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

**This first page is the constitution as it stands today 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.

**These are my proposed changes (in red) to the constitution under PART 3, Division 1 - Membership**

**Please click on the quotation boxes down the right hand side for my explanation on the individual changers.**

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(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. Every nomination should provide as much information that can be shown to support and verify the nominee including details that might require further substantiation or disclosure, material or otherwise, received during the course of their service. All of these nominations must have a seconder who is also a financial member of the club. A financial member is not allowed to nominate (or second) 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 nominee, the nominator or the seconder the receiver then diverts to the President; still under the same time frame.

(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 (nominator and seconder are financial and that more than 10 years service is correct), by the committee, 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 financial 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 financial member without prejudice or influence of the Executive or general committee or any member who has either nominated or seconded a nomination so as to avoid any real or perceived conflict of interest. It can consist of up to 7 financial members as the selected financial member sees fit to manage or deems are required, but must consist of no less than 2 Life members and 2 financial non-Life Members who have a current standing and familiarity within the club, its members and the nominee(s). After due consideration and following the guidelines under rule 9 (4) (e) (i) and (ii) they will then pass back to the Executive committee their decision and 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 a representative of the subcommittee will confidentially 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 in order to proceed to 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. Remuneration for services provided to fill a contracted role (be that written or verbal) within the club e.g., Coach, trainer, Club manager etc will not be considered time served for the year(s) in which the remuneration was received and

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

(iii) Have passed successfully through the process of Rule 9 (c) and (d)

 (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)