Constitution of the Back Yard Cricket Society of the University of Canterbury

(Revised 2013)

1. Name

a) The name of the Society shall be "Back Yard Cricket Society" (hereinafter referred to as "The Society").

2. Objects

The Society shall have the following objects:

a) To promote the awareness of back yard cricket in university society.
b) To further the sporting and social interests of members of The Society.

3. Membership

a) There shall be three classes of membership as follows:-
   i) Honorary Life Membership which may be conferred upon any person who has made outstanding contributions to The Society.
   ii) Committee Membership which is for those who sit on the current year's committee
   iii) Ordinary Membership which shall be open to any student or ex-student of the University of Canterbury or member of the staff of the University of Canterbury, by applying to the Secretary, the application being accompanied by the appropriate subscription. The secretary may request the application be in writing.

4. Subscription

a)
   i) There shall be no subscription for Honorary Life Membership.
   ii) The annual subscription for Ordinary Membership shall be an amount fixed annually by the Executive for the current financial year, to be paid in advance.

b)
   i) A member not fully paid up by the last day of March shall be de-financed and shall forfeit all rights of membership until the arrears are paid.

5. Officers

The Officers of the Society shall be:

a) President b) Secretary c) Treasurer d) any other positions deemed necessary by the past year's committee.

6. Executive

a) The Executive of the Society shall be the President, the Secretary, the Treasurer and any other positions deemed appropriate by the past year's committee.
b) The current Executive has the right to elect subsequent Executive members if required.
c) The Executive shall control the affairs of the Society and shall have the control and investment of the funds of the Society subject always to the direction of Annual General Meetings or special meetings called in accordance with Clause 11 (c).

d) Subject to the provisions of the proceeding Section the Executive shall have the power to acquire and dispose of properties, to extend and invest monies in securities authorized by law for the investment of trust funds in New Zealand, to open bank accounts, to enter into contracts, and to borrow or raise money on loan or otherwise and to give such security for the repayment thereof over the property funds and effects of the association as it shall think fit.
e) All outward correspondence of all committees shall have the approval of the Secretary of the Society.

7. Elections

a) De-financed members shall not vote at an election held by the Society
b)
   i) Election of the Executive shall take place at a General Meeting held during the final barbeque at the School of Engineering, but the Executive shall not take office until the first day of October of the same year."
   ii) Nominations for the above positions shall be called for at least fourteen days before the said General Meeting and shall close seven days before the said General Meeting when a list of the nominees will be placed on the notice board.
   iii) Election shall be via a "Show of hands".

8. Financial Year

The Financial year (or the year) of the Society shall commence on the first day of October in each year and finish on the last day of September in the following year.

9. Meetings

a)
   i) The Annual General Meeting shall be held in September of each year.
   ii) The Agenda for the Annual General Meeting shall include:
      (1) The presentation of the Annual report, balance sheet and Treasurer's report, of the Society for the year.
      (2) The presentation of Annual Reports and Balance sheets (if appropriate) of the committees elected or appointed by the Society.
      (3) Election of officers, executive and committees in accordance with clause 9 (f)
      (4) Presentation of proposed syllabus for the ensuing year.
      (5) General business.

   iv) Non-members and unofficial members shall not be admitted to the Annual General meeting.
b)
   i) General Meetings shall be held in accordance with the syllabus approved by the Annual General Meeting together with such additional general meetings as shall be decided by a general meeting or by the Executive.
   ii) Notice of each general meeting, including the agenda, shall be placed upon the notice board at least seven days before the general meeting.

c)

i) No fewer than ten members may apply in writing to the President or Secretary for a Special meeting. They shall state what business they wish the Special Meeting to discuss.

ii) The Secretary shall call a Special Meeting to be held within fourteen days of the receipt of such an application.

iii) At Least seven days before the Special Meeting, the Secretary shall place on the notice board a notice giving the date and the agenda of the Special Meeting.

10. Changes to the Constitution

a) No change shall be made in this constitution unless it is done by a meeting of at least 75% of the Executive.