
 - 9.3 The Executive Committee will make the final decision regarding membership of the member concerned.
- Section 10 Should membership be revoked due to a member being in contravention of the Law or misusing their membership of the Association, the relevant authorities shall be notified.

ARTICLE 4: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (ExCo)

- Section 1 The ExCo of SAAACA will consist of a Chairman, Secretary/Treasurer plus a minimum of four additional members. The past Chairman shall be an ex officio member of ExCo until such time as a new Chairman is elected.
- Section 2 ExCo shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
- Section 3 A majority of votes cast by the designated representatives of the Members present at the Annual or Special General Meeting shall constitute an election.
- Section 4 A vacancy in the office of Chairman shall be filled by the Secretary/Treasurer until such time as a General or Special Meeting can be called to elect a new Chairman. Other vacancies on ExCo shall be filled by nominations by the ExCo for the remaining term.
- Section 5 ExCo will operate according to the ExCo Terms of Reference, and be responsible for the development and implementation of Plans and Actions to further the aims and objectives of the Association as espoused in the Mission.
- Section 6 The Secretary/Treasurer shall ensure the management of correspondence, funds, and governance matters.
- Section 7 ExCo shall appoint and dissolve such sub-committees as are, from time to time, deemed necessary by them to further the objective and manage the day-to-day affairs of the Association.
- Section 8 ExCo will be authorized to protect the interests of the Association through appropriate Legal Action, other than High Court Action, which shall be authorized through a Special General Meeting.
- Section 9 SAAACA Mpumalanga, its members, and Office Bearers, may not be held liable by any other member for anything done in accordance with this Constitution.

ARTICLE 5: GENERAL MEETINGS

- Section 1 The Annual General Meeting shall be held on such date, time and at such place as ExCo designate. Notice of the meeting site, date and agenda shall be sent to Members two weeks before the meeting.
- Section 2 Special General Meetings shall be called by ExCo when called upon to do so by two thirds of the fully paid-up members under the rules of Article 5 Section 1.

Section 3 Only fully paid-up members may vote at Annual or Special General Meetings. Other members may attend.

Section 4 Amendments to the Constitution may only be made by a vote of two-thirds majority of the fully paid-up members present at an Annual or Special General Meeting called under the rules in Article 5 Section 1. Notice or motion to amend the Constitution must be given on the appropriate agenda.

ARTICLE 6: **DUES, FEES**

Section 1 Members shall pay an annual fee and new members shall pay an additional once off registration fee as determined by ExCo from time to time.

Section 3 Fees for junior members shall be 50% less than those due for Ordinary members.

Section 4 There shall be no fees payable for circulation of documentation to fully paid-up Members.

Chairman: **Andrew Soutar** Treasurer: **Paul Ras** Date: **March 2005**