



The Grumbler

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Editorial

Welcome to the new edition of The Grumbler! This issue looks a bit lean on the usual content of articles on wargaming and military history, as room was given to publish the current Society Constitution. Also we have an article from Paul Webb – thanks Paul! – an opinion piece from Mike Allen – thanks Mike! – and notices from Lance Holden (GNHWS President) and Nic Cameron (Society Secretary) on the coming AGM matters. Lastly we have a piece of wisdom from the past from an anonymous author.

Hope you enjoy the read.

Sergiy (Editor)

Submission guidelines:

Items for “The Grumbler” can be e-mailed to: TheGrumblerGNHWS@gmail.com. Paper submissions (“hard copies”) can be dropped into “The Grumbler” box in the Society Library room. Please feel free to include pictures, maps, drawings, and photographs – these will be scanned and returned to the owner. Finally, paper submissions can be posted to the club mail address (see below).

The next issue deadlines are listed below. Please note that the July issue was rescheduled to late July to have enough time to report on the AGM. It means that all contributors have two more weeks to finish those unfinished manuscripts sitting in obscurity of their home PC file systems and just waiting to see the – well, not exactly the printing press these days... but you’ve got the idea. But please be stressed if you’ve missed the deadline – there will be more future issues with enough pages for your writing.

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Planned issues of The Grumbler:

Volume and issue No	Submission deadline	Scheduled release
19, No 3	14 July 2019	Late July 2019
19, No 4	31 August 2019	September 2019

Opinions expressed by contributors are not necessarily those of the Society

Diary

Gaming nights:

Regular: every Wednesday from 19:00 – visitors and guests are welcome!

Subject to members' interest: other days must be confirmed with a "key master" from the Club's Committee.

Sunday 12 May 2019	Crows Feast 2019
Sunday 26 May 2019	Big Game Sunday
Sunday 7 July 2019	Little Wars 2019
Wednesday 10 July 2019	Annual General meeting
Sunday 14 July 2019	Big Game Sunday
Sunday 4 August 2019	Big Game Sunday
Sunday 25 August 2019	Big Game Sunday
Sunday 22 September 2019	Big Game Sunday
Sunday 13 October 2019	Big Game Sunday
Sunday 27 October 2019	Open Day (to be confirmed)

Other clubs:

The ConCentric Games web-site maintains a list of this year gaming conventions:

<http://con-centric.com.au/tabletop-games/game-conventions.html>

General Notices and Announcements

Annual General Meeting Update

From Nic Cameron (GNHWS Secretary)

As we are all aware the AGM is coming up soon. The current date set for the AGM is Wednesday 10 July 2019. With this date set, we aim to have the agenda for the AGM out to the membership by Wednesday 29 May or 5 June at the latest, allowing all members a chance to review the items being tabled.

Nominations are open for all positions on the executive committee, as well as for standing committee members so please, if you are looking to put in for a committee position please advise someone – either myself or another committee member. Any nominations would need to be in by Friday 24 May to ensure they are noted on the agenda for release the following week.

If you are not able to attend the AGM and require a proxy on your behalf, please have this proxy provided in writing to either myself or another committee member by Friday 24 May to ensure all proxies are noted on the agenda. Please note, the person holding your proxy can vote on any item raised in the agenda on your behalf, so I strongly advise that if a proxy is given, that the selected person is advised of your voting position on the items being raised prior to the day.

Over the last twelve months, the committee has been working on changing some of the wording in the constitution as some items are fairly ambiguous and no longer meet the requirements of the society. To that effect, a soft copy of the constitution has been generated by Lance and proposals are being within to the

committee to have a list of recommended changes that will benefit the club. A copy of the constitution is included in this issue of The Grumbler and I encourage members to take a look through and post any recommended changes they feel are needed. If we could have responses by Friday 24 May it would be greatly appreciated as this will allow myself time to compile and present so that way we don't have duplicate requests.

If anyone has any agenda items to add please advise by Friday 24 May as well and these will be added to the agenda for release.

Lastly, the committee is having a meeting in the next couple of weeks that will close off and formalize our recommendations for the next incoming committee, so a further update will be provided post that point.

Thanks again to everyone for their support.

Clarification on the Society Constitution

From Lance Holden (GNHWS President)

Please note that the AGM is not being used to make binding votes for changes to the constitution - we want to gather feedback and approval to proceed from all of the members on any constitution changes before going through the full motions for this. We consider the AGM the best time to do this as we have the most number of members at the club at once not distracted by gaming. The intended actions are to determine what areas to proceed on with changes and if the members support us proceeding (given the time and financial costs involved).

Consider nominations for 2019/20 executive

From Lance Holden (GNHWS President)

It's time to start thinking if you intend on nominating for any positions on the executive or committee. We still have couple of months before final nominations are in.

I will only run for either Vice President or Committee member this year. I'm not backing away the presidency because of the actions of the last AGM. There are still several components I want to support with the club so I'm not stepping away from executive duties next year but I have been president for a long time now and could do with a break to focus on other support for the club. I am sure there are some members who would be willing to run for the presidency to help guide all members in making the society grow again. I'm sure I'll continue to support the club in room painting, plumbing, quote gathering, organising demonstration activities, running competitions and whatever else I'll continue to be involved in.

I encourage all members to spend some time in the committee to get an understanding of what's involved in running a volunteer organisation like Group North Historical Wargames Society. I know not everyone has the time to add extra involvement and any involvement at all (even if it is just as a regular member making sure the hall is full of games during the week) is appreciated by all members.

Beyond committee positions also consider if you would like to take on roles for canteen management or running the Open Day or starting planning for the 50th year Open Day.

Opinions

Open Letter to Group North Members

From Mike Allen

Dear members,

I have a number of things I'd like to share with you and I'm hoping email works best as I'm aware a number of members are not users of Facebook and this is really about members anyway.

I know people are reluctant to read long emails so this letter will be in parts covering one area of interest. I hope (perhaps a forlorn hope!) that members will respond to this email. I'll send the other parts over the next few days.

Part 1 – Why this letter?

Many of you will know me, some may not, so I'll give a brief history.

Why? I think it's important to give the reader some confidence that I have some credibility in discussions about the club and its future. I have been an active wargamer since I was 15 and a member of Group North for nearly 20 years. I have served on the committee, run competitions and made numerous donations. This is not to "big note" myself but to provide some evidence of my genuine commitment to the club.

I play and have played a broad range of games from historical to fantasy and sci-fi.

I am concerned about the decline in activity at the club over recent years. This relates to the number of members, the loss of members not renewing, the numbers on Wednesday nights and a lack of club activities that encourage members to participate.

It also relates to our gradually declining financial position and the cost and effort of maintaining the hall.

So my hope is this letter and face to face discussions will open up a dialogue with members on the future direction of the club as we approach our 50th anniversary.

Our AGM is only a couple of months away and I believe we have important things to discuss.

Part 2 – What sort of club do we want?

I've attended the club in three of its locations during its history and have previously been a member. In the past the club actively ran events for its members. These included competitions, campaigns, social events and similar. Some of these may not be relevant in the modern era of course but some probably are.

These types of events bring members to the club, encourage people to move from their regular gaming friends and meet new ones. They give a "purpose" to the membership that helps to make us different to other gaming options or at least comparable.

Wargaming clubs do struggle more than ever to be relevant especially to the younger gamer. Why not go to GW or similar stores and game 6-7 days for free? If we are to compete or even compliment this option we need to be different, offer more than a retail store can or at least no less.

At the moment our club is not offering much more, particularly to new members, than the local games store. Clubs in the UK are struggling but some are doing well. The successful clubs seem to be those with a significant focus on activities that bring the members together. Perhaps the most spectacular of these is the South London Warlords that run the annual Salute event, not the only way to do it but certainly, for them, very successful. Similar in our own part of the world would be the clubs in Canberra and South Sydney running Cancon and MOAB. These clubs are similar in size to ours.

Not that I'm suggesting running a major event is in some way a "solution", what I am saying is a club with focus is more likely to be attractive than one without focus. At least in my opinion!

Part 3 – What is our current “trajectory” and future?

From my position our trajectory is, sadly, a gradual decline. Each year we seem to be doing less and less gaming at the club. From the financial point of view this means less income but in a building around 60 years old we can expect increasing costs of maintenance. It is likely our cash position this year will be weaker than last year.

If we as members are clear about what we want to do, and not do, then we can take steps to meet those expectations and deal with the consequences. I know some will be offended by this, but my view is at the moment we are drifting along without any real sense of purpose or direction. I also know this sounds very negative but I do have ideas how to turn this around, assuming of course members accept we have a need to change at all. That's up to you both as an individual and collectively.

Personally, and perhaps selfishly, I'd like to see the club back to at least where it was five or so years ago. Maybe that's not possible after all it depends on the membership and what, if anything, individuals are prepared to contribute and participate in.

In two months' time we will have our AGM. Often issues and concerns are only raised on the night from the floor and people don't have the time to discuss and consider what is being presented. I think it would be better to raise and discuss matters well before the meeting and put proposals on the agenda for all to see.

I also think it would be helpful for current committee members to indicate well before the AGM their intention to stand again and in what capacity. Of course there is no need to do this prior to what is required in the constitution, but it might help with the perennial issues of people not wanting to challenge incumbents and for potential candidates to have time to consider nominating.

Rimmer's War Diaries

"Rimmer's War Diaries are composed so that, for future generations of tabletop commanders, the experiences and insights of successful (and not so successful) commanders can be made available to them. Through such magnanimous generosity of their predecessors, the future commanders can be suitably informed and over-awed by the brilliance of those who have gone before."

The Parable of the Bear and the Porpoise*

By Aesop

A long, long time ago, in a wargames society far, far away, a strange thing once occurred. The wargamers held their regular meetings in a little house with a honeycomb roof, just where the Mountains ran down to the Sea. They were accustomed to watching the porpoises splashing about near the silvery beach during a lull in the fighting, or feeding bits of the roof to a bear which often ambled down for a look at the games.

They were also accustomed to leaving their unfinished games set up, because it didn't often rain which was just as well because the bear was a hungry bear, and because they had faith in their fellow man not to come and thief the models during the night. So you can understand how upset they were at being disturbed by person or persons unknown, when there were no wargamers about.

Being practical folk, they set about trying to find who it was that should move their battalions on the QT. Not stealing them, you understand, just moving them as if they had continued on of their own accord after the wargamers went home. So they descended to their club with torches, trip wires, cameras, tape recorders, infrared film and Holy Hand grenades, and found the strangest thing, which, I am assured, is nothing but the truth.

The sentries had barely settled in for the night when there was a rattle and a twang from the tripwire, followed by a gruff voice telling the thing to be quiet. Which it did. What a surprise they got when they saw, by the light of the moon, the bear, lifting the table bodily without disturbing the figures thereon, and carrying it out to the beach, where a porpoise was lounging idly in the shallows. The sentries were even more surprised when it occurred to them that the pair were intent on beginning a wargame. They sat and listened, and this is what they heard.

"I'll beat you tonight," quoth the bear, scratching his muzzle on a corner of the table. The porpoise gurgled, it being difficult for a porpoise to giggle with a mouth full of water.

"Not on your chinny chin chin," he replied, "I've beaten you every night so far. What makes you so sure you'll win tonight?"

"I'm bigger and stronger than you are, and this time I've got more troops," the bear answered. The porpoise told him to play on, and so he did.

Twelve thousand infantry he flung at the porpoise's handful of men, guns and cavalry. The porpoise sported contentedly as he dispatched them, and the bear called it bad dice. Then he hurled ten thousand cavalry at the porpoise's positions, and lost the lot grumbling about cavalry obstacles and bad terrain. Then he wheeled in his artillery, and pounded away until both sides were shot to bits, and still nothing was achieved. The bear called it cheating, and aimed a blow at the porpoise, who spouted water all over him until he calmed down. Then the bear muttered that it was nearly daytime, and replaced the table, before he came back to sit unhappily by the victorious porpoise.

And the moral of this true story is, as the porpoise told the bear when the poor thing wondered aloud why he was always getting trounced: It didn't matter how big and strong he was, as long as he kept sending in unsupported troops, the porpoise was almost certain to win. Never neglect your support, in attack or in defence.

* Initially published in *Reload!* vol 5 № 2, April 1981 under the pen-name of Aesop. The true identity of the author remains a mystery – Ed.

Articles

Lord of the Rings: Battle of the Pelennor Fields AKA "A DAY ON THE GREEN"

By Paul Webb

BACKGROUND

I have been collecting LOTR miniatures for quite a few years, ever since I made my first purchase at the club of a Mumakil and some Haradrim warriors. Since then I have bought figures and terrain from eBay, various shops and, more recently, from Alan Schultz when he decided to down-size his LOTR "Good" army collection. I also used the "Evil" army siege-tower template from the LOTR books and Sean made me some nice towers which I then finished off as per the painting instructions etc from the same book.

However, over the years I have not kept track of my purchases so now that I have recently retired (for the 4th and last time!) I thought I would get them out on the table and see what I actually have, and what I still need. For the first attempt I thought I would try and undertake the Battle of the Pelennor Fields. This is the battle for the city of Minas Tirith between the forces of Gondor and its allies, and the forces of the Dark Lord Sauron. Thought I would share with other club members.

ASSETS

1. Three sets of Minas Tirith walls
2. Six Gondor Battlecry Trebuchets
3. Four Gondor Avenger Bolt-Throwers
4. Gondor army including fiefdoms (painted/unpainted) and Gandalf the White
5. Six Mordor Siege Towers
6. Two Mordor Siege-Bows
7. Four Mordor War Catapults
8. Mordor army (painted/unpainted), four trolls, Gothmog and Winged Nazgul
9. Rohan army (Rohirrim) and Theoden

CONCLUSION

Had a bit of solo fun on the day and nice to get them out on the table before packing everything up again. Still need quite a few more items but overall methinks I have enough if we ever have a LOTR Pelennor Fields table at an Open Day, allowing some club members also have quite a few relevant LOTR figures as well. Best thing of all was I did not have to roll one die during the entire day!

Maybe next time will get out my Helms Deep boys for a photo-shoot.

BATTLE



Mordor army invests Minas Tirith after crossing the townlands and fields between the River Anduin and the "White City"



The city walls are manned and ready, as well as back-up within the city itself



Gandalf the White views the Mordor hordes from the battlements



Gondor army and fiefdoms deploy before the city walls to do battle



Prince Imrahil and his boys look pretty in blue!



Despite a heroic defence the Gondorians are pushed back into the city and the Mordor army rolls on to the attack



The siege towers are now in place and Mordor forces are on the battlements. The trolls head for the main city gate



The Winged Nazgûl is now on the city walls striking fear into the defenders (earplugs?), but what is that other sound in the distance?



The forces of Rohan have honoured their pact with Gondor and form an arrow-head formation to strike at the heart of the Mordor army. Trumpets bray and the Rohirrim enter the fray



The Rohirrim split the Mordor army and are on the verge of success when the Mumakils (called "Oliphants" by the Hobbits) appear



The Mumakils quickly wreak havoc on the Rohirrim and decimate them in short order. Theoden is unhorsed and dying. All appears lost!



The vanguard of the Army of the Dead, in company with Aragorn, Legolas and Gimli, arrive on the Pelennor Fields to destroy Sauron's entire army. They kill every foe in sight—Orc, Man, and Mumakil alike—and move into the occupied area of the city, rescuing the defenders.



Constitution of Group North Historical Wargames Society

1. NAME OF THE SOCIETY:

1.1 The name of the society shall be “Group North Historical Wargames Society”, herein after called the Society.

2. AIMS OF THE SOCIETY:

2.1 To provide a convivial atmosphere to play wargames for those interesting in figure, board and computer based wargaming of all periods and genre.

2.2 To advance the advocacy of Historical Wargaming in the State of South Australia by means of research, competition, exchange of information, promulgation of rules, systems and training of umpires.

2.3 To foster relations between all creditable military historians and wargamers, by social activities.

2.4 To widen public awareness of historical military heritage by presenting displays, publishing reports and manuscripts of military history and actively engaging in the presentation of historical military structures and relics, and to support any society and individual properly engaged in similar endeavours.

2.5 To acquire money and properties, real and otherwise, that these aims may be put into full and permanent effect.

3. POLITICS:

3.1 The society is strictly non-political and does not involve itself in current military politics.

3.2 Where it is necessary to discuss, debate or engage publicly in the topic of political Military history or any period what so ever, the policy of the society, shall be that of the Australian government of the day, or if this is not practical or applicable that of the victorious protagonists.

3.3 The society disassociates itself from societies, several and singular who align themselves with political parties or associations, or who make public comment upon political topics or whom, by reputation are considered to be politically orientated.

3.4 This constitution and the bylaws of the society in no way restrict the individual member in his political beliefs and it must be clearly understood that public comment by any member shall in no way be connected with or reflected by the society, and any such connection, stated or implied will be rejected by the society, by the disassociation of itself from that person.

4. MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIETY:

4.1 Membership of the society shall be open to all persons eighteen (18) or more years of age who are actively interested and engaged in historical military research, wargaming and suitably related subjects and are of proper character.

4.2 Application and Granting of Membership

4.2.1 Granting of membership is vested in the Committee. All outstanding applications for membership are to be considered at the next Committee meeting following the acceptance of the Application for Membership.

4.2.2 Applications for membership are to be considered after acceptance of a nomination sponsored by two (2) financial members of the Society and upon receipt of the current subscription.

- 4.2.3 During the period between application for membership and approval of such by the Committee the applicant exercises all rights and privileges of a member except voting at general meetings.
- 4.2.4 A Special Committee meeting shall be held preceding but no less than 14 days before any General Meeting to consider any outstanding applications for membership.
- 4.2.5 No new applications for membership are to be received once the Committee Meeting referred to in sub-clause 2.4 has commenced its meeting or not less than 14 calendar days should no special committee meeting be required.

4.3 The society may make available a certain number of junior memberships each year, to deserving persons who shall not be less than thirteen (13) years of age or more than eighteen (18) years of age.

4.4 Junior memberships shall have the same rights and privileges accorded to members of the society except that they shall not have the right to vote upon certain circumstances hereinafter defined in the constitution and subscriptions for junior membership shall be separately fixed in the bylaws of the society.

4.5 Children under 13 years of age may not become members, senior or junior. Notwithstanding, they are still eligible to attend so long as they are accompanied by a financial adult or an adult who has been granted a special membership. That member is responsible and accountable for the child whilst in the club. For convenience such children are referred to as Sponsored Juniors and are subject to Rule 10 except for clauses 5, 6 and 7.

4.6 Members who subscriptions are three (3) calendar months in arrears shall not have the rights or privileges of membership.

- 4.6.1 Non-financial members who are more than four (4) months in arrears shall have their membership automatically terminated and no longer be members of the Society.

- 4.6.2 Members who are financial in accordance with Rule 5 Clause 1 shall be considered for the AGM scheduled in accordance with Rule 9 Clause 1.

4.7 The Society may Grant special membership to any person by waiving the subscription, or part thereof, for any period not exceeding one (1) year.

4.8 Honorary membership may be granted to any person, deserving of the privilege, or to maintain association with a person separated by distance. Honorary members shall not pay the annual subscription, nor shall they have any right to vote.

4.9 Life membership may be granted to any worthy person for extended service to the society, after a proposal in their favour, made at a general meeting has been received with acclamation. Life members shall have full rights and privileges, may hold office but may not be required to pay the annual subscription.

4.10 The committee has the power to terminate the membership of any person whom it decides that it is in the best interests of the society to do so.

4.11 The word “members”, used descriptively, shall mean and be construed to mean, members of the society who are eighteen (18) years of age and financial but may generalise to include Life members, Junior members, honorary members, ~~and~~ special members and sponsored juniors, in each case the provisions and spirit of this constitution shall determine the extent of that generality.

5. SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

5.1 Subscriptions for membership shall fall due on the first day of July each year and shall be current until the thirtieth day of June the following year.

5.2 The subscriptions shall be determined annually by the committee and proposed as a bylaw of the society, at the annual general meeting.

- (a) Proposals to change the subscriptions are to include the justification for doing so.
- (b) Proposals to change subscriptions are to be posted on the Society's Notice Board at least two weeks before the AGM.

5.3 The definition of "subscription" applied to rule 5 means

- (a) subscription for membership Rule 4 Clause 1
- (b) subscription for Junior membership Rule 4 Clause 3
- (c) subscription for special membership Rule 4 Clause 6
- (d) Subscriptions to the amount stated in the bylaws of the society and confirmed by the minutes of the last annual General meeting (AGM).

5.4 Life members of the society are not subject to the provisions of Rule 5, Clause's 1, 2 and 3 but shall pay such admission fees, meeting fees and levies according to Rule 5 Clause 5 and the bylaws of the society unless excluded specifically by the term of their Life membership.

5.5 The Committee, shall determine such admission fees, meeting fees and levies, that may from time to time be necessary, for the proper management of the Society, provided that where such fees are regular, they shall be included in the Bylaws of the society and presented to each AGM as a proposition.

- (a) Proposals to change such admission fees, meeting fees and levies, are to include the justification for doing so.
- (b) Proposals to change such admission fees, meeting fees and levies are to be posted on the Society's Notice Board at least two weeks before the AGM.

5.6 It is the responsibility of each and every member to ensure that they are financial.

5.7 Members on a payment plan shall have the privilege of membership while their payments meet the schedule of the payment plan.

6. MANAGEMENT OF THE SOCIETY:

6.1 Management of the Society is vested in the management committee of the society, referred to generally in this constitution as the 'committee'

6.2 Election for members of the committee shall be held at the AGM from the financial members of the society, not including junior members.

6.3 The committee shall consist of at least four (4) members.

6.4 The committee shall have a maximum of ten (10) members. It consists of the Officers of the Society as defined in Rule 7, the Librarian if not an executive committee member as defined in Rule 7 Clause 5.3 and the balance being duly elected non-executive members as defined in Rule 7 Clause 5.2. A quorum shall be two less than the number on the committee or three whichever is the larger number.

6.5 The committee shall receive and accept nominations for membership in accordance with Rule 4 of this constitution.

6.6 The committee shall fix the number of junior memberships available each year, provided as far as it is possible, that the number of junior memberships does not exceed the number of members of the society as defined in Rule 4 clause 4.1 of this constitution.

6.7 The property of the society shall be vested in the management committee for the time being.

6.8 The committee shall fix the regular, general and social meetings of the society and direct the secretary to call the same in due time. No meeting of the Society shall be held without the authority of the committee.

6.9 The Committee shall have the power to co-opt or engage the services of any person for a limited time, for a particular task, such persons having no right for vote upon general committee business.

6.10 It is within the power of the president and the committee to make awards and prizes to any person deserving of merit save only that of life membership.

6.11 The Committee has the power to censure, reprimand and suspend or terminate the membership of any person who either deliberately or inadvertently contravenes this constitution and/or the bylaws of the society.

6.12 It is within the power of the committee to approve the expenditure, a sum upon a single account not exceeding the limitations made from time to time in the bylaws of the society.

6.13 Likewise, the president may similarly be empowered to approve a lesser amount subject to the bylaws of the society.

6.14 It is within the power of the committee to make, alter or delete any bylaw of the society, for the good management of the society, provided that nothing is done which contravenes the provisions and spirit of this constitution, and further, that the bylaws are always available to all members by posting upon the notice board, in the regular meeting place of the society, or other place of convenience.

6.15 The committee shall prepare a budget of expected income and expenses before each AGM for the subsequent financial year. This budget shall be presented as part of the treasurer's report to the AGM. It shall be for the information of the AGM and need not be voted on.

6.16 The committee shall have the power to adjust membership subscriptions/payment method on application of a prospective member.

7. OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY

7.1 The President

7.1.1 The president shall be elected by members of the AGM of the Society.

7.1.2 The president shall be a minimum of twenty-one (21) years of age at the time of the election.

7.1.3 The president shall preside at all formal meetings of the society and shall be spokesman of the society on all proper public occasions.

7.1.4 The president shall have a deliberative but not a casting vote on all secret ballots of the society.

7.1.5 The president shall have a casting vote at any other ballots of the society

7.1.6 At all formal occasions, the president shall allow orderly debate to proceed and shall not pay any question to vote until after fair opportunity for rebuttal has been given.

7.2 The Vice President

7.2.1 The vice president may be elected by the members during the AGM of the society.

7.2.2 In the absence of the President from any formal meeting of the society, the Vice president shall assume the duties of the society president for that meeting.

7.2.3 In the event of the extended or permanent absence of the president the VP shall hold the office of the president until the next regular period of election or the president returns, whichever shall be sooner.

7.2.4 It shall not be mandatory upon the society to elect a Vice-President, in which case the secretary shall assume the duties of an interim.

7.3 The Secretary

- 7.3.1 The secretary shall be elected by the members at the AGM of the society.
- 7.3.2 The secretary shall keep minutes of the proceedings and transactions of the society, in a book set aside for that purpose. Is responsible for receiving and sending all correspondences, keeping copies of the same.
- 7.3.3 The Secretary shall receive all subscriptions and monies on behalf of the society, may issue receipts for the same, endorse with the stamp of the society and shall pay to the treasurer all monies when cash to hand is excessive.
- 7.3.4 The Secretary shall keep a record of the names and addresses of all members of the society.
- 7.3.5 The secretary shall call all meetings as directed by the President, the committee and shall prepare an agenda for said meetings.
- 7.3.6 The secretary shall call for nominations for the office of committee, in due time, and in said manner as described in the constitution. Shall post all nominations as received on notice board in the regular meeting place of society.
- 7.3.7 The secretary shall present all proper accounts for payment to the treasurer.

7.4 The Treasurer

- 7.4.1 The Treasurer shall be elected by the members of the society, at the AGM of the society.
- 7.4.2 The Treasurer shall receive subscriptions and monies from the secretary and pay the same into such banking account or accounts, held in the proper name of the society, at such bank or savings society, as the bylaws of the society shall from time to time decide, and shall act as a signatory to that account, or accounts with such others as may be necessary, as the bylaws of the society determines.
- 7.4.3 The treasurer shall pay such accounts that are properly presented to the treasurer and in accordance with the instructions of the management committee, and shall keep a record in a book set aside for that purpose, showing accounts monies received and disbursed by him and such book made available at each meeting and committee meeting of the society.
- 7.4.4 The treasurer shall prepare an annual income and expenditure account, a subscription account and a balance sheet, which shall be submitted after audit for the acceptance of the AGM of the society.

7.5 Committee Members.

- 7.5.1 Notwithstanding Rule 6 Clause's 3 & 4, the basis for determining the size of the committee shall be as far as it is practical as one (1) committee member including executive for every 6 (6) of the Society.
- 7.5.2 Non executive members shall be elected by members of the Society at the AGM of the society
- 7.5.3 The librarian may be elected or appointed by the society and shall be a member of the management committee, subject to re-election or re-appointment each year at the regular time of elections within the society. The librarian may, if regularly elected, hold office as an executive of the society concurrent but is bound by Rule 8 clause 5 concerning re-election

to that executive committee position. The position of librarian shall be filled before the other offices of the committee.

7.6 Casual Vacancies may be held over to the following AGM. The tenure of those elected to fill casual vacancies shall be that of the original incumbent of the position.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

8.1 Nominations for the non-executive officers of the committee shall be made in writing and shall be signed by the proposer and a seconder.

8.2 It shall not be competent to elect any member without his/her written consent.

8.3 The election of officers of a management committee, not including those of President and treasurer, may be made by show of hands or written ballot as the president decides.

8.4 The election of the president and Treasurer shall be by written ballot, taken separately. Single nominations for either position must withstand a ballot.

8.5 The Executive offices of the management committee, namely the President, Vice president, treasurer & secretary are open to all suitable members.

8.6 All nominations shall be in the hands of the secretary not later than the published closing date and time which shall not be later than fourteen (14) days prior to the AGM of the society.

8.7 All nominations shall be posted the notice board in the regular meeting place of the society, not later than the published closing date for acceptance of nominations and shall bear the endorsement of the secretary of the society.

8.8 The election of the president and treasurer of the society shall be by financial members only. Junior members shall have no right to vote upon the election of the committee members.

8.9 Nominations for the office (s) of committee members shall be called for in due time, as determined by Rule 8 clause's 6&7 of this constitution but members of the committee shall be fixed by the decision of the AGM.

8.10 The office of librarian shall be called for before the non-executive officer(s) of the Committee members.

9. MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY

9.1 The Annual general Meeting (AGM) of the Society shall be held each year of the first day of July, or within fourteen (14) days of that date. The actual date of the meeting shall be published at least by posting on the notice board in the regular meeting place of the society, not less than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

9.2 Committee meetings shall be held at least bi-monthly on odd numbered months of the year, on the fifteenth day of the month or within five (5) days of the fifteenth day of the month at a time and place convenient to all members of the committee.

9.3 Regular meetings of the society, and Special general meetings (SGM), shall be called as necessary in accordance with this constitution and the Bylaws of the society, and the direction of the President, or his substitute at the time to carry the aims of the Society and to the convenience of its members.

- (a) A quorum for the AGM shall be 50% of the total of the currently financial members as defined in Rule 4 clauses 1 and 11 and life members as defined in Rule 4 Clause 8.
- (b) A quorum for a Special General Meeting shall be 25% the total of the currently financial members as defined in Rule 4 clauses 1 and 11 and life members as defined in Rule 4 Clause 8.
- (c) In the event of a quorum not being reached by the advertised start time of the meeting the Chairman shall wait 30 minutes to allow late comers to arrive.

- (d) If a quorum is not achieved within 30 minutes of the advertised start time and date the meeting shall be postponed to a date not exceeding 30 days of the advertised start date of the meeting. This clause takes precedence over Rule 9 Clause 1.

9.4 At all formal meetings of the Society, business shall be conducted through the president of his substitute in accordance with the Constitution and its By-laws and with the agenda of the meeting. No questions shall be put to vote until fair opportunity has been given for amendment or rebuttal and upon the ruling of the president or his substitute.

9.5 The President may appoint such tellers or other assistants to ensure the efficient conduct and control of the meeting(s).

9.6 In the event of the President, Vice President and Secretary being absent from a meeting, the meeting shall invite, by a show of hands, any properly qualified, financial member to assume the duties of chairman of the meeting. This chairman may then appoint a minutes secretary for the meeting.

10. DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP

10.1 All members shall maintain a neat and clean standard of dress, moderate in appearance.

10.2 All members of the society shall conduct themselves in an orderly manner, observing the usages of common courtesy, addressing each other by proper names and with moderate language so that their demeanour shall not bring the society into disrepute.

10.3 All members shall recognise the dignity of the society vested in the president, and shall pay respect to the dignity by addressing him as 'Mr. President', on all proper occasions.

10.4 All members shall recognise the dignity of the society vested in each and every member of the society, visitors and guests, and shall respect that dignity by addressing them singularly as 'mister' or mrs or miss or ms as appropriate and plurally as ladies and gentlemen on all proper occasions.

10.5 Any member who has a grievance may petition the president for a hearing before the management committee. Upon receipt of such a petition the president shall direct the secretary to call a committee meeting within fourteen (14) days, at a convenient time to the member and committee.

10.6 If, after having been heard by the management committee, the member has not obtained satisfaction, he may petition the president to call a special general meeting to hear his complaint(s), provided that:

- (a) He is a financial member,
- (b) His petition is supported by two (2) other members, one of whom shall satisfy the requirements of Rule 4. Clause 1.

Upon receipt of such a petition, properly presented the President shall direct the secretary to call a SGM for a convenient date not less than fourteen (14) and not more than thirty (30) days after receipt of the petition.

10.7 It shall be within the power of the SGM to consider if the nature of the complaint is frivolous or prejudicial to the dignity of the society and, if this be the case, may direct the management committee to act in accordance with Rule 4 Clause 9 of Rule 6 clause 11 of this constitution.

10.8 Each member may avail himself of all the facilities of the society, provided he is financial and not restricted or excluded from these facilities by the management committee in accordance with this constitution and the bylaws of the society.

10.9 No member shall use the name of the Society to procure, or attempt to procure goods or services from any whatsoever, such right being reserved to the management committee, who may properly appoint any member to act upon it.

11. VOTING & PRESENTATION OF BUSINESS AT MEETINGS

11.1 Motions of which notice has been given in accordance with Rule 9 Clause 1 must be voted on during the AGM, unless withdrawn by the proposer. Motions raised without notice or during 'Other Business' need not be voted on. The President may decide whether or not to put such a motion to a vote of the meeting subject to the approval of his action by a majority (50%+1) of the members present.

11.2 The Agenda for the meeting shall be published at least by posting on the notice board in the regular meeting place of the society, not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting. The Agenda shall include notice of all motions, and including (if appropriate) supporting arguments, to be put to the meeting. The Agenda shall include the following items as a minimum:

- 11.2.1 Apologies
- 11.2.2 Previous minutes
- 11.2.3 Business arising from the previous minutes
- 11.2.4 President's report
- 11.2.5 Treasurer's Report
- 11.2.6 Other reports
- 11.2.7 Review of annual subscription in accordance with Rule 5 Clause 2
- 11.2.8 Review of admission fees, meeting fees and levies, Rule 5. Clause 5
- 11.2.9 Election of executive officers to fill positions due for re-election.
- 11.2.10 Election of committee members to fill positions due for re-election
- 11.2.11 Business without notice

11.3 Voting upon any matter before a meeting of the society shall be carried out by any method, as the president shall direct, except where otherwise determined by this constitution or the by-laws of the society.

11.4 Except where otherwise determined by this constitution, a question shall be resolved by a majority of one (50%+1) of the members present

11.5 Secret written ballots shall be taken from the financial members present to elect the president and the Treasurer, even though one candidate only has been nominated for each office.

11.6 A secret written ballot must be undertaken to alter the constitution.

- 11.6.1 A change to the constitution must be approved by a majority (at least 50%+1) of all the currently financial members as defined in Rule 4 clauses 1 and life members as defined in Rule 4 Clause 9 of the Society.

11.7 A secret ballot must be taken to dissolve the society.

11.8 Junior members and honorary members shall not vote upon any matter which deals with:

- (a) The dissolution of the society
- (b) Alterations of this constitution
- (c) Financial controls of the society

11.9 Junior and Honorary members are ineligible as candidates for any office of the management committee but may be co-opted or appointed in accordance with Rule 6 clause 9 of this constitution.

11.10 The President may abstain from casting a deliberative or casting vote upon any question, as he shall decide.

11.11 Notice of motion to:

- (a) Dissolve the society
- (b) Alter the constitution

(c) Dissolve the management committee, before the regular time of election, Shall be given in writing not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the motion being moved and shall bear the signatures of such persons as the constitution and by-laws direct. The notice of motion shall be posted on the notice board in the regular meeting place of the society, together with the date and time of the meeting when it shall be moved.

11.12 The proposition 'That the question be put' shall not be in order unless fair opportunity for rebuttal and/or amendment has been given, neither shall the proposition 'that the next business be attended to' be in order until the business before the meeting, lapse without a proposition.

11.13 The propositions defined in Rule 11 clause 11, when ruled by the president to be in order, do not require a seconder, and shall be raised again during the meeting, but may be properly introduced at the next regular or special meeting.

11.14 Any member who has business to put before the meeting shall unless otherwise directed by this constitution or its by-laws, petition the secretary to include that business in the agenda of the meeting, and this shall be done. Otherwise, it shall stand aside until the president shall call for the presentation of 'other business', which is not on the agenda.

12. DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY

12.1 The society shall not be dissolved until after a secret written ballot in which at least 75% financial members of the society, as defined by Rule 4 clause 1 of this constitution concur.

12.2 The president shall have a deliberative but not a casting vote.

12.3 Any proposition to dissolve the society shall be made in accordance with Rule 11 clause 9, unless notice of motion is given at regular, special or annual general meeting and is supported by two (2) financial members of the society.

12.4 Upon receipt of the a motion to dissolve, or notice of motion to dissolve, in proper form, all business of the society shall be suspended until the matter is properly resolved.

12.5 The president may rule that each member entitled to vote accept, or be sent by post a ballot paper, and mark the roll of members with the witness that a ballot paper has been given or sent to each member, further the president may rule that the ballot be conducted by post, the counting of which shall be carried out a special general meeting called to resolve the question, and the opening and counting of the ballot shall be done in the meeting, by the president.

12.6 The president may rule that the books of the society be audited before the ballot and that it be done by person(s) independent of the society.

12.7 Upon decision to dissolve being properly agreed upon, the books of the society shall be audited, unless this has been carried out immediately prior to the ballot and all debts of the society shall be met from the funds of the society, or by sale of its assets.

12.8 All items loaned to the society shall be returned to the ~~loaner~~ lender(s).

12.9 All members shall be informed in writing of the dissolution of the society and the method of disposal of property and funds.

13. CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

13.1 Notice to change the constitution shall be given in accordance with Rule 11 Clause 11.

13.2 Details of changes to the Constitution are to be submitted to the Committee at least three months before the date of the General Meeting to consider the changes.

13.3 The Committee shall comment on the changes and make available to the members the suggested changes and the Committee's comments no later than one month before the date of the General Meeting to consider the changes.

13.4 The suggested changes and comment by the committee shall be made available to members by at least placing a copy of each of the Society's notice board in the Society's regular meeting place and having them on display up to an including the General Meeting to consider the changes.

13.5 Change to the Constitution that have been rejected by a General Meeting may not be resubmitted for 12 months.

14. VISITORS

The Society welcomes and encourages members, their guests and visitors to its club rooms on meeting nights

14.1 In this Section the rules concerning guest and visitors are laid out so that all can know when our hospitality is being abused. In this section guest is used in the sense of those who are not members but have come along at the invitation of a member, this includes those participating in competitions. Visitor is used in the sense of those who have not been specifically invited along by a member but have decided to visit the Society. Except for those attending competitions, open to the public and activities such as open days no payment of door or such fees will be accepted from guests or visitors.

14.2 Guests are required to sign in on the attendance log in the visitor section; the details of their host are to be entered in the comments section. Unless barred from the Clubs facilities an individual who was, but is no longer a member, may be invited as a guest.

14.2.1 Guests are required to abide by the standard of behaviour required of Society members and the host is responsible for the behaviour and accountable for the actions of their guest(s). If the guest does not abide by the standard of behaviour required then their host, a Committee member, duty officer, or the person responsible for locking up at the end of the activity can direct them to leave.

14.2.2 A guest may not remain after their host or competition organiser, as appropriate, has left.

14.2.3 It is expected that guests are those who for one reason or another have little inclination to become regular attendees of the Society's gaming nights, consequently, during a calendar year an individual may attend as a guest no more than the number of times set by the Committee in the Society's bylaws.

14.3 Those gamers who are transient in the Adelaide metropolitan area are welcome to come along and either have a look, join in gamers that are being played or, if they are part of a visiting group, play a game. Gamers resident within the Greater Adelaide area or its environs are welcome to visit to see what the Society has to offer should they become members.

14.3.1 All visitors are restricted to a maximum of number of visits as set by the Committee in the Society's bylaws, in a twelve month period. Before or at the end of this number of visits it is expected the visitor will apply for membership in accordance with Rule 4 Clause 2.

14.3.2 If a visitor has attended for the number of visits in Rule 14 Clause 4.1 and has not applied for membership or their membership is not accepted then the visitor will not be admitted to the premises as a visitor during times of Society games and activities for a period of 12 months from their last visit or, if deemed appropriate by the committee, longer.

