

CIVIL SERVICE SAILING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a Special General Meeting

of the Civil Service Sailing Association held on
Saturday 21st November at 1445.

Owing to COVID restrictions, the meeting was held online by Zoom

There were 23 members present. Apologies were received from Andy Smith.

Motions to update to the CSSA Constitution – Nov20.

Motion 1: To open the time window for holding the AGM from between 1st and 30th April to between 1st April and 30th June.

Change clause 9(1) from –

(1) An Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held in April of each year for the purpose of:

To –

(1) An Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held between 1st April and 30th June of each year for the purpose of:

The purpose of this change is to extend the time period in which AGM can be held so that it can be held in alignment with events where CSSA members are expected to gather. Business has to be submitted by the 14th February as currently.

Agreed - unanimously

Motion 2: To make clear that remote participants have full voting rights

Change clause 9(1) from –

(1) Subject to Rule 4(3), all members of the Association may attend at General Meeting and speak, but only a Full Member or Honorary Life Member may be a voting member. A member who is entitled to exercise a vote but who is unable to attend the meeting may, by written authority given to another voting member, cast his vote or votes by proxy; the written authority shall be handed by the proxy to the Secretary before the meeting starts.

To –

- (1) Subject to Rule 4(2), all members of the Association may attend at General Meeting and speak, but only a Full Member or Honorary Life Member may be a voting member. The General Committee may make provision for remote electronic participation and voting except that voting for the appointment of Officers and Committee members shall be in accord with rule 8. A member who is entitled to exercise a vote but who is unable to attend the meeting may, by written authority given to another voting member, cast his vote or votes by proxy; the authorising document shall be communicated by the proxy to the Secretary before the meeting starts.

Change the first sentence of clause 11(3) from –

- (3) A quorum shall be twenty voting members present, of which at ...

To –

- (3) A quorum shall be twenty voting members present in person or remotely, of which at ...

The proposed change makes it clear that remote participants have full voting rights. The change was approved by the General Committee at the meeting on 15th October 2020.

Approved - unanimously

Motion 3: To provide for reconvening a quorate general meeting should a general meeting be inquorate

Change clause 11(3) from –

- (3) A quorum shall be twenty voting members present, of which at least one member shall be a Flag Officer, the General Secretary or the Treasurer.

To –

- (2) A quorum shall be twenty voting members present in person or remotely, of which at least one member shall be a Flag Officer, the General Secretary or the Treasurer. If a quorum is not reached the meeting shall be postponed and reconvened in accordance with Rule 9 or 10 and the members present shall be deemed a quorum.

Motion agreed unanimously, nem con

Motion 4: To remove reference to the obsolete Associate Membership

The following changes are proposed –

Delete the whole of clause 3(1)(b) and renumber subsequent sub-clauses

Delete 'or Associate' in clause 3(1)(b)

Delete the whole of clause 4(1) and renumber subsequent sub-clauses

Delete the second sentence of clause 4(2)

Delete 'Associate Members,' in clause 5(4)(c)

Delete 'The number of CSSA Associate Members of a Division shall not be more than 10% of the number of Full Members of that Division.' from clause 12.

This is a tidying exercise, which was agreed unanimously, nem con.

The meeting closed at 1455.

Brian Stevenson

General Secretary

23rd November 2020

Minutes sent to and agreed by Matthew Taylor, on behalf of CSSC on 30th November 2020

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