

2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF TTWA INC.

NOTICE OF MOTION

It is intended to move the following motion (by special resolution) at the 2021 Annual General Meeting of Table Tennis Western Australia Inc. to be held at the TTWA Vic Park Centre, 12 Gerard St on Friday 10th December 2021 at 7pm.

TTWA Constitution amendments (special resolution):

1. Clause 9 Social Members

9. A social member is an individual member who has paid the relevant subscription fee prescribed by the Association, but who is not entitled to participate in any tournament conducted by the Association, or any pennant competition conducted by the Association.

Change to:

9. A social member is an individual member who has paid the relevant subscription fee prescribed by the Association, who is entitled to participate in only one tournament of their choosing, either conducted by the Association or an affiliated club, in each calendar year. In addition, a social member is entitled to play once per calendar year as a fill-in player in a pennant competition conducted by the Association.

2. Clause 40 Voting Rights

40. Every adult member shall be entitled to vote and shall have one vote and no more:

Change to:

40. Every adult member, excluding adult social members, shall be entitled to vote and shall have one vote and no more:

41. No member other than an adult member shall be entitled to vote:

Change to:

41. No member other than an adult member, excluding adult social members, shall be entitled to vote:

3. Additional clause to be added under clause 73

73a. Only adult members whose applications for membership have been accepted by the Association and who have paid the member subscription fee at the time notice of the meeting is given under rule 73 shall be eligible to vote in the AGM.

(Note: clause 73a is the default rule in the WA Associations model rules)

SUBMISSION IN SUPPORT OF MOTION

Item 1.

Provides improved benefits for social members, especially regional club members and will hopefully increase membership numbers.


Items 2. & 3.

Our constitution currently allows social members to vote and does not stipulate a cut off date for voting eligibility at an AGM. These unclear rule definitions expose our association to potential legal argument, as was experienced in the cancelled 2019 AGM, when a number of new social membership applications were received after the AGM had been called and election candidates were announced.

Typically, social members have no interest in the management of the association and due to the low cost of membership, this membership category is potentially open to manipulation in elections and in the use of proxy votes. We are a relatively small organisation, often with more social members than full members. This could lead to social member votes being used unwittingly to distort the outcome of an important matter.

No other state association allows Social/Recreational members to have a vote.

It is important that these changes are accepted to avoid the damaging situation that occurred in 2019/2020.

Moved by:  Adrian Reeves

Seconded by:  Ben Bender

Date: 1/11/2021