

NOTICES OF MOTION

All these motions relate to changes to the Constitution

Motion 1

THAT clause 8.1 be amended to read

8.1 Life Membership: Any Full Playing Member of the Club may propose that a current or past full playing member *of not less than 15 years membership of the club, including membership of a club which the Club has amalgamated or joined* be made a Life Member of the Club. Every such proposal shall be made in writing setting out the basis upon which the proposer considers the person has rendered outstanding services to the Club. The application shall first be considered by the Board and if approved by it, shall be put forward for consideration at a General Meeting of the Club. At any General Meeting where such a proposal is being considered, the proposal must be supported by a Special Resolution before life membership is conferred.

Moved by Alan Crowe

NB – The Board does not support this motion

Motion 2

THAT clause 19.8 (b) be amended to read “seven (7)”

Moved by Alan Crowe

NB – The Board does not support this motion

Motion 3

THAT clause 33.1 be amended to read

The official uniform and colours of the club shall be gold and black.

Moved by Alan Crowe

NB – The Board does not support this motion

Motion 4

THAT clause 13.4 be amended by inserting a new clause (b) as follows

b) No person shall be elected as a board member unless they have been a Full Playing member for at least 12 months immediately prior to the closing of nominations.

And that the current sub-clauses b) to f) be re-numbered c) to g).

Moved by Ted Walker

NB – The Board is ambivalent on this motion

Motion 5

30.3 **Distribution:** If, upon the liquidation, or dissolution of the Club, there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, that property shall not be paid to or distributed among the Members of the Club, but shall be given or transferred to the local regional Centre for the sport of lawn bowls and/or Bowls New Zealand Inc. the National body for Lawn Bowls in New Zealand and/or some other body that:

Moved by Peter Blick

NB – The Board does not support this motion

Motion 6

THAT the number 5 in clause 26.2 c) be amended to the number (1) one and that the word years be amended to year.

Moved by John Upton

NB – The Board has not discussed this motion

Motion 7

THAT:

1. Members of the Investment Committee are appointed by the members at the AGM, with one member retiring by rotation every 3 years.
2. The Past Presidents Committee, having no ongoing function, be disbanded.

Moved by Alister Brown

NB – The Board has not discussed this motion

Background to Notices of Motion

As a result of rewriting the constitution the Board focused on function rather than prescription.

Five items in the new constitution caused concern and I undertook to allow these items to be debated at the AGM. These are Motions 1 to 5.

1. Life Membership

The old constitution read

6.3 Life Membership

Any member of the Club (other than a Social Member or a Casual member) may propose that a Member (or former Member) of not less than 15 years membership of the club, including membership of a club which the Club has amalgamated or joined, who has rendered outstanding services to the Club, become a Life Member. Every such proposal shall be made in writing setting out the basis upon which the proposer considers the Member or former Member has rendered outstanding services to the Club. The application shall first be considered by the Board of Management and if approved by it, shall be forwarded to the Members for consideration at a general Meeting of the Club. A two-thirds majority of those Members present and entitled to vote at the General Meeting shall be necessary to effect such appointment. Unless and until otherwise determined there shall be not more than 10 Life Members at one time.

The new constitution reads

8.1 Life Membership: Any Full Playing Member of the Club may propose that a current or past full playing member be made a Life Member of the Club. Every such proposal shall be made in writing setting out the basis upon which the proposer considers the person has rendered outstanding services to the Club. The application shall first be considered by the Board and if approved by it, shall be put forward for consideration at a General Meeting of the Club. At any General Meeting where such a proposal is being considered, the proposal must be supported by a Special Resolution before life membership is conferred.

Discussions at the SGM focused on the 15 year rule.

To reinstate the 15 year rule the clause

of not less than 15 years membership of the club, including membership of a club which the Club has amalgamated or joined

would need to be added to clause 8.1

The Motion is

THAT clause 8.1 be amended to read

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2. Power to call Special General Meetings

The old constitution read

19.3 Special general Meeting

- (a) The Secretary shall convene a Special General Meeting of the Club:
 - (ii) on requisition in writing signed by not less than 7 Members entitled to vote at a General Meeting

The new constitution reads

19.8 Special general Meeting: The Secretary shall convene a SGM of the Club by giving the requisite notice required under Rule 19.9 (Notice of SGM):

- b) on requisition in writing signed by not less than twelve (12) Voting Members which

Discussion at the SGM was to reinstate the 7 members

To achieve this objective the motion would be

THAT clause 19.8 (b) be amended to read “seven (7)”

3. Club Colours

The old constitution read

29 Colours

29.1 The official uniform and official colours of the club shall be black and gold or as altered by the Board of Management and specified in the Club Regulations.

The new constitution reads

33. Uniform and Colours

33.1 The official uniform and official colours of the club shall be determined by the Board.

Discussion at the SGM was to reinstate “black and gold”

To achieve this the motion would be

THAT clause 33.1 be amended to read

The official uniform and colours of the club shall be gold and black.

4. Governance

The old constitution read

12. Nominations and Elections of Board of Management

12.1 Nominations to be Called

(c) Every candidate shall have been a Full member, Student Member or Life member for at least 12 months immediately prior to the closing of nominations,

The new constitution does not specify any time limit on applications for the board.

Discussion at the SGM focused on why the time limit had been removed.

To achieve a time limit the motion would be

THAT clause 13.4 be amended by inserting a new clause (b) as follows

b) No person shall be elected as a board member unless they have been a Full Playing member for at least 12 months immediately prior to the closing of nominations.

And that the current sub-clauses b) to f) be re-numbered c) to g).

5. Dissolution & Liquidation

The current constitution reads

30.3 Distribution: If, upon the liquidation, or dissolution of the Club, there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, that property shall not be paid to or distributed among the Members of the Club, but shall be given or transferred to Bowls New Zealand Inc. the National body for Lawn Bowls in New Zealand and/or the local regional Centre for the sport of lawn bowls and or some other body that:

Discussion at the SGM focused on the perceived priority of the distribution and wanted the clause changed to make Bowls Auckland rank ahead of Bowls New Zealand

To achieve this the motion would be

THAT clause 30.3 be amended as follows

30.3 Distribution: If, upon the liquidation, or dissolution of the Club, there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, that property shall not be paid to or distributed among the Members of the Club, but shall be given or transferred to the local regional Centre for the sport of lawn bowls and/or Bowls New Zealand Inc. the National body for Lawn Bowls in New Zealand and/or some other body that:

6. Eligibility to serve on Investment Committee

The current constitution reads

26.2 Past Presidents Committee:

c) All Members of the Investment Committee so appointed shall have been Full Playing members or Life Members of the Club for not less than 5 years (including membership of a club with which the Club has amalgamated or joined) and remain so during their term on the Investment Committee. No more than 2 Past president shall be Members of the Investment Committee at any one time.

In general discussion among the board members the five-year rule precludes new members who have suitable experience from serving on the committee. Given that a person needed/needs to have been a member of the club for one year prior to serving on the Board, the same time-period should apply to the Investment Committee

To achieve the objective the motion would be

THAT the number 5 in clause 26.2 c) be amended to the number (1) one and that the word years be amended to year.

The clause would then read in part ... for not less than one (1) year (including etc ...

7. The following Notice of Motion was submitted by Alister Brown

Proposed change to the Constitution as it relates to the appointment process for members of the “Investment Committee”

“Investment Committee” means the five (5) people appointed by the Past Presidents Committee to administer the Investment Fund

Reasons for proposed amendment:

1. Quorum for Past Presidents Committee is 5 Past Presidents who must be “Full Playing Members” (S. 26 (e)). We need to go back 19+ years to get 5 Past Presidents just to be quorate (assuming all available, are full playing members, and willing and capable of serving). This creates practical difficulties, which will only increase as Presidential terms are extended. What if there are less than 5 alive or available to serve?
2. Past Presidents are able to appoint themselves (max. of 2) to the Investment Committee (S. 26.2 (c)). This has the potential to create a Conflict of Interest.
3. If we have an Investment Committee, why are the members not elected at AGM, or appointed by the Board rather than the Past Presidents Committee?

Proposed
THAT:

1. Members of the Investment Committee are appointed by the members at the AGM, with one member retiring by rotation every 3 years.
2. The Past Presidents Committee, having no ongoing function, be disbanded.