

Proposed Constitution Changes for AGM 28/9/2017

Background

1. There has been confusion over the term “Council” and “Councillors”, particularly because the Katherine Town Council has a close association with the KDSS. An assumption is often made that these terms are referring to the KTC. General usage of the terms “Committee” and “Committee Members” are currently the norm when referring to the management council of the KDSS.
2. Associate membership can be purchased online by any member of the public. The purpose of this type of purchase is to allow 2-day ticket holders for the show to have additional benefits such as car parking and camping on the grounds and the right to hire horse stables during the show. It does not allow for any governance and is therefore not necessary to have the associate membership approved by the council. It is, however an integral part of the show and requires mention in the constitution.
3. Setting of fees – The schedule of fees is not part of the fundamental principles or purposes of the Society so is therefore not a constitutional requirement. The AGM is after the commencement of the financial year and members have already paid their fees. Setting fees at the AGM will mean there are 2 pricing structures within one year or to keep the fees the same it would be close to 2 years before a change in fees would become effective, as most fees are taken immediately before the show which is towards the end of the financial year. Additionally, the council (committee) generally has a more in-depth understanding of the finances and fee requirements than the members.
4. Family members of the EO are currently unable to be a part of the Executive under this constitution. A pecuniary “conflict of interest” already applies under the Act and any other conflict of interest is to be declared. The exclusion of certain people from being a part of the executive is not beneficial to the Society when there is no conflict of interest.

Proposal

1. Replace all references of “Council” and “Councillors” with “Committee” and “Committee Members”.
2. Add clauses to allow for associate membership of the Society with rights of membership excluding governance rights.
3. Fees are to be set by the committee.
4. Remove the restriction on appointing executive members.

Implementation

(Numbers refer to parts or clauses of the constitution)

Amend

Replace all references to “council” with “committee”.

Replace all references to “councillor” with “committee member”.

4. “member” means a member of the Society *and does not include associate members*

PART 3 – MEMBERS & ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Division 1 – Membership & Associate Membership

9. A. Memberships (numbering change)

11. (1) Change reference to clause 9 to “clause 9 A”

12. Annual Membership & Associate Membership fees

12 (1) The annual membership & *associate membership* fees are the amounts determined from time to time by resolution at a committee meeting.

23. (2) remove the part of the clause: “; except that no executive member shall be a part of the nuclear family of the Executive Officer”

Add

4. “Associate” or “associate member” means a person who has purchased the rights of associate membership of the Society.

9. B. Associate Memberships (Add heading)

9. B. (1) Any person may purchase an associate membership of the Society. Associate membership is automatic upon payment and is not dependant on Committee approval. Rights of associate members are restricted to items 13 (2) (b), (c), (e), (h) & (i).

9. B. (2) Associate membership may be adult, junior, aged pensioner, corporate or family as per clauses 9 A. (1), (2), (3), (4) and (7).

10. Add to end of paragraph – “Committee approval is not required for associate membership.”

MOTION

The ‘proposed constitution changes for AGM 28/9/2017’ be accepted and all legal requirements to implement the changes be carried out.

Moved

Seconded

Number in favour:
(3/4 majority required for motion to be carried)

Number against:

Motion Carried/Declined