

## **CONSTITUTION OF**

### **1. VfB Stuttgart Fanclub Asia (Singapore)**

#### **NAME**

1.1 This Society shall be known as the “1. VfB Stuttgart Fanclub Asia (Singapore)”, hereinafter referred to as the “Society”.

#### **PLACE OF BUSINESS**

2.1 Its place of business shall be at 25 International Business Park, #01-72 German Centre, Singapore 609916 or such other address as may subsequently be decided upon by the Committee and approved by the Registrar of Societies. The Society shall carry out its activities only in places and premises which have the prior written approval from the relevant authorities, where necessary.

#### **OBJECTS**

3.1 Its objects are:

- a) Support of VfB Stuttgart football club (currently playing in German Bundesliga and 5-times German champion).
- b) Increase number of VfB Stuttgart supporters in Singapore.
- c) Enhance and positively influence the image of VfB Stuttgart and its supporters in Singapore.
- d) Enhance friendship and cooperation between German and Singaporean football fans.
- e) Any other activities in line with the objectives of the constitution.

3.2 In furtherance of the above objects, the Society may organise and support various activities and events.

### **STATEMENT OF FAITH**

The Society is politically and religiously neutral.

### **MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATION AND RIGHTS**

4.1 Ordinary membership is open to any person living in Singapore. Persons having formerly lived in Singapore and joined the Society at that time can retain their membership, but become automatically associated member of another country section (see next two paragraphs).

Associated membership is open to any person living in Asia. Associated members in Asia will be grouped and coordinated by country section. Persons having formerly lived in Asia and joined the Society at that time can retain their membership, but will change their country section. Persons moving within Asia will automatically change their country section.

Any person living outside Asia is only eligible for associated membership when having strong connections to Asia and/or 1. VfB Stuttgart Fanclub Asia (Singapore).

Associated members outside Asia will be grouped and coordinated by country section. Persons having formerly lived in Asia and joined the Society at that time may retain their membership by changing to such a country section.

Honorary membership is open to any person in recognition of being an active supporter of VfB Stuttgart and 1. VfB Stuttgart Fanclub Asia (Singapore) upon recommendation of a member and approval by the Committee.

Persons who are below 18 years of age shall not be accepted as members without the written consent of their parent or guardian.

4.2 Only ordinary members who are above 21 years of age and are currently living in Singapore shall have the right to vote and to hold office in the Society. Associated members shall have no right to vote and hold office in the Society.

4.3 Membership for members who have not updated their personal particulars for at least 2 years or are not actively participating and supporting the objectives and activities of the Society may be discontinued by decision of the Committee.

### **APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

5.1 A person wishing to join the Society should submit his or her particulars to the Secretary on a prescribed form.

5.2 The Committee will decide on the application for membership.

5.3 A copy of the Constitution shall be furnished to every approved member.

### **ENTRANCE FEES, SUBSCRIPTIONS AND OTHER DUES**

6.1 There shall be no entrance fee payable for all members.

6.2 There shall be no subscriptions payable by members. The funds of the Society shall be derived from free-will offerings.

6.3 Any additional fund required for special purposes may only be raised from members with the consent of the general meeting of the members.

6.4 The income and property of the Society whensoever derived shall be applied towards the promotion of the objects of the Society as set forth in this Constitution and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend or bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to the persons who at any time are or have been members of the Society or to any of them or to any person claiming through any of them.

## **SUPREME AUTHORITY AND GENERAL MEETINGS**

7.1 The supreme authority of the Society is vested in a General Meeting of the members.

7.2 An Annual General Meeting shall be held within 3 months from the close of its financial year.

7.3 At other times, an Extraordinary General Meeting must be called by the President on the request in writing of not less than 15% of the total voting membership or ten (10) voting members, whichever is the lesser, and may be called at anytime by order of the Committee. The notice in writing shall be given to the Secretary setting forth the business that is to be transacted. The Extraordinary General Meeting shall be convened within two (2) months from receiving this request to convene the Extraordinary General Meeting.

7.4 If the Committee does not within two (2) months after the date of the receipt of the written request proceed to convene an Extraordinary General Meeting, the members who requested for the Extraordinary General Meeting shall convene the Extraordinary General Meeting by giving ten (10) days' notice to voting members setting forth the business to be transacted and simultaneously posting the agenda on the Society's notice board.

7.5 At least two (2) weeks' notice shall be given of an Annual General Meeting and at least ten (10) days' notice of an Extraordinary General Meeting. Notice of meeting stating the date, time and place of meeting shall be sent by the Secretary to all voting members. The particulars of the agenda shall be posted on the Society's notice board four (4) days in advance of the meeting.

7.6 Unless otherwise stated in this Constitution, voting by proxy is allowed at all General Meetings (up to a maximum of five proxies per Member present at the General Meeting).

7.7 The following points will be considered at the Annual General Meeting:

- a) The previous financial year's accounts and annual report of the Committee.

- b) Where applicable, the election of office-bearers and Honorary Auditors for the following term.

Any member who wishes to place an item on the agenda of a General Meeting may do so provided he gives notice to the Secretary one (1) week before the meeting is due to be held.

7.8 At least 15% of the total voting membership or ten (10) voting members present at a General Meeting or participating in the vote online or in writing shall form a quorum. Proxies shall not be constituted as part of the quorum.

7.9 In the event of there being no quorum at the commencement of a General Meeting, the meeting shall be adjourned for half an hour and should the number then present be insufficient to form a quorum, those present shall be considered a quorum, but they shall have no power to amend any part of the existing Constitution.

### **MANAGEMENT AND COMMITTEE**

8.1 The administration of the Society shall be entrusted to a Committee consisting of the following to be elected at alternate Annual General Meeting:

A President

A Vice-President

A Secretary

A Treasurer

An Ordinary Committee Member

8.2 Names for the above offices shall be proposed and seconded at the General Meeting and election will follow on a simple majority vote of the voting members present at a General Meeting or participating in the vote online or in writing. The term of office of the Committee is two years. All office-bearers may be re-elected to the same or related post for a consecutive term of office.

8.3 Election will be either by show of hands or, subject to the agreement of the majority of the voting members present, by a secret ballot. In the event of a tie, a re-vote shall be taken and if it still results in a tie, a lot shall be drawn to determine who shall be the successful candidate unless the contesting candidate(s) withdrew in favour of one of themselves.

8.4 A Committee Meeting shall be held at least once every six (6) months after giving seven (7) days' notice to Committee Members. The President may call a Committee Meeting at any time by giving five (5) days' notice. Majority of the Committee Members must be present for its proceedings to be valid. In case of urgency the Committee can take decision by circular email. Such decisions must be minuted in the next Committee Meeting.

8.5 Any member of the Committee absenting himself from three (3) meetings consecutively without satisfactory explanations shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the Committee and a successor may be co-opted by the Committee to serve until the next Annual General Meeting. Any changes in the Committee shall be notified to the Registrar of Societies within two (2) weeks of the change.

8.6 The duty of the Committee is to organise and supervise the daily activities of the Society. The Committee may not act contrary to the expressed wishes of the General Meeting without prior reference to it and shall always remain subordinate to the General Meetings.

8.7 The Committee has power to authorise the expenditure of a sum not exceeding \$1000 per month from the Society's funds for the Society's purposes.

### **DUTIES OF OFFICE-BEARERS**

9.1 The President shall chair all General and Committee meetings. He shall also represent the Society in its dealings with outside persons.

9.2 The Vice-President shall assist the President and deputise for him in his absence.

9.3 The Secretary shall keep all records, except financial, of the Society and shall be responsible for their correctness. He will keep minutes of all General and Committee meetings. He shall maintain an up-to-date Register of Members at all times.

9.4 The Treasurer shall keep all funds and collect and disburse all moneys on behalf of the Society and shall keep an account of all monetary transactions and shall be responsible for their correctness. He is authorised to expend up to \$100 per month for petty expenses on behalf of the Society. He will not keep more than \$2500 in the form of cash and money in excess of this will be deposited in a bank to be named by the Committee. Cheques, etc. for withdrawals from the bank will be signed by the Treasurer and either the President or the Vice-President or the Secretary.

9.5 Ordinary Committee Members shall assist in the general administration of the Society and perform duties assigned by the Committee from time to time.

#### **AUDIT AND FINANCIAL YEAR**

10.1 Two (2) voting members, not being members of the Committee, shall be elected as Honorary Auditors at alternate Annual General Meeting and will hold office for a term of two years only and shall not be re-elected for a consecutive term. However, if no other Memembers are willing to be elected as Honorary Auditors, the current Honorary Auditors may be re-elected. The accounts of the Society shall be audited by a firm of Certified Public Accountants if the gross income or expenditure of the Society exceeds \$500,000 in that financial year, in accordance with Section 4 of the Societies Regulations.

10.2 They:

- a) Will be required to audit each year's accounts and present a report upon them to the Annual General Meeting.
- b) May be required by the President to audit the Society's accounts for any period within their tenure of office at any date and make a report to the Committee.

10.3 The financial year is from 1 July to 30 June in line with the German Bundesliga seasons.

### **TRUSTEES**

11.1 If the Society at any time acquires any immovable property, such property shall be vested in trustees subject to a declaration of trust.

11.2 The trustees of the Society shall:

- a) Not be more than four (4) and not less than two (2) in number.
- b) Be elected by a General Meeting of members.
- c) Not effect any sale or mortgage of property without the prior approval of the General Meeting of members.

11.3 The office of the trustee shall be vacated:

- a) If the trustee dies or becomes a lunatic or of unsound mind.
- b) If he is absent from the Republic of Singapore for a period of more than one (1) year.
- c) If he is guilty of misconduct of such a kind as to render it undesirable that he continues as a trustee.
- d) If he submits notice of resignation from his trusteeship.

11.4 Notice of any proposal to remove a trustee from his trusteeship or to appoint a new trustee to fill a vacancy must be given by posting it on the notice board in the Society's premises at least two (2) weeks before the General Meeting at which the proposal is to be discussed. The result of such General Meeting shall then be notified to the Registrar of Societies.

11.5 The address of each immovable property, name of each trustee and any subsequent change must be notified to the Registrar of Societies.



## **VISITORS AND GUESTS**

12.1 Visitors and guests may be admitted into the premises of the Society but they shall not be admitted to the privileges of the Society nor shall they be admitted into the premises more than six (6) times in a calendar year. These visits are to be confined to not more than once in fourteen (14) days.

12.2 Visitors and guests may be admitted into the premises of the Society but they shall not be admitted into the privileges of the Society. All visitors and guests shall abide by the Society's rules and regulations.

## **PROHIBITIONS**

13.1 Gambling of any kind, excluding the promotion or conduct of a private lottery which has been permitted under the Private Lotteries Act Cap 250, is forbidden on the Society's premises. The introduction of materials for gambling or drug taking and of bad characters into the premises is prohibited.

13.2 The funds of the Society shall not be used to pay the fines of members who have been convicted in court of law.

13.3 The Society shall not engage in any trade union activity as defined in any written law relating to trade unions for the time being in force in Singapore.

13.4 The Society shall not indulge in any political activity or allow its funds and/or premises to be used for political purposes.

13.5 The Society shall not hold any lottery, whether confined to its members or not, in the name of the Society or its office-bearers, Committee or members unless with the prior approval of the relevant authorities.

13.6 The Society shall not raise funds from the public for whatever purposes without the prior approval in writing of the Assistant Director Operations, Licensing Division, Singapore Police Force and other relevant authorities.

## **AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION**

14.1 The Society shall not amend its Constitution without the prior approval in writing of the Registrar of Societies. No alteration or addition/deletion to this Constitution shall be passed except at a General Meeting and with the consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members present at the General Meeting or participating in the vote online or in writing

## **INTERPRETATION**

15.1 In the event of any question or matter pertaining to day-to-day administration which is not expressly provided for in this Constitution, the Committee shall have power to use their own discretion. The decision of the Committee shall be final unless it is reversed at a General Meeting of members.

## **DISPUTES**

16.1 In the event of any dispute arising amongst members, they shall attempt to resolve the matter at an Extraordinary General Meeting in accordance with this Constitution. Should the members fail to resolve the matter, they may bring the matter to a court of law for settlement.

## **DISSOLUTION**

17.1 The Society shall not be dissolved, except with the consent of not less than three-fifths ( $\frac{3}{5}$ ) of the total voting membership of the Society for the time being living in Singapore expressed, either in person or by proxy, at a General Meeting convened for the purpose.

17.2 In the event of the Society being dissolved as provided above, all debts and liabilities legally incurred on behalf of the Society shall be fully discharged, and the remaining funds will be disposed of in such manner as the General Meeting of members may determine or donated to an approved charity or charities in Singapore.

17.3 A Certificate of Dissolution shall be given within seven (7) days of the dissolution to the Registrar of Societies.

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