



1723

CONSTITUTION OF THE RABIE / RABE FAMILY ASSOCIATION

(As ammended on 27 September 2014)

NAME

1. The name of the association will be the Rabie / Rabe Family Association, herein after referred to as the Family Association.

AIM

2. The aim of the Family Association is to enhance contact between members of the families and to promote family pride and congeniality.

METHODS TO PROMOTE THIS AIM

3. The convening of regular family gatherings;
4. The maintenance of family records;
5. The development of a family archive;
6. The registration of a family association coat of arms;
7. To bring about individual family coats of arms through the development of a unique heraldry legacy; and to
8. Establish world-wide contact with Rabie / Rabe families.

MEMBERSHIP

9. All descendants and relatives of the following founding fathers, either by right of birth, adoption or marriage, are *ipso facto* members of the Family Association:

Christian Rabé of Leipzig in Saxony, 1723

Christianus Rabe of Copenhagen, Denmark, 1723

Siegfried Jacques Rabe of Schwerin in Mecklenburg, 1882

Johann Peter Heinrich Rabe of Alen at Soltau in Hannover, 1883

Johann Heinrich Rabe of Wohlde in Hannover, 1883

Hans Heinrich Rabe of Lutter, Hermannsburg, in Hannover, 1866?

Abraham & Samüel Rebe of Birzai, Litaue, 1860?

10. Founding fathers whose descendants have become extinct are also acknowledged:

Christiaan Gotlieb Rabe of Garts on the Oder, ±1763

Philippus Raab of Warthen in Silesia, Prussia, 1796?

Johan George Rabé of Amsterdam, Nederland, 1825?

11. No application is made for membership of the Family Association. It is a birthright of all descendants and a prerogative obtained by other members of families through adoption or marriage.

MANAGEMENT

12. The management committee of the Family Association will consist of a chairperson, deputy chairperson, secretary, treasurer and at least three (3) other members.
13. Management will consist of volunteers who are willing to serve. The chairperson will be nominated and elected from amongst them. His/her term of office will be for a period of five years, until the next General Members Meeting. The chair will have a decisive vote at management meetings. Four (4) members of the management committee will form a quorum.
14. The chairperson, deputy chairperson and secretary will serve as an emergency committee.
15. The management committee will arrange regular family gatherings. The venue, method and frequency will be at the discretion of the management committee.
16. The management committee will have the following powers:

- 16.1 To purchase, sell, rent, barter and receive by means of donations or grants; and to deposit funds in the bank account of the Family Association;
- 16.2 to deal in general with the funds of the Family Association in compliance with the intentions and aim of the Family Association;
- 16.3 to prescribe the procedures of Family Association meetings; and
- 16.4 to co-opt additional members onto the management committee.

FUNDS OF THE FAMILY ASSOCIATION

17. Because of obligatory membership the Family Association may not levy membership fees.
18. Funds, except that which is used for administrative expenses, will be collected for specific projects / gatherings.
19. Donors, endowers, sponsors and / or members may specify how money, paid by them, could be used.
20. All finances will be controlled by the management committee.

GENERAL MEMBERS MEETINGS

21. At least two (2) months notice of meetings should be given to members.
22. Meetings may not be declared null and void if, by mistake, members have not been advised of such a meeting.
23. The members present at such a meeting will form a quorum.
24. The management committee must present a financial report at each general members meeting. In addition:
 - 24.1 the treasurer will submit an annual financial report to the management committee and
 - 24.2 the management committee shall have copies of the financial report available, for any member, on demand.
25. A member of the Family Association may have only one vote in a members meeting.
26. Only persons of eighteen (18) years and older will be allowed to vote.

27. Voting will be by a show of hands.
28. Twenty family association members have the right to submit a written request, with a motivation, to the Management Committee for the convening of a members meeting.
29. The Constitution may only be amended at a general members meeting.

DISESTABLISHMENT

30. The Family Association may only be disestablished by a two thirds majority vote taken by members present at a members meeting especially convened for that purpose
31. On disestablishment the assets of the Family Association will be dealt with as determined by the members at the meeting.

INDEMNIFICATION OF MEMBERS

32. The Family Association indemnifies its members against any action which may be brought against a member originating from activities, of such a member, in the interest of the Family Association.
33. Any action, indicated in clause 32, must be brought against the Family Association which will litigate such action in its own name.

GENERAL

34. No official of the Family Association will receive any compensation for services rendered to the Family Association, however, expenses incurred in the interests of the Family Association or its members may be compensated.
35. All assets of the Family Association will be vested in the Management Committee of the Family Association.
36. For the purposes of dealing with any Family Association assets or to execute the authority of the Family Association the elected Management Committee shall act on behalf of the Family Association.

(Approved and established at the General Members Meeting
on 25 September 2004)