



Special General Meeting – 13 October 2021

Proposal to Amend the MST Constitution

It is proposed that amendments be made to the current version of the Constitution, dated 22 April, 2020. The changes are in the Draft of 3 July 2021 and a summary of the proposed amendments is as follows:

1. Deletion of the Terms of Reference for Officers of the Association which are the subject of a separate document, “Branch Management Committee – Roles and Responsibilities”. It is not appropriate to include the level of detail in the Constitution since occasional minor changes require a Special General Meeting to again amend the Constitution.

2. Re-ordering of sections for ease of reading, so that they follow an order of:

- Overview – Sections 1 to 4;
- Branch – Sections 5 to 9;
- Clubs – Sections 10 to 12;
- Members – Sections 13 to 16;
- Meetings – Sections 17 to 20; and
- Regulatory – Sections 21 to 25.

3. Re-arrangement and re-wording of Meetings Sections, so that Rules which are common to all types of meetings are in one Section (17 – Conduct of Meetings), followed by Sections relating to specific rules for each type of meeting. This simplifies the text and ensures consistency of common rules between the different meeting types.

4. Inclusion of the provision for MST to have a virtual Club. This Club (Van Diemens) is already in place but needs to be formalised by inclusion in the Constitution.

5. Clarification of voting privileges – Sections 17.7 and 17.8 of the draft. This ensures that there is clear understanding of who can vote and how voting is conducted.

6. Other minor editorial changes to correct errors, improve clarity and remove redundant text.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Meeting accept the changes as presented in the Draft of 3 July, 2021.

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