**Proposed changes to rule 9 (4)**

**The constitution as it stands under PART 3, Division 1 - Membership**

**9 - Classes of Membership**

9 (1) Playing members (there is further detail here but there is no proposed changes)

(2) Temporary Honorary members (there is further detail here but there is no proposed changes)

 (3) Supporter members (there is further detail here but there is no proposed changes)

(4) Life members being persons granted Life Membership of the club under the following sub-rules

(a) Any financial member of the club may nominate, in writing, candidates for Life Membership for the consideration of the committee at any time. All nominations may be considered at the discretion of the committee.

(b) All Life Member nominations must be received by the committee by August 1st of the year in which the nominations are to be considered.

(c) Annually, the Committee shall establish its preferred review process and consider each nomination via this process.

(d) the process under rule 9 (4) (c) must conclude by the final committee meeting prior to that year’s Annual General Meeting, at which the nominations must be voted on.

(e) At a General meeting of the club, the committee may nominate for Life Membership person(s) who have meet the following criteria:

 (i) Rendered a minimum of ten (10) years’ service to the club.

(ii) In the opinion of the Club’s Committee have rendered “outstanding” service to the club.

(f) Any such nomination must be proposed and seconded by Financial members of the club, and be accepted by a three quarter majority of the meeting. The outcome shall then be entered into the meeting minutes.

(g) Any person confirmed as a life member of the club shall be considered a full financial member of the club for life, as of the date of confirmation.

 (5) Social members (there is further detail here but there is no proposed changes)

**44 – Composition of Committee (for note in the following suggested amendments with no proposed changes)**

The Composition of the committee is –

1. The Executive of the committee which consists of:
2. A President: and
3. A Vice President: and
4. A Secretary: and
5. A Treasurer: and
6. Ordinary members (if any) elected under rule 53.

**The proposed changes to the constitution under PART 3, Division 1 - Membership**

**9 - Classes of Membership**

9 (1) Playing members (there is further detail here but no proposed changes)

(2) Temporary Honorary members (there is further detail here but no proposed changes)

 (3) Supporter members (there is further detail here but no proposed changes)

(4) Life members being persons granted Life Membership of the club under the following sub-rules

(a) Any financial member of the club may nominate, in writing, candidates for Life Membership for the consideration of the committee at any time. A financial member is not allowed to nominate or second of their own nomination. All nominations may be considered at the discretion of the committee.

(b) All Life Member nominations must be received by the Secretary no later than August 1st of the year in which the nominations are to be considered. In the event where the Secretary is the one being nominated the receiver than diverts to the President, still under the same time frame conditions being 1st of August cut off.

(c) In a year where a nomination has been put forward, within the time frames of rule 9 (4) (b), and the nomination detail has been verified as true and correct, a subcommittee will be established separate to the general committee, to review and consider each nomination. The executive committee, as per rule 44 (1), will appoint a current Life member, not currently sitting on the Executive or general committee of the day, to convene a group to conduct the before mention review of the nominee(s). This subcommittee is to be selected by the appointed Life member without prejudice or influence of the Executive or general committee. It can consist of up to 7 financial members as the selected Life member sees fit to manage or deems are required, but must consist of no less than 2 other Life members and 2 other non-Life Members who have a current standing and familiarity within the club, its members and the nominee(s). After due consideration they will then pass back to the Executive committee their recommendation(s) on the nominee(s).

(d) The process under rule 9 (4) (c) must conclude by the final committee meeting prior to that year’s Annual General Meeting, at which time the subcommittee will present their finding for or against the nominee(s), be that in person or by correspondence. Their findings should hold considerable weight due to the process that has been put in place. The Committee must then vote on the nominee(s) being put forward with a three quarter majority of that meeting to proceed in becoming a candidate(s) for nomination at an AGM.

(e) At a General meeting of the club, the committee may nominate for Life Membership, candidate(s) who have meet the following criteria:

(i) Rendered a minimum of ten (10) years’ voluntary service to the club. Paid service, in any form, is not considered time served.

(ii) In the opinion of the Club’s Committee have rendered “outstanding” service to the club.

(iii) Accepted by a three quarter majority vote to the affirmative at a previous Committee meeting.

(f) Any such nomination must be proposed and seconded by Financial members of the club, and be accepted by a three quarter majority of the meeting. The outcome shall then be entered into the meeting minutes. (No proposed change here)

(g) Any person confirmed as a life member of the club shall be considered a full financial member of the club for life, as of the date of confirmation. (No proposed change here)

(h) For any part of 9 (4) of the constitution to be changed or altered in any way it must be submitted to the Life member group to be reviewed at a special meeting which must have a minimum of two thirds of current life members in attendance and passed by a three quarter majority of that meeting.