



## Proposal to Amend Constitution

### **Background**

Our constitution currently has some anomalies and wording that is dated. It also has some items that are a bit inefficient and we can make some changes that will give us a better operational framework.

This document gives a summary of the proposed changes. Each proposed change will be considered and voted on separately at the AGM. The documents attached to the email and posted on our website show the detailed changes. Please review the proposed changes and prepare yourself for the discussion and voting on the proposals at the AGM.

If you have any questions please contact Chris Chaplin. He is available to discuss these proposed changes prior to the AGM.

### **Action Proposed**

1. Modify the clause numbering to present consistency throughout the document. The original constitution used different styles of numbering throughout the document. This change doesn't make any material alteration to the constitution.
2. Removing reference to "the Schedule". Throughout the constitution there are references to "the Schedule" however there is no schedule attached to the constitution. These references are superfluous. We have located a copy of the constitution from when WAG was first formed, it contained a schedule however all parts of this schedule have been written into the main body of the constitution.
3. We propose to provide for use of e-mail and social media to provide notices of meetings to members.
4. We propose creating three categories of members – Adult, Youth and Corporate. Currently there is no definition of member and no provision for different classes of membership. Creating these categories will provide us with more flexibility regarding members and membership fees. We propose that membership fees for Adults remain the same at \$10 per annum, membership fees for Youth members be \$5 per annum and membership fees for corporate members be \$50 per annum. In our original constitution there was a clause referencing Associate Members. We have no such category of membership and propose deleting the clause that references Associate Members.
5. In the current constitution new members cannot vote for 10 days after their membership has been accepted. We propose deleting this clause.



6. Currently membership fees can only be set at an AGM. We propose amending the clause allowing membership fees to be set by the management committee.
7. At present we are required to provide 30 days' notice for an AGM. The Act allows this to be as little as 14 days. We propose amending the constitution to give us the flexibility to provide 14 days' notice of an AGM.
8. The definition of a quorum for general meetings was a bit ambiguous. The proposal is for the quorum to be a set figure of 10 members.

The management committee have considered these proposed changes and recommend to the members that they be adopted.