

CANBERRA ALPINE CLUB INC

2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held at 7.30 pm, Wednesday 20 March 2019

Canberra Bridge Club, 6 Duff Place Deakin ACT

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Confirmation of Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 21 March 2018 (published at pp 23-28 of issue 3/2018 of *Frozen Acres*)
3. Reports from:
 - The President
 - The Treasurer
4. Election of Committee Members (see nominations and note on pp 3-4)
5. Appointment of Auditor (see note on p4)
6. Motions on notice (Constitutional changes – see notes on p4)
(All motions in item 6 proposed by Jenny McLeod/Jon Wilson)
- 6a. Removal of transitional clauses

That this meeting resolves to remove certain transitional clauses from the Constitution, and that, subject to a postal ballot of members conducted in accordance with the procedures set out in subclause 59(2) of the Constitution of the Club, the Constitution be amended as follows:

Clause 2(1), definition of “financial year” – delete “The financial year commencing 1 November 2000 shall extend to 31 December 2001 and thereafter each financial year will commence on 1 January”

Clause 9A(4) – delete clause.

- 6b. Change of minimum Youth Membership age to 18

That this meeting resolves to change the minimum age of Youth Membership to 18, and that, subject to a postal ballot of members conducted in accordance with the procedures set out in subclause 59(2) of the Constitution of the Club, the Constitution be amended as follows:

Clause 9(1)(a) – delete “17”, replace with “18”.

Clause 9A(1)(a) – delete “17”, replace with “18”.

Clause 10(1)(a) – delete “17”, replace with “18”.

Clause 10(3) – delete “17”, replace with “18”.

6c. Removal of Life Members that the Club has been unable to contact

That this meeting resolves to allow removal of membership from Life Members whom the Club has been unable to contact for an extended period of time, and that, subject to a postal ballot of members conducted in accordance with the procedures set out in subclause 59(2) of the Constitution of the Club, the Constitution be amended by inserting a new clause 11A as follows:

11A (1). A Life Member whom the Club has been unable to contact for the last preceding period of ten years may be deemed to have resigned.

(2) Where pursuant to clause 11A(1) a person has ceased to be a Life Member, the person may apply in writing to the Committee to have the membership re-instated.

(3) Where the Committee receives an application pursuant to clause 11A(2), it may:

(a) re-instate the Life Membership where to do so would not exceed the membership ceiling as defined in clause 6(3); or;

(b) grant the person the same booking rights as a Life Member where to re-instate the Life Membership would exceed the membership ceiling as defined in clause 6(3).

6d. Removal of the concept of “leave” for Committee meetings

That this meeting resolves to remove the concept of leave for Committee meetings from the Constitution, and that, subject to a postal ballot of members conducted in accordance with the procedures set out in subclause 59(2) of the Constitution of the Club, the Constitution be amended by removing the current clause 20(4) (a) and (b) and replace with a new clause 20(4) as follows:

20(4) Where a Committee member fails to attend 3 successive Committee meetings, the office shall automatically become vacant and shall be filled in accordance with this clause.

7. General Business

NOMINATIONS RECEIVED

The following nominations have been received for the advertised Committee vacancies:

President: Jonathan Wilson (Mandy Savery / Margaret Mahoney)

Vice President (1 vacancy): No nominations received

Treasurer: No nominations received

Ordinary Committee Members (3 vacancies):

Colleen Turner (Margaret Mahoney / Peter Cunningham)

Peter Cunningham (Will Comensoli / Phil Bell)

Andrew Herring (Phil Bell / Jenny McLeod)

Jenny McLeod, Secretary
28 February 2019

NOTES ON AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda Item 4 – Election of Committee Members

The members whose nominations for President and Ordinary Committee Members are notified above may be declared elected at the AGM to their respective positions – the number nominating being equal to the number vacant (Clause 25(5) of the Club’s Constitution).

Since insufficient nominations were received for the Vice-President and Treasurer vacancies, nominations will be sought from the floor at the AGM for these positions.

The following Committee Members were elected at the 2018 AGM and continue to serve on the Committee in their current position until the 2020 AGM:

Vice-President: Will Comensoli

Secretary: Jenny McLeod

Ordinary Committee Members: Monika Binder, Margaret Mahoney, Mandy Savery

Agenda Item 5 – Appointment of Auditor

Patrick Salter was appointed as auditor at the 2017 AGM. The Committee recommends that Patrick Salter of Salter Associates is appointed as Auditor for a further two year term until the 2021 AGM.

Agenda Item 6 – Motions on Notice (*Constitutional changes*)

Proposed Constitutional changes have been discussed in articles in *Frozen Acres* previously – primarily in September and December 2018. All of these changes are supported by the current Committee.

6a. Removal of transitional clauses that are no longer relevant

These clauses refer to transitional arrangements relating to the introduction of Youth Membership and change of financial year. These clauses are no longer relevant as they were only valid for a certain period of time after previous Constitutional changes.

6b. Change of Minimum Youth Membership age to 18.

These changes were discussed in the September 2018 issue of *Frozen Acres*. The effect is to raise the minimum age for Youth membership from 17 to 18.

6c. Removal of Life members that the Club has been unable to contact

Life members that the Club has been unable to contact can be excluded from the membership limit of 600, but currently there is no way to actually “remove them from the books”. The proposed changes are intended to allow the Club to remove Life Members who the Club has been unable to contact for a significant period, while allowing re-entry if required.

6d. Removal of the concept of ‘leave’ for Committee meetings

Currently, where a Committee member fails to attend three successive Committee meetings without obtaining leave of absence, or six successive meetings regardless of leave of absence, their office becomes vacant. However, leave of absence is not defined, and it is not clear how in practice it is intended to be used. The current Committee does not consider leave of absence to be a necessary feature.

Agenda Item 7 – General Business

All members attending will be included in a lucky door prize draw!