



## **Statutes of the Association International Committee for Venetian Rowing**

### § 1 - Name, Registered Office, Business Year

The Association was entered into the German register of Associations by the name of “Internationales Komitee für Venezisches Rudern / Comitato Internazionale di Voga Veneta - CIVV”. The register of Associations containing the pertaining entry is kept with the Frankfurt Magistrates’ Court. The Association’s registered office is in Frankfurt am Main. The Association’s address is identical with that of its respective 1<sup>st</sup> president. The business year is deemed to be the calendar year.

### § 2 - Purpose of the Association

The purpose of the Association is the dissemination of Venetian rowing both throughout Germany and internationally. The purposes pursued by the Association are purposefully and exclusively non-profit, as laid down in sect. 51 et seq. of AO (*German Tax Code – translator’s note*). In particular, such purposes are achieved through the promotion of activities such as: organisation of regattas, training of young rowers as well as the education of coaches and referees and also the setting-up of an information site addressing all technical aspects of Venetian rowing. Representative events are deemed part and parcel of the Association’s activities (such as the participation in the corteo della regatta storica, Venice). The Association does not pursue economic benefits in the first place. The Association’s financial means may only be drawn on for purposes in compliance with its statutory objectives. Its members shall not receive any share in profits or, in their capacity as members, any other grants of whatever nature out of the Association’s funds. No single individual may be favoured either by payments not related to the objectives of the Association or by disproportionately high reimbursements.

### § 3 – Membership

Membership can be granted to any individual aged at least 16 which is devoted to the Association's objectives. Each member shall be entitled to one vote. Equally, (rowing) associations may apply for membership as associations the purpose of which is fostering Venetian rowing and which are recognised as non-profit organisations. Foreign legal provisions regulating the non-profit status shall be recognised. Associations counting not more than 50 members shall equally be entitled to one vote, associations counting 51 to 100 members to 2 votes, with larger associations being entitled to one vote per each additional 50 members. Applications for membership shall be submitted in writing and decided upon by the Board.

### § 4 - Fund Raising

The funds required for the materialisation of the Association's purposes shall be raised by way of

- a) donations
- b) grants
- c) other revenues (e. g. regatta entry fees, endowments, inheritances, club festivities, advertising revenues and the like)
- d) membership fees.

Membership fees for individual persons and associations will be published in a separate fee module document.

Regatta entry fees - to be paid by both members and non-members of the Association - shall be determined in concert with the boards of the respective regatta organisers of the country, or the location, staging the regatta, in order to safeguard the due preparations and the realisation of such regatta.

### § 5 - Resignation

Members may only resign from the Association at the end of the year. The statement of resignation shall be in writing and be served on each board member no later than by 30<sup>th</sup> September. No member may lay any claim to the Association's assets.

### § 6 - Exclusion

A member of the Association may be excluded from the Association if he or she acts counter to the Association's interests. Such exclusion shall be decided upon by the Board. The Board's decision for exclusion must be unanimous.

## § 7 - Bodies of the Association

The bodies of the Association shall be the general assembly and the Board, as well as the advisory council. Additional bodies can be formed by resolutions passed by the general assembly.

## § 8 - Board

The Board is composed of the 1<sup>st</sup> chairperson, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chairperson, the treasurer, and the secretary. The Board shall manage the Association's activities in an honorary capacity. Resolutions by the Board shall be governed by § 28 para. 1 in conjunction with § 32 BGB (*German Civil Code - translator's note*) with the proviso that in the event of a tie vote the 1<sup>st</sup> chairperson shall have the casting vote. In both judicial and extrajudicial matters, the Association shall be represented by the 1<sup>st</sup> chairperson or by the secretary. The members of the Board shall be elected in the general assembly by secret ballot for a two-year term. However, the representative members of the Board (1<sup>st</sup> chairperson and secretary) shall continue in office until a new Board has been elected.

In the event of the resignation of a Board member prior to the end of his/her regular term of office, the Board shall elect another member of the Association to the Board by unanimous vote. The immediately ensuing general assembly shall be bound to confirm such elected Board member by vote.

## § 9 - Advisory Council

The general assembly shall elect an advisory council composed of 3 individuals for a 3-year term. Such advisory council shall advise the Board and assist in the development of the Association in the spirit of its purpose. In particular, it can be consulted in matters concerning decisions of major importance or controversies.

## § 10 - General Assembly

The general assembly's competences shall include

- amendments to the statutes
- the election of the Board and its discharge
- the election of the advisory council
- the fixing of the membership fees
- the dissolution of the Association.

The ordinary general assembly shall convene on an annual basis. Unless prevented for serious reasons, such general assembly shall convene by the month of September of each year. An extraordinary general assembly may be convened by the Board whenever required in the best interest of the Association or at the written request by at least 25% of its members, specifying

details on the reason and objective of such request. Both the convocation of the assembly and its agenda shall be determined by the Board. The Board shall send notice of the meeting at least four weeks in advance in the case of an ordinary general assembly and at least three weeks in advance respectively in the case of an extraordinary general assembly, including the proposed agenda. The invitation to the general assembly shall be sent by means of electronic mail (e-mail), or by regular mail or facsimile respectively. As a rule, elections of Board members shall be made by secret ballot. At the request of individual members or of the Board and by majority decision, the general assembly may opt for elections to the Board by open roll call. Unless a vote by secret ballot is requested by any of the members present, the election to the advisory council shall be by open roll call (raising hands). In the case of voting by secret ballots, each participant entitled to a vote shall designate or mark his/her candidate of choice on a ballot. The assembly's chairpersons shall collect the ballots and evaluate the results. The evaluation shall be made publicly.

The candidate acquiring most votes shall be deemed elected. Ballots in excess of the number of votes required for the respective body of the Association shall be deemed void, with the simple majority of the members present being decisive. Amendments to the statutes or the dissolution of the Association require a  $\frac{3}{4}$  (three-quarters) majority of the members present. Abstentions shall not be counted in the number of votes cast. The general assembly shall require minutes to be prepared and signed by the chairperson and the secretary.

#### § 11 - Dissolution

A decision on the dissolution of the Association may only be passed in an extraordinary assembly held in order to deal exclusively with this one agenda item.

#### § 12 - Liquidators

Should a liquidation of the Association's assets prove necessary (dissolution, withdrawal of legal capacity), the current members of the Board shall be deemed appointed liquidators.

#### § 13 – Devolution of Assets

On dissolution of the Association or on cessation of its tax-advantaged status, the Association's assets shall devolve upon the Frankfurt municipality which shall only use such assets directly and exclusively for non-profit purposes - primarily for the promotion of boating and rowing - or upon another tax-advantaged entity, or a non-profit association respectively, engaged in the promotion of Venetian rowing and in particular for the promotion and development of young talents.