

Saint Lucia National Trust Rules

SAINT LUCIA

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[2nd June, 1984.]

PART I

PRELIMINARY

1. **Short Title.** These Rules may be cited as the Saint Lucia National Trust Rules, 1984.
2. **Interpretation.** In these Rules :—
 - ‘ the Act ’ means the Saint Lucia National Trust Act, 1975 (No. 16 of 1975).
 - ‘ the Council ’ means the Council of the Trust established by the Act.
 - ‘ Trust ’ means the Saint Lucia National Trust established by the Act.
 - ‘ Minister ’ means the Minister responsible for the subject of the National Trust.
 - ‘ person ’ includes body of persons.
3. **Objects.** The objects of the Trust are as outlined in section 4 of the Act.

PART II

MEMBERSHIP

4. **Members.** Any person who is interested in the aims and objects of the Trust is eligible to be a member of the Trust.
5. **Constitution.** The Trust shall consist of ordinary, associate, nominated, honorary and life members.
6. **Admission of Ordinary and Associate Members.**—(1) Admission of ordinary and associated members shall be by election.
 - (2) A candidate shall sign a form of application for membership giving all particulars required by the Trust and shall be bound by the rules and by-laws of the Trust if elected.
 - (3) A candidate who receives the votes of the majority of the members of the Council shall be elected for membership.

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14. **Members in arrears.**—(1) If any member fails to pay his annual subscription on or before the 1st day of February next after it is due, notice may be sent to him calling his attention thereto and if the subscription is not paid on or before the 1st March following, the defaulter shall cease to be a member of the Trust.

(2) The Council may at any time in their discretion restore membership to the defaulter upon payment of all arrears of subscription.

15. **Nominated Members.** The Trust shall appoint as members two persons nominated by the Minister and two persons nominated by the Saint Lucia Archaeological and Historical Society.

16. **Life Members.**—(1) An ordinary or associate member may at any time after the payment of the first annual subscription compounded by the payment for all his future subscriptions, become a life member.

(2) A life member is entitled to the privileges of membership for life unless —

- (a) he ceases to be a member under Rule 18 or Rule 19 ; or
- (b) he is expelled under Rule 20.

(3) The Council may from time to time compound the fee to be payable by a member under paragraph (1).

(4) The Council may fix a limit to the number of life members of the Trust.

17. **Honorary Members.**—(1) Notwithstanding the election of ordinary and associate members, on the recommendation of the Council, honorary members may be elected at any general meeting of the Trust.

(2) A two-thirds majority of members of the Trust present and voting shall be necessary for election of honorary members.

(3) Honorary members may be elected for life or for such period as the members may determine.

(4) An honorary member is entitled to all the privileges of membership but an honorary member is not entitled to vote at meetings or to be a member of the Council.

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(3) The annual general meeting shall be held at such time and place as the Council shall appoint.

22. Extraordinary General Meetings. All general meetings other than the annual general meeting shall be called extraordinary general meetings.

23. Convening Extraordinary General Meetings.—(1) The Council may, whenever it thinks fit, and shall, on a requisition made in writing by not less than five members, convene an extraordinary general meeting.

(2) Any requisition made by members shall state the object of the proposed meeting and shall be signed by the requisitionists and deposited with the Secretary of the Council.

(3) On receipt of the requisition the Council shall forthwith proceed to convene an extraordinary general meeting; if the Council fails to convene a meeting within twenty-one days from the date of the deposit of the requisition, the requisitionists, or a majority in number of the requisitionists, may themselves convene a meeting.

24. Non-Receipt of Notice. The omission to give notice of any meeting to any member or the non-receipt of such notice by any member shall not invalidate the proceedings of that meeting.

25. Proceedings at General Meetings. The annual general meeting shall consider the following :

1. The accounts,
2. The Balance Sheet,
3. The Ordinary Reports of the Chairman, Secretary or Auditor,
4. The election of officers and members of the Council,
5. The appointment and fixing of the remuneration of the Auditor.

26. Quorum.—(1) Ten members shall form a quorum.

(2) Save as herein otherwise provided no business shall be transacted at a general meeting unless a quorum of members is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business.

(3) If within half an hour from the time appointed for any meeting a quorum of members is not present, the meeting shall stand adjourned.

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(3) Every member of the Trust entitled to vote shall have one vote, except that, in case of equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

PART IV

THE COUNCIL

33. Composition of Council.—(1) The Council shall consist of eleven members appointed as follows :

- (a) two persons nominated by the Minister ;
- (b) two persons nominated by the Archaeological and Historical Society ; and
- (c) seven members elected by the ordinary members of the Trust.

(2) The management of the Trust between annual general meetings shall be vested in the Council.

34. Officers. The officers of the Council shall consist of a chairman, a vice chairman, and a secretary, all of whom shall be elected by the members of the Council.

35. Retirement of Members of Council. At every annual general meeting of the Trust the members of the Council who are either ordinary or associate members shall retire. The retiring members shall be eligible for re-election at the same or any other general meeting of the Trust.

36. Casual Vacancies. All casual vacancies arising amongst the elected members of the Council shall be filled by the Council. Any member of the Council so appointed shall retire at the following annual general meeting but shall be eligible for election as a member of the Council at the annual general meeting.

37. Retirement of Members of Council. The office of a member of the Council shall become vacant :

- (a) if he ceases to be a member of the Trust under rules 19 or 20 ;
- (b) if he is absent from three consecutive meetings of the Council without reasonable excuse ;
- (c) if he gives the Council one calendar month's notice in writing that he resigns his office ;
- (d) if he is removed by an extraordinary resolution passed at a general meeting of the Trust.

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45. **Procedures.** Subject to the above provisions, the Council shall have power to regulate its own proceedings.

PART VI

STAFF

46. **Appointment of Director.**—(1) The Council shall subject to the approval of the Minister and upon such terms and conditions as it may determine, appoint a Director.

(2) The Director shall be chief executive officer of the Council and shall exercise all the functions entrusted to him by the Council and shall be present at all meetings of the Council unless he has obtained leave of absence from attending the meetings.

47. **Absence of Director.** In the absence of the Director, the Council may with the approval of the Minister by instrument in writing appoint any person to act as Director during the period of such absence, upon such terms and conditions as it may determine. The person so appointed may exercise all the powers and all the duties exercisable or to be performed by the Director or such powers and duties as may be specified in such instrument.

48. **Officers.**—(1) The Council may appoint and employ at such remuneration and on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit such officers and servants as it deems necessary for the proper carrying out of its functions.

(2) The persons appointed under paragraph (1) shall perform such duties as may be assigned to them by the Director.

(3) The Council may delegate to the Director, the authority to appoint or dismiss any person employed under this rule.

JULIAN R. HUNTE,
Chairman of the National Trust.

Confirmed by Cabinet under section 9 of the National Trust Act, 1975
(No. 16 of 1975).

VICTOR GIRARD,
Secretary to the Cabinet.

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