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# USEN SOCIAL ELITE CLUB OF NIGERIA

**"Faith and Unity"**

**FOUNDED YEAR 2000**

Reg. No.YA/CLB/3114

## **CONSTITUTION**

**AS AMENDED 26TH NOVEMBER, 2017**

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Benin city, Edo State.

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### **Preamble:**

We the members of Usen Social Elite Club of Nigeria:

Having firmly and solemnly resolved:

To live in unity and harmony as one indivisible and indissoluble club, under God Guidance for the promotion of Usen Community, Edo State and Nigeria in general.

AND TO PROVIDE for the constitution, for the purpose of promoting the welfare of members, growth and development, freedom, equality and justice, and for the purpose of consolidating the unity of our members as well as Usen people.

**DO HEREBY MAKE, ENACT AND GIVE TO OURSELVES THE FOLLOWING COSTITUION.**

### **Article 1: Name:**

This club was registered with the name Usen Social Elite Club of Nigeria and shall be addressed as such.

### **Article 2(a): Aims and Objectives:**

The aims and objectives of the club shall be to;

1. Promote the unity, solidarity and progress of Usen citizens in particular and Edo State in general;
2. Promote the legitimate rights and interest of its citizen within and outside the State;
3. Foster the social economic and political well-being of the community for the greater development of the social status of its people;
4. To promote the educational development of the area for the transformation of its people;
5. Co-operate actively with other bodies especially Government for the overall development of the Area;
6. To re-awaken the cultural values and heritage of our people.

(b) **Vision statement:** we help youths of Usen origin to appreciate the need to ensuring effective moral life, cultural preservation, and unity of her people.

(c) **Mission statement:** to become the leading club that breed youths of unquestionable character that respect and preserve cultural heritage and believe in unity as a tool for social upliftment.

### **Article 3: Membership**

1. Membership shall be open only to well-meaning adult male citizen of Usen irrespective of religion, education and status in the society.
2. Intending members shall forward his intention to any existing member of the club who shall forward same to the club via the Secretary.
3. Intending member(s) shall submit the names of two bonified members of the club as referee.
4. The club shall consider and approve the admission of such intending member. Members shall be free to raise objections to the admission of any person, and members shall see reasons with such objection and decide an appropriate position to take.
5. There shall be regular, distance and honorary member(s).
6. Intending member shall obtain and complete membership application form obtainable on the payment of non-refundable fee of ten thousand naira (N10,000) as well as two bottles of original Eva wine and kola nuts.
7. Upon the satisfaction of the whole requirements, intending member(s) shall be placed on three months' probation before he will be formally pronounced a full fledge member of the club. The new member shall also contribute all necessary dues of the club.
8. A distance member shall be made to contribute or pay double of whatever a regular member contributes, and shall also host regular members at the end of the year.

### **Article 4: Office of the Club:**

The offices of the club shall be as hierarchically stated below:

1. The President;
2. The Vice President;
3. The General Secretary;
4. Financial Secretary;
5. Treasurer;
6. Public Relation Officer(PRO);
7. Director of social/welfare;
8. Internal Auditor;
9. Assistant Secretary General;
10. Assistant Financial Secretary;
11. Provost.

An independent office:

Chairman, Elders Forum (EF).

The club shall also have for themselves the following designations as their honorary members.

1. Matrons and Patrons.
2. Legal Advisers.

### **Article 5: Duties of Various Officers of the Club:**

1. The President shall;
  - i. Presides over general meetings and other activities of the Club.
  - ii. Presides over all meeting of the executive council and summon all meeting through the General Secretary.
  - iii. Have power to vote the decision of member of the executive, but such vote can be set aside with two-third(2/3) votes of the executive council.
  - iv. Serve as a signatory to the bank account of the club.

- v. Be empowered to set up any ad-hoc or standing committee that will see to the affairs of the club.
- vi. After due consultation with the executive council, takes decision in an emergency situation and report same back to the club for its general approval.
- vii. give an annual report of the Club's activities at the end of every fiscal year.
- 2. The office of the Vice President:
  - i. Assist the President in his duties and deputize in his absence.
  - ii. be the coordinator of all Ad-hoc Committees
  - iii. Perform other vital obligation that may be assigned to him by the club.
- 3. The office of the Secretary:
  - i. Summon meetings of the club in the advice of the President.
  - ii. Take and keep all minutes of the club.
  - iii. Keep records of the club activities.
  - iv. Carry out all secretariat duties of the club.
  - v. keep the register of all members
  - vi. be a signatory to the bank account of the club
  - vii. Carry out any other duties or functions that may be delegated to him by the club.
- 4. Financial Secretary office shall;
  - i. Keep records of all financial transactions of the club.
  - ii. Present an annual financial report of the club to the club.
  - iii. Collect all dues and hand over same to the treasurer before the close of the general meeting.
  - iv. Perform other duties assigned to him by the club.

- 5. Treasurer office shall;
  - i. Pay all dues belonging to the club into the club's account at most 48hours from collection.
  - ii. Be a signatory to the bank account of the club.
  - iii. Make all payment duly authorized and approved by the club.
  - iv. Keep a certain amount as imprest for the club.
  - v. Perform other duties assigned to him by the club.
- 6. Public Relation Officer(PRO) office shall;
  - i. Perform all the publicity activities of the club.
  - ii. Be the image maker or mouth piece of the club.
  - iii. Search for fact, figures, and information that are of great importance to the club.
  - iv. Be empowered to use both human and material resources of the club to accomplish his duties as approved by the club.
  - v. Submit information obtained by him to the President for necessary vetting.
  - vi. Get clearance from the President before going to the press or media house on issues of interest to the club.
- 7. Director of Welfare/social shall;
  - i. Ensure the welfare of members in all club's activities.
  - ii. During outside functions, ensure that peace and order are maintained.
  - iii. Perform other activities assigned to him by the club.
  - iv. Advice celebrants on what the club requires from him.
  - v. Usher in members of the club to all social gathering/functions.
  - vi. Shall ensure both internal & external activities



- known immediately after counting.
- VIII. Voting in the election shall be by open-secret ballot approach.
  - IX. In the event of a tie in an election, there shall be a re-run election within a month.
  - X. Where there is a tie in the re-run election, it shall be resolved by a toss of a coin.
  - XI. The chairman of the electoral committee cannot contest for the office of the President. He can contest for other positions of the club having the board of trustee (BOT) chairman presiding over the election of that office.
  - XII. If vote of no-confidence is placed on the executive council, caretaker committee of five (5) bonified members shall be set up by the elders forum members to co-ordinate the affairs of the club pending when a new election is conducted, and this should not exceed two months.

**Article 8 (b): Bye-Election:**

There shall be bye-election when seat(s) in the Executive Council becomes vacant by reasons of;

- i. resignation of any officer
- ii. A vote of no-confidence being passed on any exco in accordance with the provisions of the constitution.
- iii. Death of an officer.
- iv. An officer being incapable of performing the duties of his office as a result of ill-health.

**Article 8 (c): Qualification/ Eligibility for Election:**

Any member is qualified to contest and vote in an election if he has fulfilled the following;

- i. He has been an active financial member of the club for at least one calendar year by paying all his dues, levies and fines.

- ii. Has not be found guilty of any serious offence against the club and has never been convicted by any court of competent jurisdiction.
- iii. He has attended at least 2/3 of meetings held after the last meeting.
- iv. Any new member under probation or whose period of membership is less than one year cannot exercise his franchise. Such new member can contest for other positions after one(1) year but must be two(2) years old in the club before he can contest for the position of the President.
- v. Distance members as well as members in Diaspora cannot contest in an election but can however be given opportunity to vote for candidate of their choice. However, any distance member who wish to regularize his membership can do so without any charge/fee; but the club shall receive from such member, a formal notification letter through the Secretary General.

**Article 9: Duties of Honorary Members:**

The Grand Patron shall:

- i. be the father of the, club and shall always be the Olu-Awure of Usen.
- ii. Shall always grant the club audience in times of need.
- iii. Shall be the head of all Patrons chosen by the club.

*The Patrons shall;*

- i. Act in the advisory capacity of the club affairs.
- ii. Mediate and settle dispute which might arise within the club.
- iii. always attend the club ceremonies on invitation
- iv. Sometime pay visit to the club, in this regard shall notify the club of such visitation.
- v. Voluntarily contribute to the coffers of the club by

- of the club are properly co-ordinated.
- vii. Perform other crucial duties assigned to him by the club.
- 8. The Internal Auditor shall;
  - i. Audit and give report on the account, financial management of the club's financial transaction.
  - ii. In addition to the duties prescribed in subsection (i), and subject to any resolution, the Internal Auditor may audit and report on the accounts, financial statements, and financial management of any member or committee that is authorized in term of any general decision to receive money for project purpose.
  - iii. The Internal Auditor must submit audit report to any committee and/or members authorized by the club.
- 9. Assistant Secretary General office shall
  - i. Deputize for the Secretary General in his absence at meetings.
  - ii. Perform any other function that may be assigned to him by the club.
- 10. Assistant Financial Secretary office shall;
  - i. Deputize for the Financial Secretary in his absence at meetings.
  - ii. Perform any other function that may be assigned to him by the club.
- 11. The provost office shall;
  - i. Ensure absolute decorum during meeting.
  - ii. take charge of all items to be distributed in the meeting
  - iii. Perform other duties assigned to him by the club.

INDEPENDENT OFFICE: Elders Forum.

Elders Forum Chairman shall:

- i. Play advisory role in club activities.
- ii. Perform any other function that may be assigned to him by the club.

#### **Article 6: Finance:**

The financial activities of the club include amongst others that:

- I. Every existing member of the club shall pay monthly subscriptions as decided by the club.
- II. There shall be welfare levy of five hundred naira (#500) on members to be decided by the club whenever the need arises.
- III. All dues shall be made to the Financial Secretary who handover same to the treasurer.
- IV. Enrolment fee of ten thousand naira (#10,000) shall be paid for membership form.
- V. The club can seek financial assistant from any individual, groups of individual or corporate bodies. Any of such assistance shall be without interest.
- VI. The club can organize fund-raising activities, profit oriented business when situation demands.
- VII. The club shall maintain a savings or current account with any reputable bank.
- VIII. Withdrawal from club's bank account shall be made by at least two out three signatories to the club account: President, secretary and treasurer.
- IX. The financial strength of the club shall be audited at least twice a year.

#### **Article 7(a): Meeting:**

- I. There shall be general meeting at least once a month, and it shall always be the last Sunday of

- every month.
- II. There shall be an emergency meeting by the club summoned at the instance of the executive council.
  - III. The President or the vice President shall preside at all meetings of the club.
  - IV. In the absence of both the President and the vice, the secretary presides over the meeting. In the absence of the President, vice President and the secretary, the most senior member by registration in the club shall preside over the meeting and resolution reached at such meeting shall be binding on all members.
  - V. In a situation where the most senior person is difficult to ascertain as in (v) above, members at the meeting shall appoint one among themselves to preside over the meeting and decision reached at such meeting shall be binding on members.
  - VI. For the purpose of meeting, two-third (2/3) of the bonified members shall constitute a quorum and decisions taken at such meeting shall be binding on members.
  - VII. Deliberations at the floor shall be done either in Usen language or English language.
  - VIII. Voting of members shall be by show of hand, except where otherwise preferred.
  - IX. The presiding officer at meeting shall have no voting right except in the event of a tie, the former cast his vote.
  - X. Where the President refuses to call a general meeting in accordance with the provisions of the constitution, the secretary general by the request of majority of bonified members, summon a meeting.

- XI. Issues shall be decided by simple majority of members present.

**Article 7(b): Meeting Proceedings:**

- I. At any meeting of the club, members who intend to contribute shall so indicate by raising of hand.
- II. No member shall stand up to speak until he is recognized by the presiding officer.
- III. There shall be total decorum at every meeting and no member shall interrupt in any manner that will prevent or disturb a member speaking. A member speaking has the floor to speak before another will come up.
- IV. Any member who disturbs the proceeding of meeting shall be disciplined according to the provisions in article 12 of this constitution.

**Article 8 (a): Election:**

- I. Fresh election shall be conducted three (3) months before the expiration of the tenure of the present executive council.
- II. The executive council shall stand dissolve at the end of every four (4) years before fresh election shall be conducted to elect new executive members.
- III. An electoral committee of three (3) members shall be set up by the executive council to oversee all election matters.
- IV. The electoral committee shall have a chairman, secretary and a member.
- V. There shall be a non-refundable election form fees of any amount decided by the electoral committee.
- VI. The electoral committee shall be independent of any organ of the club.
- VII. The result of the election shall be made

way of donation or otherwise.

The Matrons shall;

- i. act in the advisory capacity of the club affairs.
- ii. mediate and settle dispute which might arise within the club.
- iii. always attend the club ceremonies on invitation
- iv. sometime pay visit to the club, in this regard shall notify the club of such visitation.
- v. Voluntarily contribute to the coffers of the club by way of donation or otherwise.

The Legal Advisers shall;

- i. give legal advice on matters of importance to the club.
- ii. have right to attend ceremonies of the club on invitation.

#### **Article 10: Committees of the Club:**

There shall be two types of committee namely;

1. Standing Committee
2. Ad-hoc committee.

#### **The standing committee:**

A standing committee shall be one subsisting and not subject to dissolution at the completion of its assignment except by resolution of the club or by simple majority. The club shall have the following standing committee, and the spelt out functions to be performed include;

- a. Disciplinary committee: this committee shall;
  - i. The vice-president shall be the coordinator of this committee and shall be supported by the Secretary General and a member knowledgeable in disciplinary matters as secretary and member of the committee.
  - ii. Be responsible for the settlement of dispute that may arise between or amongst members.

- iii. Try matters that may be referred to it from time to time by the club.
- iv. Impose such monetary and non-monetary fines on erring member as it may deem fit depending on the gravity of the offence.
- v. Try any member of the club who either within or outside the club conduct himself in a manner which the opinion of the club is likely to injure her image.
- vi. Make recommendations to the club on the expulsion of any member tried and found liable of serious offence not permissible by the constitution.
- vii. The decision of the disciplinary committee shall be subject to the approval of the club.
- b. Welfare committee: This committee shall,
  - i. Be coordinated by the vice-president and assisted by the Director of welfare/Social and shall be supported by two members knowledgeable in welfare matters as secretary and member of the committee.
  - ii. Always liaise with members to have knowledge of their well-being.
  - iii. Always furnish the club information on distressed members.
  - iv. Make recommendation to the house on any assistant (if any) to be given to a member.
  - v. Perform any other function that may be assigned to it by the club.
- c. Publicity committee: this committee shall;
  - i. be coordinated by the vice-president and assisted by the public relation officer and a member knowledgeable in publicity matters.



- ii. Perform all publicity activities of the club as approved by the club.
- iii. Perform any other function that may be assigned to it by the club.

#### **The Ad-hoc committee.**

- i. the Ad-hoc committee shall be the one subject to dissolution at the completion of its assignment;
- ii. the vice President shall be the head of all ad-hoc committee and each Ad-hoc committee shall have three members;
- iii. the ad-hoc committee stand dissolved if their recommendation has be submitted and acted upon by the club;
- iv. The club shall have the following Ad-hoc committee and duties shall be expressed in terms of reference on assignment to be done, and a time frame for submission of report shall also be spelt out.
  - a. Constitution Review Committee
  - b. The Electoral Committee.
  - c. Committee on Special Duties.

**NOTE:** Apart from the Ad-hoc committees listed above, the club can in her discretion set up any other committees that may be of importance to the club.

#### **Article 11: Bye-Laws:**

##### **A. Late coming:**

- i. Lateness: lateness to meeting without prior notice or permission from the President or other executive member shall attract and instant fee of five hundred naira (N500.00) only.
- ii. Lateness to other functions without prior notice to the President or any of his cabinet members shall attract a fine of five hundred naira only (N500) payable at the next proceeding meeting.

##### **B. Absenteeism:**

- i. Absence from meetings of the club without prior notice or permission from the Executive council shall attract a fine of one thousand naira (N1000.00) only.
- ii. Absence from other functions of the club without prior notice or permission from the club executive shall attract a fine of five hundred naira (N500.00).
- iii. Members outside Edo State and took excuse shall be permitted for only two consecutive meetings. The disciplinary committee shall be in charge of the monitoring, and the general house implement the relevant sections as prescribed by the provisions of this constitution.

C. Non Payment of Dues: Any member who fail to pay his dues within any specified time limit shall amount to suspension of all right, benefits and privilege of the club until such dues are fully and duly paid.

##### **D. Embarrassing public behavior:**

- i. Any member of the club who conduct himself in the public in any activity which the club is participating, in a manner likely to bring embarrassment or ridicule to the club, shall attract a minimum fine of three thousand naira (N3,000) and one(1) bottle of wine.
- ii. Second time offence from same member shall attract suspension from the club for three months in addition to paying the three thousand naira fine.
- iii. A third offence from same member shall result in outright expulsion from the club after proper evaluation by the disciplinary committee.
- iv. All embarrassing public behaviors shall be

referred to the disciplinary committee to ascertain if such fine should be paid or not; and there shall be time frame given to the committee by the President.

**E. Conditions for late coming:**

- i. Every member is expected to arrive at any approved venue of meeting at 1:00pm.
- ii. Member who arrive later than 1:30pm shall be deemed to have come late, and defaulters will be subjected to article 11 a(i) .

**Article 12: Discipline:**

1. Disciplinary measures shall be taken against any member of the club:
  - i. violate the constitution of the club.
  - li. disobey the directives of the club or fail to perform the club's assignment.
  - lii. does anything inimical to the interest of the club or to any member of the club.
2. Any offending member shall be given opportunity to express himself before the club.
3. The club shall decide the nature of disciplinary action to be taken against any guilty member, depending on the seriousness of the offence.
4. Any member who bluntly refused to be disciplined shall be shown the way out of the club.
5. Absence from three consecutive meetings earns a dismissal for all members.

**Article 13: Elders Forum:**

The club shall constitute an elders forum from among themselves, this forum shall;

1. Be made up of past President that have served in the club.
2. The forum shall serve as a mediator or an advisory body to the club.
3. They shall be empowered to intervene in any crabby behavior in the club.
4. They shall be respected and addressed as an elder before their name within and outside the club.
5. The immediate past President of the club shall be the head of the elder's forum. In the event of his refusal to lead the forum, the most senior President by service year shall lead the elder's forum.
6. The head of the Elders forum shall have power to appoint secretary and other officers (if need be) from among the elders.

**Article 14: Board of Trustees:**

1. The club shall have a board of trustee in accordance to part c of companies and allied matters Act of 1990 as amended, and shall be called **Trustee of Usen Social Elite Club of Nigeria**.
2. Members of the board of trustee shall be appointed at a properly constituted general meeting by 2/3 majority of the members present.
3. The trustees can be appointed within and outside the club and must not exceed ten(10) members. All club members shall consider appropriate requirements to be followed in choosing a Trustee.
4. A member of the trustee so appointed within the club may not be allowed to hold any other elective position of the club. Any member within the club so appointed as trustee member must be a bonified member of the club. Any member of trustee appointed outside the club may be invited

to attend some crucial meeting of importance to the club and shall be given a minimum of two weeks' notice. On the other hand, board of trustee members may invite members of the club for a meeting beneficial to the club growth.

5. A Trustee may hold office for life, but shall cease to hold office if he/she:
  - i. Resigns his appointment as trustee.
  - ii. Ceases to be a member of Usen Social Elite Club of Nigeria.
  - iii. Become insane
  - iv. Is officially declared bankrupt by court of competent jurisdiction.
  - v. Is convicted of a criminal offence by tribunal or court of competent jurisdiction.
  - vi. Is recommended for removal from office by a majority vote of the members present at its general meeting for misconduct.
  - vii. Ceases to permanently reside in Nigeria.
6. upon a vacancy arising from article 14 (5) above, a general meeting shall be called to appoint another eligible person to fill the vacuum.
7. the Trustees shall acquire and keep in trust any property including reality and personality; and they shall be called properties of the club. All information on any acquisitions, copies of documents of acquisitions shall be kept with the club secretary general.
8. all documents to be executed by the trustees shall be signed by each trustee and sealed with the common seal.
9. the custodian of the common seal shall be the President of the club who shall produce it when required for use by the trustee. The President

shall consult with members of his executive council before releasing the common seal for use.

#### **Article 15: Staff of the Club:**

1. The club may employ administrative secretaries, manager, accountants, clerks, messengers and such other officials or workers as may be deemed necessary for the organization of running the club headquarters and other branch offices.
2. Employees or paid officials of the club may be posted to any area and may be transferred from one area to another, as the business of the club demands.
3. All the employees or paid officials of the club are subject to direct control of the headquarters and the executive council of the club.
4. In matters of control and discipline, the executive council may delegates its power to any person or group of persons in the club.
5. All employees or paid officials of the club shall be bound by the constitution, rules and regulations and the decisions of the club executive committees and all other authorized organs of the club.
6. Any employee or paid official of the club who act or behave in manners likely to bring contempt or ridicule to the club or its officers shall be found guilty and be immediately relieved of his position.
7. No employee or paid official of the club shall take side in dispute or contest between members of the club. Employees must not

organize, plot or conspires against the club members or officers else, will be relieved of his/her employment.

8. The executive council shall fix remuneration and set other conditions of service of all employees of the club.

#### **Article 16: Hosting:**

1. Every member hosting shall pay the sum of five hundred naira (#500. 00), four (4) kola nuts and two (2) bottles of original Evawine. The club shall accept any other items voluntarily provided by the host.
2. Any member who default in hosting shall double his hosting with one part presented in cash. In case of a default, the club shall take responsibility to host herself for the day.

#### **Article 17: Benefits:**

The benefits of the club shall apply to marriages, death of Parents (Father, Mother and/or Guidance), Death of In-laws. This brings total benefit enjoyable by a member to five (5).

##### **1. Marriage:**

Any member celebrating marriage shall receive a cash donation of five thousand naira (#5,000) each from every member of the club. Such benefit shall be received once by a member.

##### **2. Dead Parents/ In-Laws:**

Any bereaved member resulting from parents, father and mother in-laws demise shall receive a donation of five thousand naira (#5,000) each from all members. This benefit shall be received four (4) times by a member (i.e. two parents and two in-laws).

Note: For marriage and burial, three thousand and five hundred naira (#3,500) shall be enveloped and handed over to the celebrant or the bereaved member, while the balance one thousand, five hundred naira (#1,500) shall be rained on the celebrant/bereaved member at the party when called to dance.

##### **3. Other benefits:**

- a. other benefits such as that of a secretary who have worked beautifully in the Club and performed brightly in matters of the club shall receive a benefit decided by the club.
- b. in the event of any member having distress not provided for above, such member shall be entitled to financial assistant to be determined by the club at a general meeting.
- c. in the event of birth of a new baby by any member, the club shall pay visit to the house of the member and make voluntary donations to the parents of the baby.

#### **Article 18: Return Of Club's Benefits:**

- a. The club shall be empowered to revoke any form of benefits given to any member, should the member fail to remain active or illegally opt out of the club.
- b. Failure of any member to return any benefits having been subjected to article 18a shall amount to arrest and prosecution by law enforcement agency.

#### **Article 19: Entertainment:**

The entertainment for the club at parties shall take the following form:

- i. a cooler of sixty (60) pieces of Meat of

- Moderate Size.
  - ii. a cooler of either Rice or Pounded Yam; and serving plates.
  - iii. a separate canopy and chairs for all members.
  - iv. drinks: One(1) pack (24) of Can-Stout, two(2) packs (48) of Can-Malt, one(1) bottle of Original Eva Wine, one(1) bottle of prayer drink, kolanuts.
  - v. any member who did not attend a party that the club was invited shall pay the helping fee and will not partake in the entertainment provided for the club at the event.
  - vi. any member who did not pay their helping fee shall pay double of the helping fee. The financial vacuum caused by such member shall be filled from the club pulse.
  - vii. the total helping fees collected shall be handed over to the celebrant at the preceding meeting after the party.
- Note: The club shall accept any extra items from the celebrant.

#### **Article 20: Special Clause**

1. The income and property of Usen Social Elite Club of Nigeria shall apply solely towards the promotion of the objective of Usen Social Elite Club of Nigeria set forth in the constitution and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise.
2. Provided that nothing herein shall prevent the payment in good faith on reasonable and proper remuneration to any officer of Usen Social Elite Club of Nigeria in return for any service actually rendered to the club, but so that no member of the Executive Council/ Elders Forum shall be appointed to any

salaried office of Usen Social Elite Club paid by fees and that no remuneration or other benefit as money or monies shall be given by Usen Social Elite Club of Nigeria to any member of such Executive Council/ Elders Forum except repayment of out of pocket expenses or reasonable and proper rent for premises let to the club.

3. In the event of winding up or dissolution of the club, there remains, after satisfaction of all its debt and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed amongst the members of the club, but shall be given or transferred to some other institution having the same object with the club. To achieve this, a committee of the whole shall determine the object of the non-profit making institution or club the properties is to be transferred to.

#### **Appendix 1: Guarantor:**

For any member to serve as a guarantor, he must have satisfied the following conditions:

- i. Shall be an active member for at least a period of two (2) years.
- ii. Shall be regular and punctual at all meetings of the club.
- iii. Shall be financially responsible and responsive to the club.
- iv. The guarantor shall be responsible for the close monitoring of the member he so guaranteed, to ensure total compliance to the clubs constitution. However, if the guaranteed member is indebted to the club and nowhere to be found, the guarantor shall be held responsible.

#### **Appendix 2: Bonified Members:**

The title Bonified Member of the club shall be taken to mean any member of the club that have fully



fulfilled his financial obligations to the club and is not serving any disciplinary action at the specific time in question.

**Appendix 3: Other provisions:**

The club shall have power to make laws on any striking issues not covered by or embodied in this Constitution in as much, such issue is in the interest of the Club.

**Appendix 4: Oath of office:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do solemnly swear/ affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Usen Social Elite Club of Nigeria and Federal Republic of Nigeria that as \_\_\_\_\_ of the club, I will discharge my duties to the best of my ability, and in accordance with the constitution of Usen Social Elite Club of Nigeria and the law of Federal Republic of Nigeria, and always in the interest of unity, faith, integrity, solidarity, wellbeing and prosperity of the Club, that I will strive to preserve the contents of the constitution, that I will not allow my personal interest to influence my official conduct or decisions, that I will do the best of my ability to preserve and defend the constitution of Usen Social Elite Club of Nigeria, that in all circumstances I will do right to all manner of people, according to law without fear or favor, affection or ill-will, that I will not directly or indirectly communicate or reveal to any person any matter which shall be brought under my consideration or shall become known to me as \_\_\_\_\_ of the Club, except as may be required for the due discharge of my duties to the club, and that I will devote myself to the service and wellbeing of members of the club, Usen Community and Nigeria in general, **SO HELP ME GOD.**

**Appendix 5: Amendment of the Constitution:**

a. No article, section or clause of this constitution shall be amended except by 2/3 majority decision by members

of a properly constituted general meeting.

b. Motion for amendments of the constitution shall be submitted by any bonified member to the club through the general secretary in which the motion is to be debated.

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**President**

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**Secretary General**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

As amended on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.