

# WELLINGTON BOWLING CLUB – 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## Proposed Motions to be put before the 2018 Annual General Meeting

### 1 Proposal by the Executive Committee

**This proposal is to correct an omission in the Constitution**

**Constitution 3.1.4 states;**

that any Member wishing to convert from Full Member to Social may do so by informing the Secretary in writing. That member may revert back to full membership within 3 years by informing the Secretary in writing and paying Full Membership subscription.

Change to

*That any Member wishing to convert from Full Member to Indoor or Social member may do so by informing the Secretary in writing. That member may revert back to Full membership within 3 years by informing the Secretary in writing and paying the Full Membership subscription.*

At present a Full Member converting to Indoor Membership cannot revert back to Full Membership without reapplying, whereas if they only converted to Social Membership they need only inform the Secretary. This would correct this anomaly.

### 2 Proposal by Mike Groves

**Summer Roll up Tuesday and Thursday mornings.**

*Only two rinks be allocated for Roll Ups on Tuesday and Thursday mornings with the remaining rinks made bookable for competitions.*

Reason

Often on Tuesday and Thursday mornings there are usually only two rinks occupied by members playing Roll Ups leaving four rinks unused. All six rinks are blocked out on the Booking Sheets for these periods allowing no other bookings despite the under usage of the rinks. Considering the difficulty members had last year in booking rinks for competitions I consider that the change would ease the problem of rink availability.

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## **3 (A) Proposal by Dai Helps**

### **Honorary Life Members**

- a) The title of Honorary Life Membership be discontinued as from the AGM 2018 with existing holders to continue with this title with any privileges to be maintained.*
- b) The title of Honorary Membership be established. Such holders to be granted free Indoor and Outdoor membership for twelve months following such award, thereafter returning to normal Membership but holding the title whilst they are a member of the club.*
- c) The numbers of Honorary Members at any one time should normally be restricted to 10% of the full Membership.*
- d) The names of Honorary members to be listed separately on the Club's official Membership List.*

### **Process**

*Any Full member can be proposed by another full member by writing to the Club Secretary stating the name and the reasons why that person deserves to be considered. The Executive Committee will be advised and the proposal then passed to the General Committee who will consider all the facts and if they endorse the candidate send a report to the Executive Committee.*

*If approved the nomination is put to the next AGM for approval by members.*

*Proposals for Honorary Membership given from the floor of AGM/EGM will not be permitted.*

### **Reason**

We currently have five Honorary Life Members of our Club three of whom no longer play at or for the club in any capacity. Honorary Life Members enjoy free membership and carry the title for life so they can return to the club at any time and resume playing without paying any membership fees.

However, there is a finite number of Honorary Life Members that the club can economically support and there are many hard working members who would qualify to be considered for this honour.

The proposal would prevent a steady build up of Honorary Life Members and avoid the severe drain it would cause on the finances of the Club in the light of the increase of an elderly membership.

My thoughts are governed by the fact that such an award is to demonstrate the high regard in which recipients are held by the general membership for exceptional services rendered to the

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Club and are in no way intended to be a monetary reward.

### **3 (B) Alternative**

The following is a suggestion proposed to the Executive Committee by the Think Tank in March 2018 and was accepted in principle but if it is to be implemented it has to be enshrined in the Constitution and it is offered here as an alternative to Dai Help's proposal.

#### **Criteria**

*In order to be proposed for Life membership the member must have had at least 15 years or more as a Full Member (either continuously or with gaps). The member have served the club with **distinction** in committees, work groups, have given exceptional time and effort to events, recruitment of new members, or fund raising.*

*The maximum number of Life Members at any one time shall not exceed 10 and no more than 1 Life Member shall be nominated per annum.*

#### **Process**

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*If approved the nomination is put to the next AGM for approval by members.*

*Proposals for Life Membership given from the floor of AGM/EGM will not be permitted.*

### **3c. Proposal by Mike Connor**

#### **Honorary Life Members**

*The current cap on Life Members to be raised from 5 to 8.*

Reason

Unfortunately, within the Club some Life Members have become inactive! This can unfortunately restrict worthy club members from being proposed.

### **4 Proposal by Jay Merrell**

#### **Changes to the Constitution**

*Clause 6 3 (d) The Ladies Committee shall consist of the Ladies Administrator, Ladies Captain and Vice Captain and ~~Ladies Competition Secretary.~~*

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*Clause 6 3 (e) The Competitions Committee (outdoors) shall consist of the Competitions Secretary and ~~Ladies~~**Assistant** Competitions Secretary.*

*Clause 6 3 (f) The Indoor Committee shall consist of the Indoor Secretary, ~~Ladies~~ **Assistant Indoor Secretary** (nominated post) and the Secretaries of all the Indoor Leagues*

Reason

To remove reference to Ladies Competitions Secretary, Ladies Indoor Secretary as these posts have been absorbed and are not now relevant as being specific for a male or female role.