

# Statutes

# Walchwil International Men's Club

1. Name and registered office

An association exists under the name "Walchwil International Men's Club" within the meaning of Art. 60 ff. ZGB with its registered office in Walchwil. The address is Haltli 1, 6318 Walchwil. It is politically independent and denominationally neutral.

2. Goal and purpose

The association is exclusively a non-profit organisation and does not pursue any profit-making or self-help purposes. The bodies are active on an honorary basis.

The association aims to promote international fellowship and networking for all nationalities resident in Walchwil - including all Swiss residents. The main activities include

- · Welcoming and supporting new residents of Walchwil.
- Building bridges to other active groups in Walchwil
- Supporting the integration of members and promoting their contribution to the local community
- To give newcomers an insight into Walchwil's culture and environment what traditions exist, how things are done, where to go for services, what events are organised, etc.
- Socialising in Walchwil through regular meetings and events for members and their families.
- 3. Medium

The association has the following resources to pursue its purpose: Membership fees

Patronage contributions Income from own events Subsidies Income from service agreements Donations and grants of all kinds

The membership fees are set annually by the General Assembly. Active members pay a higher fee than passive members. Honorary members and current members of the Executive Board are exempt from paying membership fees.

The financial year corresponds to the calendar year.



### 4. Membership

Natural and legal persons who are interested in the purpose of the association can become members.

Active members with voting rights are natural persons who use the services and facilities of the association.

Passive members with voting rights can be natural or legal persons who support the association ideally and financially.

Persons who have made a special contribution to the Association may be awarded honorary membership by the General Meeting at the proposal of the Executive Board. They have full voting rights.

Patron members with voting rights pay an annual subscription that is at least equal to that of active members.

Voting rights exist at the annual club meeting on matters relating to club operations.

Members may join the association at any time; applications for membership must be addressed to the Executive Board; the Executive Board makes the final decision on admission.

## 5. Cancellation of membership

Membership expires

- in the case of natural persons, by resignation, exclusion or death.
  in the case of legal entities, by resignation, exclusion or dissolution of the legal entity.
- 6. AustriN and exclusion

Members may leave the association at any time by notifying the

Executive Board. The full membership fee must be paid for the

current year.

If a member resigns on the date of the General Meeting, they are not entitled to vote at the next General Meeting.

A member can be excluded by the Board of Directors at any time without giving reasons.

The Board of Directors shall make the decision to expel; the member may appeal against the expulsion decision to the next General Meeting within 30 days. Membership rights are suspended until the final decision is made.

If a member fails to pay the membership fee despite a reminder, he or she may be expelled by the Executive Board without further ado.



### 7. Organs of the organisation

The organs of the association are

- a) the general meeting
- b) The Executive Board
- c) the auditors

#### 8. The general meeting

The supreme body of the association is the General Meeting. An ordinary general meeting takes place annually in the first quarter of the following calendar year.

Members are invited to the General Meeting in writing at least 30 days in advance. Invitations by e-mail or text message are valid.

The agenda items are announced 15 days in advance. Motions from members for additional business for the attention of the General Meeting must be submitted to the Board of Directors in writing with reasons no later than 10 days in advance.

The Board of Directors or 1/5 of the members can request the convening of an Extraordinary General Meeting at any time, stating the purpose of the meeting. The meeting must be held no later than 4 weeks after receipt of the request.

The General Meeting has the following inalienable duties and competences:

- a) Approval of the minutes of the last General Meeting
- b) Approval of the annual report of the Executive Board
- c) Acceptance of the audit report and approval of the annual financial statements
- d) Discharge of the Executive Board
- e) Election of the Chairman and the other members of the Board of Directors as well as the auditors.
- f) Determination of the membership fee
- g) Approval of the annual budget
- h) Resolution on the programme of activities
- i) Resolution on motions by the Executive Board and members
- j) Amendment of the Articles of Association
- k) Decisions on the exclusion of members.
- I) Resolution on the dissolution of the Association and the utilisation of the liquidation proceeds.

Every duly convened General Meeting is quorate regardless of the number of members present.

The members pass resolutions by a simple majority of the votes cast. In the event of a tie, the Chairman has the casting vote.

Amendments to the Articles of Association require the approval of a simple majority of those present and entitled to vote.

At the very least, minutes of the resolutions passed must be drawn up.



9. The Executive Board

The Board of Directors consists of 5 to 8 people.

The term of office is 1 year. Re-election is permitted a maximum of 5 times.

The Board of Directors manages the day-to-day business and represents the

association externally. It issues regulations.

It can set up working groups (specialised groups).

It may employ or commission persons for the achievement of the association's objectives in return for appropriate compensation (in accordance with labour law)

The Board of Directors has all competences that are not transferred to another body by law or in accordance with these Articles of Association.

The following departments are represented on the Board of Directors:

- a) Presidium
- b) Communications
- c) Finances
- d) Membership & community contact
- e) Events & activities f} Fundraising

Accumulation of offices is possible.

The Board of Directors meets as often as business requires. Any member of the Board of Directors may request that a meeting be convened, stating the reasons.

If no member of the Board of Directors requests verbal consultation, resolutions may be passed by circular letter (including e-mail or text message).

The Board of Directors generally works on a voluntary and unpaid basis and is entitled to reimbursement of actual expenses. Appropriate compensation may be paid for special services rendered by individual members of the Board of Directors.

#### 10. The auditors

The General Meeting elects an auditor or a legal entity to check the accounts and carry out a spot check at least once a year.

The auditors report to the Board of Directors for the attention of the General Meeting. The

# term of office is 1 year. Re-election is permitted.

## **11.** Authorisation to sign

The Association is bound by the collective signature of the President together with another member of the Board of Directors.



### 12. Liability

Only the association's assets are liable for the association's debts. Personal liability of the members is excluded.

### 13. Data protection

The association only collects personal data from members that is necessary to fulfil the purpose of the association. The Executive Board ensures that the data is secured in a manner commensurate with the risk.

The membership data, namely the name, address, telephone number and e-mail address are disclosed to all members of the association.

Member data, namely name, address, telephone number and e-mail address, are published on the website, in the newsletter and in the association's newsletter. Otherwise, data will only be disclosed to third parties within the scope of legally permissible order processing and if this is required by law or ordered by the authorities.

Member data is also processed in accordance with the provisions of Swiss data protection legislation and the privacy policy on the association's website.

### 14. Dissolution of the association

The Association may be dissolved by resolution of an Ordinary or Extraordinary General Meeting by a qualified majority of the members present.

If less than 25% of all members attend the meeting, a second meeting must be held within one month. At this meeting, the association can also be dissolved by a simple majority if less than three quarters of the members are present.

If the association is dissolved, the association's assets shall be transferred to a taxexempt organisation in Switzerland that pursues the same or a similar purpose. The distribution of the Association's assets among the members is excluded.

# 15. Entry into force

These Articles of Association were adopted at the founding meeting on 6 June 2024 and came into force on this date.

They replace all previous versions.

Walchwil 2024 Date, place

The President:

The community contact: