

Statutes of the Association AUFGUSS-WM e.V.



I. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

In the Statutes of Association the masculine form has been used to be representative also for the female form.

§1 Name, Registered Office, Legal Form, Business Year

- (1) The name of the Association is AUFGUSS-WM
- (2) The Association shall be registered
- (3) After registration the name will be added by e. V.
- (4) The Association's registered office is in Bielefeld.
- (5) The financial year is the same as the calendar year.

§2 Purpose and Functions

- (1) The purpose of the AUFGUSS-WM is to promote the culture of the sauna bath and in particular that of the infusion for health reasons, to a wider section of the world population, and to provide support through appropriate measures.

For this purpose, the AUFGUSS-WM holds the rights to the World Infusion Sauna championship with its logo as seen here.

- (2) For this purpose, the AUFGUSS-WM shall perform the following tasks:
 - a) award the organisation and execution of the World Infusion Sauna Championship and of relegation competitions;
 - b) promote and carry out national Infusion Sauna championships;
 - c) archive the results of infusion championships;
 - d) set-up the jury for the World Infusion Sauna Championship and relegation competitions for the World Infusion Sauna Championship;
 - e) assure, that at least two members of the international jury are involved in the final of each national Infusion Sauna championship;
 - f) provide education and training for the jury members for the World Infusion Sauna Championship and relegation competitions;
 - g) provide regular professional training for members;
 - h) represent the purpose of the Association vis-a-vis authorities and organisations;
 - i) implement public relations and marketing activities for the World Infusion Sauna Championship and sauna infusion in general.



- (3) The Association prohibits any activities of a political or religious nature, or such that violate general moral principles.
- (4) The Association may become a member of other organisations for the purpose of performing its objectives.

§3 Non-profit Status and Association Assets

- (1) The Association shall solely and directly pursue objectives of public benefit within the meaning of the provisions “tax privileged purposes” of the German fiscal code. The Association acts selflessly; it does not pursue primarily its own economic purposes. By executing its charitable purpose, it may participate in other enterprises or found subsidiaries, as long as such activities can be considered subordinated vis-à-vis the other activities of the Association.
- (2) The financial means of the Association may only be used for the purposes and tasks defined in the Statutes. The members shall not receive any allowances from the funds of the Association.
- (3) The Association shall be led in an honorary capacity. Any costs or expenses incurred by the members of the executive committee in the course of work for the Association shall be reimbursed against receipt. The executive committee may decide, depending on their financial means, to pay an appropriate lump sum remuneration or expenses reimbursement pursuant to section 3 (26) a, EStG [German Income Tax Act] for executive committee jobs.
 - (4) Upon dissolution of the Association any Association funds shall go to the organisation “Ärzte ohne Grenzen” [Médecins sans Frontières].

II. MEMBERSHIP

§4 Members

- (1) Any natural or legal persons may become a member of the Association, namely as -
 - ordinary members or as
 - sponsoring members.

Ordinary members are national Associations that carry out national infusion sauna championships, thermal baths and spas as well as natural persons. These members shall pay the fees for ordinary membership.



Sponsoring members are spas, saunas and general enterprises as well as natural persons who want to sponsor the World Infusion Sauna Championship and who support the purpose of the Association. They shall receive a discount on the entrance fee at the World Infusion Sauna competition.

- (2) The Association may appoint honorary members. Suggestions shall be presented at the General Meeting (AGM). Honorary members shall pay no membership fees; they shall have a seat and vote at the AGM.

§5 Admission

- (1) Admission is by written application. The executive committee shall decide on the application. The applicant shall be advised of the decision in writing. In the case that an application is refused there is no obligation to give reasons. The executive committee may delegate this task to staff of the Association.
- (2) Upon acceptance, the new members shall receive a copy of the Statutes of Associations.

§6 Rights and Obligations of Members

- (1) The members of the Association are obliged to further the purpose of the Association and to participate in the fulfillment of the statutes.
- (2) It is not permitted to exploit the fact that one is a member for promotional purposes. The committee may, upon such request, grant a member permission to highlight his membership in business dealings, on business literature, company signs etc.; this permission may, however, be revoked at any time. The permission may be subject to certain conditions and on the fulfillment of certain obligations.
- (3) Each member shall pay the admission fees applicable at the time of admission and shall pay until expiry of his membership the applicable fee in advance. The membership fee depends on the currently valid scale of fees.
- (4) Each full member shall have seat and voice at the AGM; the same applies to members with several business premises.

§7 Expiry of Membership

The membership shall expire:

- a) on the death of the member;
- b) by resignation; only possible at the end of a calendar year, i.e. on 31.12., to be made in writing by registered mail with a notice of four weeks.
- c) By exclusion, upon decision of the executive committee
 1. in the case of dishonourable behaviour of a member inside or outside of the Association;
 2. in the case of offences against the statute of the Association, in particular upon contravention of the purposes and tasks of the Association.

Such a decision by the executive committee shall be delivered to the member in writing by registered mail. The member concerned, may lodge an appeal against this decision, within two weeks after receipt of the committee's decision. At the following GM the members shall decide on the appeal. The expulsion shall become effective upon expiration of the period of objection or upon decision of the GM. Until the GM has come to a decision the membership rights of the member concerned are suspended;

- d) by deletion; this can be done by the management, if members are in arrears with their fees for three months and if, after another payment request and without any valid reasons payment has not been received after a further four weeks.

III. ORGANS

§8 Organs of the Association

The organs of the Association are:

- a) the General Meeting (GM)
- b) the executive committee.

§9 General Meeting

- (1) The General Meeting is the highest body of the Association.
- (2) The General Meeting shall be convened once annually by the executive committee. Invitations must be sent out, in writing, at least six weeks in advance, together with the agenda.



- (3) The duties of the General Meeting:
 - a) Acceptance of the business report and cash audit of the previous year;
 - b) the discharge of the executive committee;
 - c) the election of the executive committee and the cash auditor (in the election year);
 - d) the resolution on the existing membership fee scale and on changes concerning fees;
 - e) the amendments concerning the statutes;
 - f) resolution on applications received and on the award of the World Infusion Sauna Championship.
- (4) Motions must be proposed at least one month before the session, to the executive committee or to the management of the Association. Any motions for an amendment to the agenda which are proposed only at the General Meeting are also passed at the General Meeting. To pass such a motion requires a majority of three quarters of valid votes. Motions to amend the statutes may not be proposed during a General Meeting.
- (5) The General Meeting is presided by the chairman or should the chairman be unavailable by another member of the executive committee. Should no executive committee member be available the General Meeting shall appoint a member to lead the meeting. For the election of the chairman another member, selected by the meeting, shall be in the chair.
- (6) With the exception of the case described in section 12, every General Meeting is at a quorum. The General Meeting makes decisions with simple majority of the valid votes cast unless this statute provides otherwise. Abstentions from vote shall be disregarded. In the case of a tied vote, a proposed motion shall be rejected. To amend the statutes or change the purpose of the Association, a majority of three quarters of votes cast is required. The membership fee scale and any amendments to the same, shall be passed by simple majority.
- (7) For the election of the executive committee and the cash auditor only members that are present at the General Meeting may be proposed for the elections or whose written agreement to a possible election has been sent in, in writing.
- (8) At any General Meeting, minutes shall be taken, which shall be signed by the chairman or the person presiding the meeting and the secretary. The minutes shall be made available to the members three months after the General Meeting at the latest.
- (9) An extraordinary General Meeting shall be convened upon decision of the executive committee or if written application stating purpose and reasons by enough members to represent two tenths of the entire number of members.

§ 10 The Executive Committee

- (1) The executive committee is made up of:
 - a) the President
 - b) the Vice President
 - c) the Secretary
 - d) the Treasurer
 - e) a Member/Observer

- (2) The members of the executive committee are elected by the General Meeting for a period of two years, from the day of their election. They shall, however, remain in office until the next election. Each member of the executive committee shall be elected individually.

Voting can be done openly by hand signs or by ballot papers. Upon such request by a member, voting can be done secretly or in writing.

Should a member of the executive committee leave before the end of his term of office his office will be taken over provisionally by another member of the committee. The executive committee may also decide to entrust another suitable member of the Association with the tasks of the departed committee member. The member of the Association who has become a member of the executive committee in this way shall, however, be confirmed at the next General Meeting or be replaced by voting.

- (3) The executive committee takes care of the fulfillment of the statutory tasks. It decides on the location and the execution of the World Infusion Sauna Championship and relegation competitions.
 - a) It manages the assets of the Association.
 - b) It reports to the General Meeting
 - c) The respective chairman and vice chairman shall represent the Association in judicial and extrajudicial matters. Each has sole power of representation.
 - d) The executive committee may employ a managing director to support its work.

- (4) The treasurer manages the treasury. He must keep accounts of income and expenditures. The treasurer presents a cash report to the executive committee and the General Meeting.

- (5) Meetings of the executive committee shall be convened and led by the chairman. The executive committee has a quorum if at least three executive committee members are present. Resolutions shall be passed with a simple majority; in the case of a tie, the chairman has the casting vote.



The executive committee shall, however, also be able to pass resolutions after conferring in writing or by phone, if none of the executive committee members insist explicitly on discussion and resolution at an executive committee meeting. Also, in the case where a resolution is passed after conferring in writing or by phone the majority of validly cast votes shall be decisive. At each meeting of the executive committee, minutes shall be taken which have to be signed by the chairman and the secretary.

§ 11 Cash auditor

- (1) The General Meeting shall elect two cash auditors for two years. They shall not be members of the executive committee.
- (2) The auditors shall prepare a report on the annual cash audit and present the same to the General Meeting. They must prepare an audit report on the annual cash audit and present it to the general meeting. The audit report must be signed by these two cash auditors.

IV. DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

§ 12 Procedure on the Dissolution of the Association

- (1) A resolution for dissolution may be passed only at a General Meeting expressly convened for this purpose. Only if more than two thirds of all members are present at this meeting, the meeting shall have a quorum.

In such case a further meeting with the same agenda shall be called within four weeks which will have a quorum in any case. The resolution for the dissolution shall be made with three quarters of the members present. Voting shall be carried out by ballot.

- (2) In the case of a dissolution, the assets of the Association shall be dealt with as laid down in § 3 (4).

V. VALIDITY OFN THE STATUTES

§ 13 Effectiveness

Should any part of the provision of these statutes become ineffective, the remaining parts of the statutes shall maintain their effectiveness.

§ 14 Coming into Effect of the statutes

These Statutes were decided on 29 November 2017 in Prag.