

Statutes of the Benefactors' Association of the Pat Schafhauser Foundation

I. Name, Seat, Purpose

Art. 1 Name

Under the name Benefactors' Association of the Pat Schafhauser Foundation (GöV) an association exists in the sense of Art. 60 ff. ZGB with its registered office in Glattbrugg.

Art. 2 Purpose

- (1) The purpose of the Association is to support and promote the efforts of the Pat Schafhauser Foundation, in particular by providing financial assistance to the members of the Benefactors' Association who suffer an accidental disability while practicing ice hockey.
- (2) In order to achieve the above objectives, the Benefactors Association shall transfer annually up to a maximum of 80% of the membership fees, to the Pat Schafhauser Foundation. On behalf of the Pat Schafhauser Foundation, the collection of the patronage contributions is carried out by the Benefactors' Association. Consequently, 100% of the patrons' contributions go to the Pat Schafhauser Foundation. The Benefactors' Association may pursue its own projects.
- (3) The Association is politically and denominationally neutral.

Art. 3 Objectives of the Pat Schafhauser Foundation

The objectives of the Pat Schafhauser Foundation are:

- (1) The Pat Schafhauser Foundation aims, with the proceeds of its assets, as well as with current income, to provide financial support for personal emergencies that have arisen as a consequence of practicing the sport of ice hockey; to finance projects that are suitable for the prevention of accidents in the sport of ice hockey, for the rehabilitation of the consequences of accidents from the sport of ice hockey and generally for the promotion of health, as well as to support other projects that serve the sport of ice hockey or the promotion of health, as decided by the Board of Trustees. If necessary, the capital can also be used to pursue the purpose.
- (2) Benefactor support: Support of injured members of the Benefactors' Association (GöV) according to a separate benefit plan.

II. Membership

Art. 4 Types of membership

- (1) Active membership: natural persons who are directly or indirectly involved in the sport of ice hockey (players, referees, coaches)
- (2) Passive membership: legal entities, partnerships and natural persons who are associated with the sport of ice hockey.

Art. 5 Club year

- (1) The Association year corresponds to the fiscal year of the Pat Schafhauser Foundation.

Art. 6 Acquisition of membership

- (1) Active membership can only be acquired by natural persons.
- (2) Passive membership can be acquired by legal entities, partnerships and natural persons.
- (3) Joining the Association is done by paying the membership fee. Admission as a member of the Association may be refused by the Board, even without giving reasons.

Art. 7 Commencement of membership

- (1) The membership begins with the transfer of the membership fee to the account of the Benefactors' Association.

Art. 8 End of membership

- (1) Membership expires by death, resignation or exclusion.
- (2) Withdrawal from the Association may be effected by written declaration to the Board of Directors at the end of an Association year. In any case, the membership fee for the current association year is due in full.
- (3) Expulsion from the Association may occur if the membership fee is not paid or if there are other important reasons, in particular in case of violation of the interests of the Association or the Pat Schafhauser Foundation. The Board of Directors makes the final decision on this matter. It does not need to give reasons for its decision. In any case, the membership fee for the current year is due in full.

Art. 9 Membership fees and duration of membership

- (1) The amount of the membership fees is determined annually by the General Assembly. The respective valid membership fees shall be recorded in the minutes of the General Meeting and in the General Terms and Conditions of Membership.
- (2) The Board of Directors may, upon written application, exempt members from the obligation to pay membership fees in cases of hardship.
- (3) Membership dues shall be paid once a year in the first quarter of the association year for the current year and are to be paid by July 31 of the respective association year at the latest.
- (4) In the case of new memberships, the membership rights begin to run from the transfer of the membership fee until the end of the current fiscal year.
- (5) If the membership fee is not paid on time, the members lose all membership rights as of July 31 of the current association year. If the membership fee is paid late, the membership rights shall apply for the period from the date of remittance in accordance with section 3.
- (6) If a member declares his or her resignation from the Association, all membership rights expire upon receipt of the declaration of resignation.

Art. 10 Liability

- (1) The liabilities of the Association shall be borne solely by the assets of the Association. The liabilities of the members of the Association is excluded.

III. Organs

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- (1) The organs of the Association are:
 - The General Meeting
 - The Board of Directors
 - The Auditors

The General Meeting

Art. 12 Principle

- (1) The General Meeting is the supreme body of the Association.
- (2) All active and passive members with a valid membership are entitled to attend the general meeting. Minor members shall be accompanied by a parent. Legal entities

and partnerships as passive members may send a representative to the General Assembly.

- (3) All natural persons with active membership who are of age and not incapacitated and whose membership rights have not expired are entitled to vote. Minor members are entitled to vote if accompanied by their parents.
- (4) When adopting resolutions on the granting of discharge to the members of the Board of Directors or on a legal transaction or a legal dispute between a member and the Association, the Board member or Association member concerned shall be excluded from voting.
- (5) Passive members are not entitled to vote.

Art. 13 Ordinary General Meeting

- (1) The ordinary general meeting takes place once a year. It must take place within six months after the end of the association year.
- (2) The meeting shall be convened by the Board of Directors at least 30 days prior to the meeting under announcement of the agenda. It can take place by public announcement, whereby the publication on the homepage of the Foundation and the Swiss Ice Hockey Federation is sufficient.
- (3) Proposals to the General Meeting must be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors at least 20 days before the General Meeting.
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- (4) No decision can be taken on agenda items that have not been announced in the invitation.

Art. 14 Extraordinary General Meeting

- (1) Extraordinary General Meetings may be called by the Board or at the request of at least one fifth of the members (Art. 64, Para. 3 ZGB). The request must be within 90 days of submission.
- (2) For the invitation formalities, the same regulations apply as for the ordinary General Meeting, however, with the provision that the agenda of an extraordinary general meeting may only include such items which have led to its convocation.

Art. 15 Obligation to register

- (1) Due to organizational necessities, registration for the General Assembly of Members is required.

Art. 16 Competences of the General Assembly

The General Assembly has the following competences:

- Approval of the minutes of the last General Meeting
- Election of the executive committee
- Election of the President
- Election of the auditors
- Acceptance of the annual accounts
- Discharge of the board
- Amendment of the statutes
- Determination of membership fees within the framework of the Articles of Association
- Passing resolutions on matters to which it is entitled by law or which have been referred to it by the Board of Directors G- Business, on motions of the members and on the dissolution of the Association.

Art. 17 Conduct of the General Meeting

- (1) The General Meeting has a quorum regardless of the number of members present.
- (2) Unless otherwise provided for in the Articles of Association, elections and resolutions shall be decided by an absolute majority of the votes cast. Abstentions shall be considered as votes not cast. In elections the second ballot shall be decided by a relative majority. In the event of a tie, the Chairman shall have the casting vote (cf. item 4). Voting rights may only be exercised in person.
- (3) Elections and votes shall take place by open show of hands, unless the General Assembly of Members resolves, upon a motion from the meeting or the Board of Directors, to adopt a different form of resolution.
- (4) The General Meeting is chaired by the president, the Vice-president or another member of the Board of Directors.

Board of Directors

Art. 18 Composition of the Board

- (1) The Board shall consist of at least three and at most nine members, of whom, as a rule, at least three must be members of the Board of Trustees of the Pat Schafhauser Foundation.
- (2) The Board is headed by a President, who is elected by the General Meeting. In all other respects, the Board constitutes itself.

Art. 19 Election, Dismissal and Resignation

- (1) The Board is elected by the General Assembly. The term of office of a member of the Board and the President shall be two years; it shall begin immediately after the elected Board member has declared his acceptance of the election and after the conclusion of the relevant General Meeting. Re-election is possible.
- (2) The term of office of a member of the Board of Directors and of the President shall end at the conclusion of the General Meeting of Members held in the year in which the two-year term of office expires.
- (3) By resolution of the General Assembly, which requires a majority of two thirds of the votes cast, a member of the Executive Board, as well as the President, may be dismissed before the end of a term of office. The motion for such a dismissal must be put on the agenda before the General Assembly.
- (4) A member of the Board of Directors, as well as the President, may resign from the Board of Directors prematurely, provided that there is an important reason for this and the resignation is not untimely.

Art. 20 Competences of the Board

- (1) The Board represents the Association externally and manages it in accordance with the legal and statutory provisions.
- (2) It shall be responsible for all business not assigned to other bodies and may also delegate such business to third parties.
- (3) The Board of Directors may, within its competence, issue general membership conditions and regulations.

Art. 21 Decision-making in the Board of Directors

- (1) The Board of Directors shall meet as necessary to conduct business. Each Board member has the right to convene meetings.
- (2) The Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum if at least half of its members are present. Board meetings shall be recorded in minutes.
- (3) Resolutions shall be adopted by a simple majority of the votes cast. Abstentions shall be deemed to be votes not cast. In the event of a tie, the Chairman shall have the casting vote. Resolutions may also be passed by circular letter, provided no objection is raised by any member of the Board of Directors.

Auditors

Art. 22 Appointment, Responsibility

- (1) The Auditors shall be elected by the General Meeting for a period of one year; re-election is possible.
- (2) Natural persons and legal entities domiciled in Switzerland are eligible to be elected as Auditors; they must have the necessary expertise.
- (3) The Auditors shall audit the annual accounts and report thereon to the General Assembly.

IV. Miscellaneous

Art. 23 Accounting Year

- (1) The accounting year runs from May 1 to April 30 of the following year.

Art. 24 Dissolution of the Association

- (1) The dissolution of the Association may only be decided by a two-thirds majority of all members entitled to vote.
- (2) In this case, the assets of the Association shall go to the Pat Schafhauser Foundation.

Art. 25 Final Provisions

- (1) The place of jurisdiction shall be at the registered office of the Pat Schafhauser Foundations' Benefactors' Association.
- (2) In case of doubt as to the interpretation and content of the articles of association, the German version shall prevail.
- (3) These Articles of Association shall come into force immediately upon their adoption by the Founders' Meeting on October 1, 2021.

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