Constitution of the Tawa Scottish Country Dance Club

- Name: The name of the club shall be "Tawa Scottish Country Dance Club".
- Objects: The objects of the club shall be:
 - (a) To teach and dance Scottish Country Dances as authorised by the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society.
 - (b) To be a member club of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society New Zealand Branch Incorporated, and to abide by the rules of that Branch insofar as they affect individual
 - (c) To welcome Scottish Country dancers from other clubs and co-operate with other Societies etc. having similar interests.
- 3. Membership: Membership shall be open to all persons acceptable to the Committee. The Committee shall have power to terminate the membership of any person who offends against the standard of conduct as defined by the Committee.
- 4. General Meetings: The Annual General Meeting shall be held within 3 months of the end of the financial year. At this meeting the activities of the Club for the past and coming year shall be discussed, the Committee and Auditor elected and the annual subscription for members fixed. 40per cent of members shall form a quorum. Voting shall be confined to financial members only, including Life members. It there is an equality of votes, the chairman shall have a casting vote. At least three weeks' notice, in writing, of holding of AGM shall be given.

Special General Meetings may be called by the Secretary on the request of either (a) a simple majority of the Committee, or (b) not less than 30 percent of the Club members. Proxy: A financial member may appoint, in writing, a representative from any other financial member to vote on his/her behalf at any general or Special meeting.

- 5. Committee: The affairs of the Club shall be managed by a Committee elected at the Annual General Meeting. This Committee shall be made up of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and not less than two or more than four Committee members, all of whom shall hold office for one year, and shall be eligible for re-election at the end of that time. The teacher shall he, ex officio, a member of the Committee and shall be elected by the Committee.
- 6. Finance: The financial year shall end on 31 December. Admission charges shall be fixed at the Annual General Meeting. The Club shall operate a bank account, the President, Treasurer, and one other member of the committee shall have authority to operate this account, with any two signatures being sufficient.
- 7. Disposition of Property: In the event of the Club ceasing to function, any assets shall be distributed at the discretion of the remaining active members of the Club, to organisations with similar objects.
- 8. Alteration to rules: Rules may only be altered at a general meeting and written notice of motion shall be given to the Secretary at least twenty-one days before the meeting at which the proposed alteration will be submitted

Adopted by Tawa Scottish Country Dance Club at a General Meeting held on 27 March 2008

Chairman Barbara Kent Secretary