Proposals for updating of the CSSA Constitution at the AGM 2021

**MOTION 1,** Expansion to the permitted means of applying for CSSA membership, to permit electronic ways of working: paragraph 3(2)

**As -is**

3(2)  All applications for membership shall be made to the Membership Secretary in writing on a form approved for the purpose, duly signed and dated.    Information from approved applications shall be recorded in the membership register and the applicant informed of his admission to membership.  The General Committee may refuse any application without giving a reason but, in that event, the form shall be cancelled.  A copy of the Constitution shall be available to all members on request.

**Recommended delete in entirety and replace paragraph 3(2) with :**

a)  All applications for membership shall be made to the Membership Secretary ~~in writing on a form~~ on a physical or electronic form approved for the purpose, ~~duly signed~~ endorsed ~~and dated~~ by the applicant.    Information from approved applications shall be recorded in the membership register and the applicant informed of his admission to membership.  The General Committee may refuse any application without giving a reason but, in that event, the ~~form~~ application shall be cancelled.  A copy of the Constitution shall be available to all members on request.

**Explanation:**

Membership management for many of our clubs, CSSC and management of our activities is via electronic means, through online forms and digital information.

UK Contract law no longer mandates physical manuscript signatures as the only form of contract endorsement, and electronic information may be taken as proof of contract.

Delete ‘…writing on a form…’ replace with ‘… on a physical or electronic form…'

Delete ‘…duly signed and dated.’  replace with ‘…endorsed by the applicant.'

This update permits the future adoption of a range of electronic systems and methods, **where *approved for the purpose*.** This provides constitutional consistency with a range of needs CSSA is seeking to address, including but not limited to: use of CSSC electronic membership data and member selected interests; processes for joining CSSA via constituent clubs; processes for regional CSSA Dinghy sailing groups.

**Proposed:** Andrew Selves.

**Seconded:** James Savage.

CSSA General Committee awaiting some clarification.

**Motion 2. Correction to an incomplete clause, for grammatical sense and contemporary English usage. (Paragraph 3(4))**

as-is

3(4)  For the avoidance of doubt references in this constitution shall apply equally to the female gender.

recommend delete 3(4) in entirety and replace with:

3(4)   For the purposes of this Constitution, the words “he,” “his” or “himself” shall be interpreted to apply to any gender.

**Explanation:**

The clause is unclear on the object of the ‘references’. Contemporary use of English language refers to masculine, feminine, neutral or other… rather than Male and Female, and more fully reflects contemporary equality expectations under UK law and social practice.

**Proposed:** Andrew Selves.

**Seconded:** Alison Hutton.

CSSA General Committee supported nem con.