New Zealand Birding Network - Rules of the Association.

1. Mission

- i. To promote eco tourism and bird watching on a sustainable ecological commercial basis.
- ii. To promote New Zealand as a bird watching destination both nationally and internationally.
- iii. To increase the knowledge and understanding of birds and their importance to sustainable ecological systems.

2. Objects

The objects for which the Association is established are:

- To conserve, promote and advance the interests and welfare of tour operators in the area of bird watching and nature tours generally operating in New Zealand by building a network of tour operators who will provide a coordinated approach to bird watching.
- b) To encourage a high standard of service and honorable practice of all operators in bird watching and nature tours and promote a friendly relationship between themselves.
- To produce a directory which profiles and provides information about all members.
- d) To develop a website www.birdwatchingnewzealand.co.nz or such similar name as may be available.
- e) To protect both the public and members of the Association against dishonest, fraudulent and corrupt practices.
- f) To promote or oppose bills, legislation or other measures or by-laws affecting the birds and birdlife.
- g) To use the funds of the Association as the Association may consider necessary or proper in furthering or carrying out the objects of the Association or any of them including employment of commitments, solicitors, agents, officers and employees as shall appear necessary or expedient.
- h) To subscribe to become a member of and co-operate with any other Association whether incorporated or not whose objects are altogether or in part similar to those of this Association and to procure from and communicate to such Association such information as may be likely to forward the objects of the Association.
- i) To purchase, take on lease or in exchange or hire or otherwise acquire any real or personal property and any rights or privileges which the Association shall think necessary or expedient for the purposes of attaining the objects of the Association or any of them or promoting the interests of the Association or its members and to sell, exchange, mortgage, let on bail or lease with or without option of purchase or in any manner dispose of any such property rights or privileges as aforesaid.

- j) To solicit and accept donations and gifts and a transfer or conveyance of real or personal property whether subject to any trust or not to any one or more of the objects of the Association.
- k) To establish, promote, associate with or assist in establishing and promoting and to subscribe to or become a member of any other Association within or outside of New Zealand whose objects are wholly or in part similar to those of the Association, or establishment or promotion which may be beneficial to the Association , or to the trade and to form or establish any branch of this Association within or outside of New Zealand.
- To do all such things as are incidental or conductive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them and to promote any other activity not repugnant to these objects.

10 Membership

Members of the Association shall be identified as *members*, each being a person or body corporate engaged or interested in any manner in the mission or object of the Association.

11. Application for membership

Every application for membership shall be made in writing to the Executive on a form prescribed by the Executive. Every applicant shall pay an entrance fee, the amount of which prescribed by the Executive. Provided the applicant is approved by the Executive, the applicants' name shall be entered in the Register of Members. The Executive shall not be called upon to give any reason or not approving any application submitted to it.

Inquiries should be directed to:

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If you would like to become a member of the New Zealand Birding Network, please complete the application form below, and send to NZNB either by fax to +64 3 319 6534, or by post to Lynette Buurman, Secretary NZ Birding Network 96 Esplanade Kaikoura

NEW ZEALAND BIRDING NETWORK APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP