

Constitution Changes as approved at the 2020 AGM held on Saturday 30 January 2021.

The Management Committee has reviewed the Club's Constitution and recommends to all members that the following changes be made to the Club's Constitution to reflect the current needs of the Club.

a) Membership Classes

It is recommended that it is longer necessary for Donvale Bowls Club to have an HONARY member class of membership as changes in the law mean it is no longer required. To achieve this, change the following changes to the Constitution are necessary:

1. Delete Clause 3 (3) (a) (v)
2. Delete Clauses 3 (3) (g), 3 (3) (h), 3 (3) (i), 3 (3) (j) and 3 (3) (k)

It is recommended that the age for a member to be considered as a Junior member be increased from 18 years to 21 years so as to allow University students to be considered as a Junior member. To achieve this the following change to the Constitution is necessary:

Change Clause 3 (3) (a) (vii) to read "*Junior members: (under 21 years of age)*"

Moved N Juchno, seconded F Smit - **Carried**

b) Entrance Fee and Annual Subscription

It is recommended that it is no longer necessary to have a minimum annual fee. Removal of this will enable the Club to award scholarships to deserving potential players and to waive the annual fee to members who join within 1 month of the Financial year as there will be little or no opportunity for these potential members to play bowls prior to the start of the new financial year. To achieve this the following change to the Constitution is necessary".

Delete from Clause 4 (2) the phrase "*but shall be no less than \$20.00*".

Moved K Eldridge, seconded M Meehan - **Carried**

c) Proceedings at General Meetings and Proceedings and Powers of Committees

It is recommended that in the case of a ballot in which the votes are equal on any question, the Chairman of the meeting should have a second casting vote without restriction. To achieve this the following changes to the Constitution are necessary:

Delete from Clause 11 (6) and from Clause 15 (5) the phrase "*only in the negative*".

Moved J Gunn, seconded J Cobain - **Carried**

d) Committee

It is recommended that in order to increase the stability and continuity of the Officers of the Club (INC) that these Officers of the Club be divided into 2 groups and that each of the groups be elected for a period of 2 years instead of the current 1 year and that the election for each of these groups be on the basis of being elected on alternate years. To achieve this the following changes to the Constitution are necessary:

1. Delete from Clause 13 (1) (e) the word “and”
2. Change Clause 13 (1) (f) to “a Greens Director and”
3. Add Clause 13 (1) (g) which reads “two ordinary committee members”.
4. Delete from Clause 13(1) “each of whom shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting in each year” and replace it with:

“The officers of the Club shall be divided into two groups for the purposes of election, these groups being.

Group A

Chairman

One Vice-Chairman

Assistant Secretary

Greens Director

One ordinary committee member

Group B

One Vice-Chairman

Secretary

Treasurer

One ordinary committee member

The election of the members of Group A shall be for a period of two years and shall occur at an annual general meeting. The election of the members of Group B shall be for a period of two years and shall occur at the annual general meeting following the election of the members of Group A. The election of the members of Group A and the members of Group B shall then continue on an alternate year basis”.

5. Delete Clause 13 (2) (c)
6. Delete Clause 13 (3) and replace it with “Each committee member shall, subject to these Rules, hold office until the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the expiry of the period of his/her election but is eligible for re-election. If a casual vacancy occurs on the Committee, the Committee may appoint a member of the Club (or, in the case of a nominee of a section of the Club a committee member of that Section) to fill the vacancy and he/she shall hold office, subject to these Rules,

until the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the expiry of the period of election of the previous holder of the position”.

Moved M Meehan, seconded P Uren - **Carried**