

Minutes of Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2022

28th February 2022

The meeting was held in the Club with attendees there and also members attending via Zoom Webinar

Attendance:

The meeting was attended by 85 members in the club and 330 members via Zoom Webinar

In the Chair: David Duffy

David Duffy proposed that Michael Byrne would take the minutes of the meeting in the absence of a Club Secretary. This was agreed without objection

A minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect to our Club President – Des Allen who died on 2nd December 2021

The Chairperson noted that in accordance with the Club Constitution that voting calculations would be on the basis of votes cast as a percentage of the total attendance. David Moran – Club Auditor and Eileen Gillespie Club Trustee acted as scrutineers

The Chairperson referred to a number of questions that were submitted in advance of the meeting by Mrs A Devally and clarified as follows:

1. Mr J Law is leading a sub group reviewing court bookings. This is not a Sub Committee
2. The Management Committee did not increase membership numbers and membership is at the numbers stipulated previously
3. The Costs incurred for EGM were:
 - a. Auditor: €676.50
 - b. Zoom €1414.50
 - c. Legal €2518.43
 - d. Mail and Post €1603
 - e. Flyer €553.50
 - f. Total €6765 .93
4. The Tennis Administrator and Director of Tennis costs are in the budget from April 2022
5. The Honorary Treasurer advised that as a volunteer he had a limited amount of time available to deal with the day to day accounts, EGM and AGM preparation etc and was not in a position to allocate additional time to work on a three year budget plan

Adoption of Minutes of AGM 2021

The minutes and the proposed amendment to the minutes had been circulated and published in advance and were taken as read.

The chair noted that a proposed amendment to the minutes had been submitted by Mr R Poff who asserted that the strategic plan had not been discussed or adopted by vote at the meeting as was indicated in the minutes, The Chairperson noted the transcription of what was said at AGM [President – Des Allen] 'I ask members to raise their hands in acclamation of the strategic plan, the adoption of the plan for this Club..... I can see those now..... '

Following a vote and a recheck vote the minutes were not approved on a vote of 159 For and 168 Against. The matter will be considered by the Committee and brought back to a future general meeting

Adoption of Minutes of EGM 2021

The minutes and the proposed amendments to the minutes had been circulated and published in advance and were taken as read.

The minutes were proposed by Finian Matthews and seconded by Joe Stanley and were approved without objection

Matters Arising from Minutes

Mr J Law noted for information of the meeting that the Malahide Forum as referenced in the minutes had not yet made any decision about their views on the planning application for covered courts

Vice Presidents Report

The report had been circulated and published in advance and was taken as read.

The Vice President made a number of observations

The club had come through a difficult two years with managing the impact of lockdowns etc. He recognised that the club had not done much over the last few years to improve its facilities and that the clubhouse facilities need attention and investment. The Management Committee had done significant work over the last year on the Strategic Plan, Covered Courts and clubhouse refurbishment plans. There is a need to invest more in tennis resources and noted also that the club membership is at capacity. A number of new sub committees have been working across a number of areas, Facilities, Junior Tennis, Court Usage sub group and expanded Social Committee

The death of our Club President – Des Allen has been a huge loss to the club as he had made such a significant contribution to the club over 30 years and to Tennis in Ireland as CEO of Tennis Ireland.

The Vice President expressed thanks to all the committee and the staff and looked forward to increased activity and a vibrant club

Secretary's Report

The report had been circulated and published in advance and was taken as read. The chairperson noted that as there was no Honorary Secretary appointed the report was prepared with inputs from the various areas of the club

The report was proposed by J Stanley and seconded by O McMahon

In discussion by members, A Cluxton questioned the need to undertake improvements in the clubhouse and K Prior commended the committee on the possible improvements to the clubhouse that were being considered and also noted that continued focus on the tennis court improvement and capacity was needed. J Boland noted that part of the strategic plan was an overall master plan for the clubhouse and courts

The report was approved without objection

Treasurer's Report

The reports had been circulated and published in advance and were taken as read.

In response to questions, the Treasure noted that the costs of the new staff were in the Junior Budget and also that the club would be finalising implementation of specific items to draw down the balance of Sports Capital Grant

The report was proposed by S Farrelly and seconded by M O Brien and was approved by 300 members in attendance

Motions regarding changes to the Constitution

Thirteen proposed changes to the constitution were put forward by the Committee and had been circulated in advance. These are set out at the end of these minutes

In discussion a number of members questioned the appropriateness of considering these motions at the AGM and F Matthews proposed that the item be deferred to consideration at an EGM. This was supported by K Prior and E Gillespie who noted that as a Trustees and guardian of the constitution had not been made aware of the proposals in advance or the cover courts planning application in the name of the trustees

This was seconded by P Cleere

Following a vote of attendees by show of hands the meeting decided not to consider the proposals at this AGM on a vote of 223 For Deferral which is a majority of those attending (415)

The Constitution changes were withdrawn for consideration at a later date

Subscriptions 2022 - To fix the Annual Subscriptions etc.

Gerald Drury Byrne proposed the annual subscriptions for 2022 and these were seconded by David Duffy.

Membership Category	Annual Subscription	Court Development Levy /Adult
1.) Family (2 Adults + all children up to age 25)	€810	€20
2.) Senior	€360	€20
3.) Student	€187	
4.) Junior	€187	
5.) Pavilion (Bar Only)	€37	-
6) Country Senior	€160	€20
7) Country Student	€80	
8) Country Junior	€80	

In response to questions about need to increase subscriptions, the Treasurer noted that cost inflation had increased across a range of areas, including Electricity, Heating, Cleaning, Security etc and the club also needed to continue to generate cash to maintain the club facilities

The subscriptions were approved by a vote of 253 which is a majority of those attending

Motions proposed by Members

Four motions had been submitted by members and had been published in advance to all members

Motion 1 (a): - Withdraw Planning Application

The incoming Management Committee for 2022/23 shall withdraw forthwith the planning application submitted to Fingal County Council in respect of the proposed development of an Indoor Court facility on the Club grounds and shall, with immediate effect, cease all work and expenditure on the development of the project.

Proposed by: Finian Matthews

Seconded by: Pauline Murray

Finian Matthews noted that at the EGM in October 21 62% of the voting members in attendance voted in favour of the club not to submit a planning application for indoor courts and that by way of their vote on this motion a substantial majority of the members attending the EGM expressed their democratic view that the Management Committee of the Club should not proceed any further with the Indoor Courts project.

Pauline Murray seconded the motion and said that while the initiative was a wonderful idea, it is not suitable for Malahide Tennis Club location and also that the Management Committee should have taken account of the majority of members who voted for the the EGM Motion

In a general discussion member made observations on both sides of the motion which included:

- The Committee should be supported and be able to find out if planning permission is possible and then bring all the facts to the members at a future meeting
- The committee should have brought options to the members first before proceeding with planning application and that an overall master plan for the club is needed
- That due process has not been followed
- While indoor courts are desirable, they are not suitable for our location and alternative location should be identified
- The member survey included a lot of other initiatives and it was not totally clear as to the priority of covered courts
- The Management Committee view is that the planning application should proceed to be able to find out if planning permission is possible and then bring all the facts to the members at a future meeting

The Motion was approved with a vote of 216 for and 175 against (52.1% of total attendance) and the Management Committee would proceed to withdraw the planning application

Motion 2:

The approval of the Club membership shall be sought, either at an AGM or EGM as appropriate, before any further substantive decisions are taken in relation to the proposal to develop an Indoor Court facility on the Club grounds. For the avoidance of doubt this applies in particular to any decision on whether to appeal the decision of Fingal County Council in relation to the planning application for the project to An Bord Pleanala.

Proposed by: Finian Matthews

Seconded by: Pauline Murray

This motion was withdrawn on the basis that Motion 1a was passed

Motion 3:

This AGM resolves that:

- To ensure clarity and full transparency, an explanation of the purpose or aim of data or information gathering shall be specified prior to the commencement of the data or information gathering stage i.e., any survey, questionnaire or other method used.
- The full results and statistics from any MLTCC data or information gathering from the MLTCC members shall be made available to the MLTCC Members within a reasonable timeframe after the conclusion of the research phase.
- No partial or incomplete results or statistics from any MLTCC data or information gathering from the MLTCC members will be valid for reference until the full results are published.

Proposed by: Allison Devally
Seconded by: Marie Whitty

Allison Devally said that the motion was put forward as she believed that all data submitted by members in surveys etc should be published

In discussion a number of members said that this motion would be a form of oversight and control that would be excessive and would prevent committees in doing their job in a proactive and fair manner

The Chairperson said that the Management Committee view was that this motion would restrict future committees in being able to undertake surveys to help make future decisions

Following discussion, the proposer amended the motion to include the words 'excluding comments' in the second bullet point after the word 'statistics'

This motion was not passed on a vote of 187 (45.1% of total attendance) For

Motion 4:

This AGM resolves that:

- Any Strategic Plans or Plan of 2 or more years duration shall be referred to as a Draft or Proposed Strategic Plan or Draft or Proposed [number of year] Plan until voted on and approved by members at an AGM or EGM as appropriate
- Upon reaching the required voting majority
- A Proposed Strategic or Proposed [number of year] Plan will be referred to as the Strategic Plan or [number of year] Plan
- The full outcome of any vote on a Proposed Strategic or Proposed [number of year] Plan will be recorded and published to members

Proposed by: Allison Devally
Seconded by: Orlaith McHugh

Allison Devally said that the motion was put forward as in her view it was important that all members should have an opportunity to vote on any club strategic plan

The motion was passed on a vote of 234 (56.4% of total attendance) For

Election of Officers and Committee Members

David Duffy withdrew his nomination for President as he did not see it as prudent to be involved given the decision the members to withdraw the planning application and to give opportunity for other members to come forward for committee

Patricia Cullen also withdrew her nomination as Facilities Chairperson in light of the decision by members not to proceed with the planning application for covered courts

David Duffy thanked Patricia for all her work and also thanked outgoing committee members, Stephen Nolan, Aoife Crowley and Rosari O'Brien and Gerald Drury Byrne

The following were elected to the Management Committee:

<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Role</u>	<u>Proposed By</u>	<u>Seconded By</u>
Lisa Lawless	Vice President	Clair Whyms	Hilary McGee
Karen Murphy	Honorary Treasurer	Gerald Drury Byrne	David Duffy
Evan Taylor	Men's Captain	Stephen Nolan	Maurice Kenny
Arnaud Bonvarlet	Men's Vice Captain	Stephen Nolan	Evan Taylor
Clair Whyms	Ladies Captain	Lisa Lawless	Hilary McGee
Hilary McGee	Ladies Vice Captain	Clair Whyms	Suzanne Donohoe
Caitriona Cahir	Junior Coordinator	Hilary McGee	Clair Whyms
Maria Ahmed	Social	Stephen Nolan	Clodhna Mahony
Clodhna Mahony	Vice Chair Social	Stephen Nolan	Maria Ahmed
Ronny Maiti	Bar	Colm O'Reilly	Stephen Nolan
Colm O'Reilly	House & Grounds	Alan Buckley	Ronny Maiti
Ken Ryan	Communications	Stephen Nolan	Ronny Maiti
Denise Curtis	Children's Officer	Clair Whyms	Sharon Farrelly

Election of Trustees

The Chairperson advised that Gerry Swarbrigg had resigned as a Trustee on 21st February and he thanked Gerry for his contribution over the years

In accordance with the Constitution Eileen Gillespie and Michael Nugent Senior were offering themselves to be reappointed as Trustees for a further 5-year term. Their appointment was approved by the meeting without objection

The Chairperson noted that the club can continue with three trustees and a fourth trustee may be nominated at a future General Meeting

Appointment of Auditor

David Moran was proposed by Gerald Drury Byrne and was seconded by David Duffy and the meeting approved the appointment without objection

Budget & plan for 2022

This is published on the club website

The chairperson noted that the club had recently advertised two roles for a Tennis Administrator and also a Director of Tennis, and these were approved without objection

Any Other Business

B Keenan expressed thanks to Rosari O'Brien on her contribution as Junior Coordinator over the last four years

Lisa Lawless withdrew from her position as Vice President as elected earlier in the meeting as she felt it was not feasible to progress in the role without a President and other Officer position vacancies

The Chairperson concluded the meeting at 00:20 hours

Proposed Changes to Constitution

Motion 1a

Clause 3.5 Overall Management Structure / Chairing of Sub-Committees

Existing Clause

Sub committees will be chaired and directed by the respective elected members of the Management Committee. In the case of the hearings / disciplinary this shall normally be the Vice – President but is at the discretion of the members of the hearings / disciplinary sub- committee.

Revised Clause

Each Subcommittee, with the exception of the Hearings Committee, will be chaired and directed by an elected member of the Management Committee.

Explanatory Note

The Hearings Committee must be independent of the Management Committee, hence the deletion of ‘Vice President’.

Motion 2

Section 3.8 Overall Management Structure / Management Committee Meetings

Existing Clause

All meetings of a Management Committee shall be minuted and all attendees and absences noted. Remote attendance (by electronic means etc.) shall be permitted, but formally recorded and nature of participation noted. All minutes must record the key decisions of the Committee. Minutes should be circulated to all Management Committee members within 14 days of the date the meeting was held. Minutes of meeting shall be approved by means of initial and secondary nomination. This must be the first order of business of any Management Committee meeting and cannot be conducted online.

Revised Clause

All meetings of a Management Committee shall be minuted and all attendees and absences noted. Remote attendance (by electronic means etc.) shall be permitted, but formally recorded and nature of participation noted. All minutes must record the key decisions of the Committee. Minutes should be circulated to all Management Committee members within 14 days of the date the meeting was held. Minutes of meeting shall be approved by means of initial and secondary nomination. This must be the first order of business of any Management Committee meeting, which may be conducted online.

Explanatory Note

Remove the words “and cannot be conducted online” to allow for meetings to held on-line, as this has now become common practice.

Motion 3

Voting at AGM / EGM's

New Clauses to replace Clauses 4.12 (AGM) and 5.11 (EGM):

Existing Clauses

Clause 4.12 The voting procedure shall be a show of hands except during elections when contested which will be by secret ballot.

Clause 5.11 Voting procedure shall be by show of hands except when contested which will be by secret ballot.

Revised Clauses

Voting may be a combination of votes cast by members present, Proxy and Voting in Advance by Electronic Means.

For Proxy Voting, Members will download and print a Proxy Voting Form which contains details on all matters on which they may vote and voting choices. The Form should be completed, signed and returned to the Honorary Secretary to be received no later than 12:00 p.m. on the date prior to the date the AGM / EGM.

Members Voting in Advance by Electronic Means will be required to complete the same Voting Form on-line, with their credentials electronically verified and the process overseen by the Club's Honorary Auditor to verify the authenticity of votes.

Members present may vote by a show of hands, or secret ballot which may be stipulated in advance by the relevant By Law.

The outcome of each vote will be determined by a combination of votes cast expressed as a percentage of the number of members attending & eligible to vote (as detailed below) and overseen by the Club's Honorary Auditor, who will also ensure no duplicate voting.

The figure for numbers attending & eligible to vote will be calculated by adding the number of members attending (in person and / or online), the number of valid Proxy Votes and the number of valid Votes in Advance by Electronic Means.

The figure for the number of votes cast will be calculated by adding the number vote cast by members attending (in person and / or online), the number of valid Proxy Votes and the number of valid Votes in Advance by Electronic Means.

Motions cannot be amended at an AGM / EGM as this would render Proxy Votes and Vote in Advance by Electronic Means null and void.

Explanatory Note

The above allows for greater participation by Members on important changes to the Club's affairs and allows for Proxy Voting and Voting in Advance by Electronic Means. A Voting Form, covering all matters to be voted on, would need to be prepared to accompany all AGM's / EGM's.

Motion 4

Attendance at AGM's / EGM's - New Clauses in Section 4 and Section 5.

Section 4

Attendance at an AGM by eligible members may be in person at the location specified for the AGM. Attendance by eligible members by electronic means may also be permitted as decided and approved by the Management Committee and set out in a By Law where circumstances may require.

Section 5

Attendance at an EGM by eligible members may be in person at the location specified for the EGM. Attendance by eligible members by electronic means may also be permitted as decided and approved by the Management Committee and set out in a By Law where circumstances may require.

Explanatory Note

To allow members to attend AGM / EGM's remotely, by electronic means.
Meetings will either be entirely on-line, or entirely in person, or a hybrid of both.

Motion 5

Clause 4.3.6 Annual General Meetings / Order of Business / Setting of Subscriptions

Existing Clause

4.3. Order of Business – The order of business for the AGM must include:

- 4.3.1. Minutes of prior AGM meeting (and any EGMs held in the previous year) and matters arising;
- 4.3.2. President's report. This report should be posted online at least 7 days prior to the AGM
- 4.3.3. Secretary's report. This report should be posted online at least 7 days prior to the AGM
- 4.3.4. Treasurer's report & Annual Accounts. Where possible, this report should be posted online at least 7 days prior to the AGM;
- 4.3.5. Election of officers & committee members (and trustees, as appropriate)
- 4.3.6. Setting of subscriptions;
- 4.3.7. Budget & plan for succeeding year to include membership quotas, activities impacting on court availability and significant capital works. It should be structured as far as possible along the committee membership structure (e.g. secretarial, facilities, bar, tennis and social activities) and
- 4.3.8. Motions from members (if any).

Revised Clause

4.3. Order of Business – The order of business for the AGM must include:

- 4.3.1. Minutes of prior AGM meeting (and any EGMs held in the previous year) and matters arising;
- 4.3.2. President's report. This report should be posted online at least 7 days prior to the AGM
- 4.3.3. Secretary's report. This report should be posted online at least 7 days prior to the AGM
- 4.3.4. Treasurer's report & Annual Accounts. Where possible, this report should be posted online at least 7 days prior to the AGM;
- 4.3.5. Election of officers & committee members (and trustees, as appropriate)
- 4.3.6. Any amendment to previously approved rates of membership subscriptions;
- 4.3.7. Budget & plan for succeeding year to include membership quotas, activities impacting on court availability and significant capital works. It should be structured as far as possible along the committee membership structure (e.g. secretarial, facilities, bar, tennis and social activities) and
- 4.3.8. Motions from members (if any).

Explanatory Note

This revision enables the AGM to be held on a more flexible date if there are no proposed amendments to subscriptions.

Motion 6

Clause 4.4 AGM's / Publishing of Papers

Existing Clause

The following papers must be published by posting on the club's general notice club board or available from the club's administrative office at least 14 days in advance of meeting date:

4.4.1. Agenda;

4.4.2. Minutes of prior meeting;

4.4.3. Proposals regarding subscriptions or constitutional matters;

4.4.4. Motions, and

4.4.5. Budgets, plans and permanent / fixed contracts (of significant duration – in excess of 1 year) and employment proposals for the succeeding year(s). This last item to be available at least 7 days in advance of the meeting date.

Revised Clause

The following papers must be published by posting on the club's general notice board, the club's website or available from the club's administrative office at least 14 days in advance of meeting date:

4.4.1. Agenda;

4.4.2. Minutes of prior meeting;

4.4.3. Proposals regarding subscriptions or constitutional matters;

4.4.4. Motions, and

4.4.5. Budgets, plans and permanent / fixed contracts (of significant duration – in excess of 1 year) and employment proposals for the succeeding year(s). This last item to be available at least 7 days in advance of the meeting date.

Explanatory Notice

To update constitution appropriately for current practice of posting papers to the club's website in advance of AGM's.

Motion 7

Clause 4.10 Annual General Meetings / Minutes of AGMs

Existing Clause

Minutes of AGMs must be recorded by the secretary, be agreed by the Management Committee and published on the club website within 30 days of the AGM. Disagreement with the minutes must be notified to the secretary within 30 days of their publication. In the event of such disagreement, this disagreement will be publicly noted and the appropriate wording of the minutes will be reviewed and ratified at the next subsequent AGM. Such disagreements shall be published on the website within 30 days from the date of receipt of the disagreement.

Clause 4.10 Annual General Meetings / Minutes of AGMs

Revised Clause

Minutes of all agenda items, key proposals & decisions, amendments to subscriptions, management committee appointments, budgets, plans and permanent / fixed contracts, employment proposals for the succeeding year and voting on motions at AGMs must be recorded by the secretary, be agreed by the Management Committee and published on the club website within 30 days of the AGM. Disagreement with the minutes can relate solely to these matters and must be notified to the secretary within 30 days of their publication. In the event of such disagreement, this disagreement will be published on the club's website, and the disputed wording of the minutes will be reviewed and ratified at the next subsequent AGM. Such disagreements shall be published on the club's website within 30 days from the date of receipt of the disagreement.

Explanatory Note

To ensure that the AGM minutes cover all key matters covered at the AGM, and that any disagreements with the minutes are limited to these key areas.

Motion 8

Clause 5.8 Extraordinary General Meetings / Minutes of EGMs

Existing Clause

Minutes of EGMs must be recorded by the secretary, be agreed by the Management Committee and published on the club website within 30 days of the EGM. Disagreement with the minutes must be notified to the secretary within 30 days of their publication. In the event of such disagreement, this disagreement will be publicly noted and the appropriate wording of the minutes will be reviewed and ratified at the next subsequent AGM. Such disagreements shall be published on the website within 30 days from the date of receipt of the disagreement.

Clause 5.8 Extraordinary General Meetings / Minutes of EGMs

Revised Clause

Minutes of EGMs must be recorded by the secretary, be agreed by the Management Committee and published on the club's website within 30 days of the EGM. The minutes will include the EGM Motion, key points from contributions by the President, Proposer/s & Responder/s, summary contributions from Members, numbers attending & eligible to vote, results of the vote/s and the implication of the vote/s. Disagreements with the minutes can relate solely to these matters and must be notified to the secretary within 30 days of their publication. In the event of such disagreement, this disagreement will be published on the club's website, and the disputed wording of the minutes will be reviewed and ratified at the next subsequent AGM. Such disagreements shall be published on the website within 30 days from the date of receipt of the disagreement.

The figure for numbers attending & eligible to vote will be calculated by adding the number of members attending (in person and / or online), the number of valid Proxy Votes and the number of valid Votes in Advance by Electronic Means, in accordance with Clause 5.11.

The figure for the number of votes cast will be calculated by adding the number vote cast my members attending (in person and / or online), the number of valid Proxy Votes and the number of valid Votes in Advance by Electronic Means, in accordance with Clause 5.11.

Explanatory Note

To clarify the contents of EGM Minutes and the matters on which disagreements may be considered at the subsequent AGM.

Motion 9a

Clause 8.10 Membership / Setting of Membership Subscriptions

Existing Clause

Setting & Approval of Subscriptions: The structure and rate of subscription for all membership categories, any admission fees and other levies, may only be approved by a simple majority of the *membership* at an AGM or EGM. However, the Management Committee may from time to time vary any admission fees if it deems it necessary on a temporary basis for specific periods of time.

Motion 9a

Clause 8.10 Membership / Setting of Membership Subscriptions

Revised Clause

Setting & Approval of Subscriptions: The structure and rate of subscription for all membership categories, any admission fees and other levies, may only be approved by a simple majority of the *members present and eligible to vote* at an AGM or EGM. However, the Management Committee may from time to time vary any admission fees if it deems it necessary on a temporary basis for specific periods of time.

The figure for numbers attending & eligible to vote will be calculated by adding the number of members attending (in person and / or online), the number of valid Proxy Votes and the number of valid Votes in Advance by Electronic Means, in accordance with Clause 4.12.

The figure for the number of votes cast will be calculated by adding the number vote cast my members attending (in person and / or online), the number of valid Proxy Votes and the number of valid Votes in Advance by Electronic Means, in accordance with Clause 4.12.

Explanatory Note

Clarification so as to be consistent with voting at AGM / EGM's.

Motion 9b

Clause 11.7 Financial & Advisory / Setting & Approval of Subscriptions

Existing Clause

Setting & Approval of Subscriptions: The structure and rate of subscription for all membership categories, including admission fees and other levies, may only be approved by a simple majority of the membership at an AGM or EGM.

Revised Clause

Setting & Approval of Subscriptions: The structure and rate of subscription for all membership categories, including admission fees and other levies, may only be approved by a simple majority of the *members present, eligible to vote* at an AGM or EGM.

Where appropriate, the outcome of vote will be determined by a combination of votes cast expressed as a percentage of the number of members attending & eligible to vote (as detailed below) and overseen by the Club's Honorary Auditor, who will also ensure no duplicate voting.

The figure for numbers attending & eligible to vote will be calculated by adding the number of members attending (in person and / or online), the number of valid Proxy Votes and the number of valid Votes in Advance by Electronic Means. The figure for the number of votes cast will be calculated by adding the number vote cast by members attending (in person and / or online), the number of valid Proxy Votes and the number of valid Votes in Advance by Electronic Means.

Explanatory Note

Clarification so as to be consistent with voting at AGM / EGM's.

Motion 10

Clause 8.11 Membership / Leave of Absence

Existing Clause

Leave of absence may be granted on a discretionary basis for periods not less than six months and not exceeding one year on formal application to the Management committee. Membership fees are suspended on a prorated basis for the duration of the leave of absence. Members on leave of absence enjoy no playing rights.

Motion 10

Clause 8.11 Membership / Leave of Absence

Revised Clause

Leave of absence may be granted on a discretionary basis for periods not less than six months and not exceeding one year on formal application to the Management committee. Leave of absence cannot be granted retrospectively. Membership fees are suspended on a prorated basis for the duration of the leave of absence. Members on leave of absence enjoy no playing rights.

Explanatory Note

Self-explanatory to allow for proper commencement of period of Leave of Absence.

Motion 11

Clause 11.6 Financial & Advisory / Professional Advisors

Existing Clause

Professional Advisors: Lawyers, accountants and other professional advisors may be appointed by the Management Committee with the consent of the Trustees.

Motion 11

Clause 11.6 Financial & Advisory / Professional Advisors

Revised Clause

Professional Advisors: Lawyers, accountants and other professional advisors may be appointed by the Management Committee.

Explanatory Note

Trustees consent should not be required to appoint Professional Advisors.

Motion 12

Clause 4.5 – Election of Committee

Existing Clause

Where Possible nominations to membership of the management committee shall be recorded on the appropriate nomination form and signed by the proposer, seconder and nominated person should be furnished to the Secretary and published on the club noticeboard and website no less than 5 days in advance of the meeting. All nominations to the management committee must be current fully paid up senior or over sixty members of the club. Nominations may be accepted from the floor of the AGM.

Motion 12

Clause 4.5 – Election of Committee

Revised Clause

Nominations to membership of the Management Committee shall be recorded on the appropriate nomination form and be signed by the proposer, seconder and nominated person. Completed Nomination Forms should be furnished to the Secretary and published on the club noticeboard and website no less than 5 days in advance of the AGM. All nominations to the Management Committee must be current fully paid-up Senior, Over 60 or Intermediate Members of the club.

Explanatory Note

Nominations from the floor at an AGM should not be allowed in line with good practice so that members can know in advance who is being nominated.

Also, to enable a member aged 18 to 25 to be elected to the Management Committee.

Motion 13

Clause 15 Management Committee Composition

15. Management Committees Composition

- 15.1. The Management Committee shall comprise of the following positions
 - 15.1.1. The President - Officer of the Club
 - 15.1.2. The Vice-President – Officer of the Club
 - 15.1.3. The Secretary - Officer of the Club
 - 15.1.4. The Treasurer - Officer of the Club
 - 15.1.5. The Men’s Captain
 - 15.1.6. The men’s vice-captain (optional)
 - 15.1.7. The Ladies’ Captain
 - 15.1.8. The ladies’ vice-captain (optional)
 - 15.1.9. The Junior Coordinator - Officer of the Club
 - 15.1.10. The assistant junior Coordinator (optional)
 - 15.1.11. The Facilities Manager - Health & Safety Officer & Officer of the Club
 - 15.1.12. The Bar Manager
 - 15.1.13. The Social Activities coordinator
 - 15.1.14. The social activities assistant coordinator (optional)
 - 15.1.15. Communication coordinator
 - 15.1.16. Children’s Officer

Motion 13

Clause 15 Management Committee Composition

- Amend 15.1.9 to ‘The Junior Committee Representative – Officer of the Club’
Delete 15.1.10 The assistant junior Coordinator (optional)

Explanatory Note

To reflect that Junior activities will be overseen by a Junior Committee with support from paid club staff and a representative of the Junior Committee will be on Management Committee

