

THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.

CLUB BY-LAWS

1 INTERPRETATION

- a) All By-Laws shall be read in conjunction with and subject to the Constitution of the South Coast Orchid Club of South Australia Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "the Club") and in its interpretation where the context so permits, the singular shall include the plural and the masculine gender shall include the feminine gender and neuter genders and vice versa.
- b) The following words and phrases shall have the meanings hereunder assigned to them.

1.1 a) 'Member' shall mean a financial member of the Club.

- b) Single membership shall mean one member who has paid the prescribed subscription for that year.

c) Family membership shall mean and cover

Nuclear family (up to 5 people) which has paid the prescribed subscription for that year.

i. [Interpretation of a family as per the 'Relationships Bill'

The Relationships Bill was introduced in South Australia on the 9th November 2004 to make provision for same sex couples to be treated on an equal basis with opposite sex couples.

The Club does treat same sex couples on an equal basis, in that couples of the same sex are considered a couple for membership purposes.

Opposite sex couples (married or defacto) and their children are accepted under a family membership, subject to 1.1.c.i.]

- d) Life membership is granted to a member for outstanding service over an extended period and not usually for service of less than 10 years. Where it is granted to a member in a family membership, the balance of membership subscription fees are to be paid to make up any difference between single and family subscription rate fees.

Criteria for recommending a candidate to an Annual General Meeting would include, continuous service to the Club in a variety of ways, over and above that of the average club member.

Such ways could include:

Serving multiple times on the Club Committee (hereinafter referred to as the Committee);

Considerable support of Club shows and trading table;

Displays;

Show Marshall;

Money handling;

Helping new members, etc.

- e) Honorary memberships are granted to persons, other clubs and organisations where the Committee deems the membership beneficial to the Club. No subscription fees are levied against such persons or organisations. No voting rights pertain to this membership.

- f) Under special circumstances, life members can be invited to attend a Committee meeting, to discuss particulars and information that may pertain to Club matters.

2 THE PROMOTIONAL SYSTEM

2.1 MEETINGS

- a) The orchids benched each month are judged in a number of classes (see results sheet in the monthly Gazette). In each of the classes, the judges choose first, second and third places and mark them with blue, red and green spots respectively.
- b) At the end of the year, these placings are allocated scores, three (3) for first placing, two (2) for a second placing, and one (1) for a third placing. These scores are tallied up for each exhibitor in each judging class. These classes are then added together to give a genus aggregate. The

exhibitor who has the highest in each genus group with a minimum of ten (10), is allocated ONE PROMOTIONAL POINT for the year.

2.2 SHOWS

- a) At Shows, our orchids are judged in genus groups . See the Show Schedules in the monthly Gazette just before Shows. Within these genus groups, there are a number of classes, which are first judged. Then the best orchid in each genus group is chosen for best prize, marked with a yellow spot and awarded a prize card showing best of the particular genus.
- b) Each best prize (yellow spot/prize card) counts as ONE PROMOTIONAL POINT.
- c) Seedlings, specimens and species do not accrue promotional points unless they are a best prize at a show.

2.3 PROMOTIONS AT THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB OF S.A. INC.

- a) Exhibitors usually start showing in Second Division. At the end of the year in which they win their 15th promotional point (one for each BEST OF GENUS at shows and/or AGGREGATE minimum of (10) prize points for the year and win a genus section), they are promoted to First Division.
- b) First Division exhibitors are promoted into Open Division when they have won forty (40) promotion points (one point for each BEST OF GENUS at shows and/or AGGREGATE minimum of ten (10) points for the year and win a genus section) in any four (4) consecutive calendar years. If this is not attained within the four (4) year period, then the first year's total is deleted.
- c) Seedlings, specimens and popular vote do not accrue promotional points from the monthly meeting schedule.
- d) Commercial growers can show only in Open Division.
- e) Members may choose to show in a higher division (First or Open) if they wish. The Registrar of Judges should be notified before the first meeting/show in which you participate if you wish to show in a higher division. Once you so choose, you cannot elect to go back. Non-commercial Open Division exhibitors who show regularly and fail to win a total of 3 promotional points for a 2 year period, may seek Committee approval to exhibit as a First Division exhibitor. It is not automatic, each case will be considered on its merits.
- f) Best in show will be given three (3) promotional points.
- g) Exhibitors who are members of more than one club, show in the same division in all clubs, that is promotion in one club means automatic promotion in all clubs.
- h) Financial members may bench plants both at Main Group meetings and Southern Region Group meetings. However, the same plant cannot be benched at both meetings in the same month. All points from benching plants at Main Group and Southern Region Group, contribute to members' annual aggregate point totals.

3 GENERAL PROVISIONS

- a) A person may exhibit at any cultural meeting or shows (being Autumn, Winter, Spring and Southern Region) upon payment of the fees applicable at that time and whose application is accepted by a majority of Committee members present at the time.
- b) Any Open Division exhibitor, who has for two consecutive years, failed to win a total of (3) major prizes for those 2 years, may seek Committee's approval to exhibit as a First Division exhibitor. Any First Division exhibitor who has for 2 consecutive years failed to win a total of 6 major prizes may seek Committee's approval to exhibit as a Second Division exhibitor.

- c) Any exhibitor who exhibits in any particular division in any show year, cannot show in another division for that show year (whether eligible for that other division or not) without leave of the Committee.
- d) Where an exhibitor has exhibited in a higher division in any other club in Australia, he may be prevented from exhibiting as a Second Division exhibitor by the Committee.
- e) Any flower or inflorescence competing at any show or meeting must have been owned by the exhibitor for the preceding 6 months.
- f) A member exhibiting in the Open Division and who also belongs to another club, may apply to the Club for dispensation to exhibit in First Division in the other club at the discretion of the Club.

4 SHOWS AND MEETINGS

- a) There shall be appointed by Committee, from time to time, a Show Marshall. The Show Marshall, or his deputy, shall have powers of final decision affecting any aspect of a show or an exhibition staged by the Club. Failure to comply with any ruling of the Show Marshall will result in the offending exhibitor being disqualified from competing and (or) removal of the offending exhibitor's display from the show, exhibition or monthly meeting. The one exception to the above shall be the result of judging at such meetings, shows or exhibitions.
- b) The Committee shall conduct all negotiations with outside bodies, Club members and other associated clubs with respect to any show or exhibition conducted by the Club. They shall be responsible for the arranging of suitable programs at monthly meetings in consultation with the Committee of Management.
- c) Exhibitors and exhibits at any show of the Club shall conform to the By-Laws of the Club and to any conditions set down in the schedule of such shows.
- d) Schedules of shows shall be prepared and approved by the Committee.
- e) A copy of the Constitution, these By-laws and the schedule of the show, shall be available at the shows.
- f) All show results shall be ratified by the Committee.
- g) Any member may object to the granting of a prize at a show providing that he shall deliver such objection in writing to the Registrar or the Secretary during the period of the show, accompanied by a fee of \$30.00 which shall be forfeited if the objection fails.
- h) The decision of Committee shall be final and binding regarding any complaint, false declaration or objection of any kind pertaining to shows.
- i) At all shows, meetings or special judging, an exhibitor shall accept full responsibility for the safety and well-being of his/her plants and inflorescences and shall indemnify the Club and its Committee and Judges against loss, theft and damage of any kind to his/her plants or inflorescences.
- j) There shall be appointed by Committee, from time to time, a Monthly Meeting Marshall who shall have full and complete powers of final decisions, affecting any aspect of plant displays at monthly meetings of the Club, the one exception to this being the result of judging at such meetings. Failure to comply with any ruling or direction of the Monthly Meeting Marshall will subject the exhibitor to disqualification from competition and for the removal of the offending exhibitor's plants or inflorescences from the meeting.
- k) Where an orchid (not specifically catered for elsewhere in any section) is shown, the Judges may create a class for same in their discretion if the exhibit is worthy of a prize or other consideration.
- l) Any orchid may only win sectional prizes and placing in its exhibitor's own division.

- m) The Club provides an award structure to enable members to have an orchid plant awarded under the Club's judging conditions. The plant may then be shown in future as (name of plant) HCC SCOC. An appointed Committee member ensures award structure is implemented at shows and meetings.

5 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- a) Reasonable notice of any Committee meeting must be given by the Club Secretary to all members of the Committee.
- b) The Chairperson of Committee should not accept a motion which is in conflict with or contrary to a previously passed motion of Committee (hereinafter called 'previously passed motion') for a period of three months, after such previous motion was passed without consent of the proposer or seconder of that previous motion or without the consent of all other members of Committee at the meeting, (excluding the proposer and the seconder of the previous motion), unless he is satisfied that the knowledge of Committee or the circumstances relating to the matter have substantially and materially altered since the previous motion was passed making it desirable to have the matter reconsidered by Committee.

6 EDITOR

The Editor of the Club's Gazette shall compile, or edit the Gazette or any future periodicals so that it shall be produced in the best interests of the Club and promote the objects of the Club. The Editor shall carry out these duties under the direct instruction and control of the Management Committee.

7 VIRUS ADJUDICATING COMMITTEE

The Committee shall appoint annually, three members of the Club who shall be known as the "Virus Adjudication Committee". Such Committee shall have the power to inspect any member's plant at any reasonable time when they are about to be placed or have been placed on exhibition at a show or any meeting of the Club. The Committee shall, after inspecting any plant as aforesaid, decide whether the plant shall be classified as "suspected of being virus infected" and shall report its decision to a Show Marshall or to the Club Registrar and shall have the power to remove the plant from any show or monthly meeting of the Club.

8 JUDGES

The Committee shall appoint Judges, Associate Judges and Student Judges as required, from the members of the Club.

- a) The Judging Panel shall consist of Registrar, Deputy Registrar, Judges, Associate Judges and Student Judges.
- b) All members of the Judging Panel may take part in discussion, but only the Judges shall vote.
- c) The Judging Panel shall meet on at least one occasion each year.
Registrar shall attend the first Committee Meeting after the Autumn Show.
- d) Every Judge and Associate Judge shall be in attendance to carry out such duties as the Registrar may reasonably require him/her to perform and shall attend all Judges meetings.
- e) The Committee, on the recommendation of the Judges may cancel the appointment of any member of the Judging Panel who absents himself/herself without leave or reasonable explanation from three consecutive Judges meetings at which their presence was required by the Registrar, or who without valid reason failed to discharge his/her duties as such Judge, Associate Judge or Student Judge.

9 SHOW MARSHALLS

The Committee shall appoint Show Marshalls as required to oversee and assist in setting up monthly meetings and shows. The overriding decision of the Show Marshalls shall be binding on all participants at the meeting or show save and except for the result of judging at such meetings, shows or exhibitions.