

PROPOSED CHANGES TO SECTIONS 15.1 and 15.3 OF THE CONSTITUTION

AIM OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES: To make the TBA Constitution more closely reflect the Model Rules, and also make the TBA Constitution more fit for purpose.

SECTION 15.1.

Current wording :

15.1 The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Committee consisting of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Masterpoint Secretary and five (5) members. The Past President shall be an ex officio member of the Committee for one year immediately after vacating the position of President.

This section currently specifies that the Masterpoints Secretary shall be an automatic member of the Committee, and was modified some time ago to accommodate a particular circumstance which no longer applies

The problem is that there are other roles at the TBA who should attend TBA Committee meetings whether they are on the Committee or not such as the Chief Tournament Director (currently Simon Edler) and the Committee Support Officer (currently John Grosvenor), as well as the Masterpoints Secretary.

Proposed Wording :

15.1 The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Committee consisting of :

- (a) The Executive Committee of the association, as defined at clause 15.15*
- (b) Five (5) other members elected at the Annual General meeting*
- (c) The Past President, being an ex officio member of the Committee for one year immediately after vacating the position of President.*

The Chief Tournament Director, Committee Support Officer and Masterpoints Secretary should attend Committee meetings in their official capacity, and may stand for election to the committee according to Section 15.3

SECTION 15.3

Current wording of relevant Sections :

15.3 Nominations for Committee members, in writing signed by the nominee and two members entitled to vote, should be lodged with the Secretary at least ten (10) days before the date of the Annual General Meeting, but must be lodged no later than twenty four (24) hours before the scheduled commencement of the Annual general Meeting (subject only to the overriding provision of Clause 15.6 below)

15.6 If insufficient or only sufficient nominations are received to fill the offices vacant, those candidates who have nominated shall be declared elected at the Annual General Meeting, and if any offices then remain vacant, nominations may be received at this meeting.

15.7 If the number of nominations received exceeds the number of vacancies, a ballot shall be held in such a manner as decided by the Committee.

The problem with Clause 15.3 as it presently stands, is that it is unclear as to what is the actual closing date for nominations. Is it 10 days prior to the AGM or is it 24 hours prior to the AGM? If nominations can be received up to 24 hours prior to the AGM, this gives the committee very little time to organise an election(s) if one (or more) is needed.

The Model Rules state that nominations for positions should be lodged ten (10) days prior to the AGM and it is my proposal that our constitution should reflect that provision also.

The benefit of this is that the Committee will be aware in plenty of time prior to the AGM as to whether or not an election will be required for any positions, and will be able to prepare ballot papers etc.

It is proposed then that all words after "Meeting" be deleted, and that 15.6 and 15.7 remain unchanged.

Proposed wording of 15.3 :

15.3 Nominations for Committee members, in writing and signed by the nominee and two members entitled to vote, should be lodged with the Secretary at least ten (10) days before the date of the Annual General Meeting