



Additional Constitutional Changes to be put to the HFQ 2020 AGM

Following on from the recommended change to clause 29 (iv) of the constitution to allow for credit card payments, a review was conducted to look for any other errors or omissions that could be amended at the AGM. They are all of a minor nature that would clean up the wording of the constitution as follows...

Classes of Membership. Members are either financial, or life memberships (conferred by the board for significant contributions). Membership fees are either an annual fee or what has been referred to as a lifetime fee. The life time fee does not confer life membership but refers to the one-off payment of the designated fee. The suggestion is to clarify this by calling the Life Members 'Honorary Life members'. The changes suggested are;

1. to add a clause; 2 (i) iv that says...

2 (i) iv People who meet conditions i to iii and have paid the appropriate fee

2. to add the word 'Honorary' to clause 2 (iii) so it reads...

2 (III) Honorary Life Members

Honorary Life membership may be conferred upon recommendation by the board at a general meeting:

3. To delete clause 2 (iii) ii that says "Life members do not have voting rights unless they are financial ordinary members" and replace it with...

2 (iii) ii. Honorary Life members have the same voting rights at Annual General Meetings as financial ordinary members.

4. to amend clause 12 (iii) i to read...

12 (iii) i A financial member of the Association or honorary life member shall be at liberty to nominate to serve as an officer or other member of the Board, provided that such member is over 18 years of age and not ineligible under s61A of the Act;

People who meet conditions i to iii and have paid the appropriate fee

AGM reference to a corporation which is a member. As there is no membership for corporations in the membership section it is suggested that this be removed from section 20 AGM's

5. to remove from clause; 23 (ii) the words 'or as representing a corporation which is a member.' And replace the clause so it reads...

23 (ii) No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum of members is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business. For the purposes of this rule "member" includes a person attending as a proxy.

Change to "Funds and Accounts" of the association as per previous correspondence but with one additional change. HFQ gives the manager a debit card for use in making purchases in line with board discussions and directions and may in future make a debit card available to other offices as required. The additional change allows for use of another debit card by another authorised officer.



Previously suggested change

29 (iv) All amounts of one hundred dollars or over shall be paid by cheque, electronic funds transfer or debit card. Cheque and EFT payments will be authorised by any two (2) of the appointed HFQ financial delegates. The manager position can make payments against approved budgeted items with the HFQ linked debit card and these expenses are to be reported to the board at the next meeting.

6. to add to proposed clause; 29 (iv) the words 'or HFQ Board approved financial officer' so it reads...

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Dissolution of the Organisation by financial members. Clause 32 (i) i says the organisation shall be dissolved if the membership is less than three (3) persons. Given honorary life members mean that the numbers will never fall to three it is proposed to add the word 'financial' to this clause so it reads...

7. add the word financial to clause; 32 (i) so that it says...

32 (i) i if the financial membership is less than three (3) persons; or