

Proposed changes to the DBCYA Constitution October 2020

PROPOSED CHANGE #1

29 SUB-COMMITTEES

It is proposed that if a person agrees to bring their expertise and time to a sub-committee, they should have the opportunity to vote on matters concerning that sub-committee.

CURRENT WORDING

29.2 The Management Committee may co-opt as members of a sub-committee such persons as it thinks fit, whether or not those members are Members of the Association, but a person so co-opted is not entitled to vote.

Proposed new wording:

29.2 *The Management Committee may co-opt as members of a sub-committee such persons as it thinks fit, whether or not those members are Members of the Association.*

PROPOSED CHANGE #2

30 SUBSCRIPTIONS

To avoid confusion, it is proposed to amend the wording to specify that the discounted subscription at Clause 30.5 applies to Senior Members only and that it is optional for members 60 years or over.

CURRENT WORDING

30.5 The subscription payable by a person over the age of sixty (60) years or on an invalid pension shall be 50% of that normally paid.

Proposed new wording:

30.5 *A Senior Member over the age of sixty (60) years or on an invalid pension may pay a subscription of 50% of that normally paid.*

PROPOSED CHANGE #3

30 SUBSCRIPTIONS

It is proposed to add a new clause to address the subscription payable by a partner in a Family Membership so that when membership rates change the family membership will also change. The proposed clause allows for a percentage discount on the normal fee, whether that is the full fee or discounted 60 year old / pensioner fee.

Proposed new clause:

30.6 *The subscription payable by a partner in a Family Membership shall be 50% of that normally paid.*

PROPOSED CHANGE #4

31. ENTRANCE FEES

It is proposed to drop the requirement for members whose membership has lapsed to pay another joining fee when they wish to renew their membership, regardless of the time period, encouraging and welcoming past members back to the Club.

CURRENT WORDING

31.2 No person who has paid the appropriate entrance fee shall be required to pay another entrance fee, provided that this sub-clause shall not apply to a person who, having previously been a Member, is elected after a period of non-membership.

Proposed new wording:

- 31.2 *No person who has paid the appropriate entrance fee will be required to pay another entrance fee.*

PROPOSED CHANGE #5

35. TIME FRAME FOR SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS RE APPEAL ON EXPULSION

In accordance with the Associations Act 2003, the Management Committee must provide at least 21 days' notice of a Special General Meeting (item 37, Special Resolutions).

The constitution currently states that should a member appeal their expulsion, the Management Committee must hold a Special General Meeting to hear the appeal within 21 days after the date the appeal is received.

Acknowledging that there may be a period of days for the appeal to be received and submitted to the Management Committee and a Special General Meeting to be called and advertised, it is proposed to amend Clause 35.5 to provide for a period of up to 28 days to hold a Special General Meeting.

CURRENT WORDING

- 35.5 Upon the receipt of a requisition under sub-rule 3 of this rule the Public Officer shall immediately notify the Management Committee of its receipt and the Management Committee must cause a Special General Meeting of Members to be held within twenty one (21) days after the date on which the requisition is received by the Public Officer.

Proposed new wording:

- 35.5 *Upon the receipt of a requisition under sub-rule 3 of this rule the Public Officer shall immediately notify the Management Committee of its receipt and the Management Committee must cause a Special General Meeting of Members to be held within twenty eight (28) days after the date on which the requisition is received by the Public Officer.*

PROPOSED CHANGE #6

It is proposed to add a new clause re timeframe for provision of audited statements prior to the AGM to comply with Associations Act:

Item 44 of the Associations Act 2003 states:

44 Inspection of audited accounts by members

The committee of an incorporated association must take reasonable steps to ensure that, at least 14 days before it is required to be presented at the annual general meeting of the association under section 43:

- (a) the audited statement of accounts of the association is available for inspection by members;*

14. GENERAL MEETINGS – CURRENT WORDING

- 14.1. All business to be transacted at an Annual or General Meeting including changes to the Constitution shall be displayed on the Club's notice board 21 days prior to that meeting.

Proposed new wording:

- 14.1. *All business to be transacted at an Annual or General Meeting including changes to the Constitution shall be displayed on the Club's notice board at least 21 days prior to that meeting.*

- 14.2 *Despite Clause 14.1 the audited statement of accounts of the Association will be displayed on the Club's notice board at least 14 days prior to each Annual General Meeting.*