

GEELONG DISTRICT VETERAN GOLFERS ASSOCIATION INC.

CHANGES TO THE GDVGA INC CONSTITUTION TO BE PROPOSED AT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON 18 JULY 2016.

CLAUSE	CURRENT	PROPOSED	REASON
8.1	<b>WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO BE A MEMBER</b> Membership shall be open to all Veteran Golfers who have attained the age of Fifty Five(55) and are amateur golfers and playing members of a Golf Club, within the Geelong District, that is affiliated with the Victorian Golf Association.	Membership shall be open to all Golfers who have attained the age of Fifty Five (55) and are amateur golfers and playing members of a Golf Club that is affiliated with Golf Victoria and within the area covered by the Geelong District Veteran Golfers Association Inc.	There is no definition of a "veteran golfer" so we should delete the reference. With the possible merger of GDGA and SWDLGA the area covered by "Geelong District" may change. The change here restricts the area from which membership can come, to the current boundary.
12.1	<b>ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION AND FEE ON JOINING</b> At each annual general meeting, the Association must determine: (a) the amount of the annual subscription (if any) for the following financial year; and (b) the date for payment of the annual subscription; and (c) the amount (if any) of the joining fee for new members.	The Association may determine at any time: (a) the amount of the annual subscription (if any) for the following financial year; and (b) the date for payment of the annual subscription; and (c) the amount (if any) of the joining fee for new members.	Fees have always been set by the Committee of the day given the Association's financial position. It is considered unworkable to be setting next year's fees when we only have half a year's financial information and the task should be left to the Committee to decide.
13.1.e	<b>GENERAL RIGHTS OF MEMBERS</b> To have access to the minutes of general meetings and other documents of the Association as provided under rule 75; and	<b>GENERAL RIGHTS OF MEMBERS</b> To have access to the minutes of general meetings and other documents of the Association as provided under rule 76; and	To correct wrong numbering of sections.
30.4.d	<b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS</b> The ordinary business of the annual general meeting is as follows:.....(d) to confirm or vary the amounts (if any) of the annual subscription and joining fee.	Delete this section	With fees being set at the end of the year and payable on 1 January, it is unrealistic for the amounts to be confirmed 8 months later.
33.1.a	<b>NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS</b> at least 21 days' notice of a general meeting if a special resolution is to be proposed at the meeting; or	with at least 21 day's notice of a general meeting if a special resolution is to be proposed at the meeting; or	Wording did not make sense.
33.1.b	<b>NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS</b> at least 14 days' notice of a general meeting in any other case.	with at least 14 days' notice of a general meeting in any other case.	Wording did not make sense.

36.4	<b>QUORUM AT GENERAL MEETINGS</b> If a quorum is not present within 30 minutes after the time to which a general meeting has been adjourned under subrule (3)(b), the members present at the meeting (if not fewer than 3) may proceed with the business of the meeting as if a quorum were present.	If a quorum is not present within 30 minutes after the time to which a general meeting has been adjourned under subrule (3)(b), the members present at the meeting (if not fewer than 10) may proceed with the business of the meeting as if a quorum were present.	It was considered dangerous to allow just 3 people to conduct business on behalf of the members and that 10 was a more realistic number.
47.2.b	<b>SECRETARY</b> The Secretary must:....(b) keep custody of the common seal (if any) of the Association and, except for the financial records referred to in rule 70(3), all books, documents and securities of the Association in accordance with rules 72 and 75; and	The Secretary must:....(b) keep custody of the common seal (if any) of the Association and, except for the financial records referred to in rule 71(3), all books, documents and securities of the Association in accordance with rule 76; and	To correct wrong numbering of sections.
52.1	<b>NOMINATIONS</b> Prior to the election of each position, the Chairperson of the meeting must call for nominations to fill that position.	The Secretary must receive written nominations for each Committee position at least 7 days before the Annual General Meeting.	It is considered preferable to know who is offering themselves for election prior to the AGM rather than the current arrangement which means you have no idea who is going to stand and whether there are enough candidates to run the Association effectively.
52.2	<b>NOMINATIONS</b> An eligible member of the Association may: (a) nominate himself or herself; or (b) with the member's consent, be nominated by another member.	An eligible member of the Association must be nominated and seconded by financial members of the Association and sign an acceptance of the nomination.	It is considered preferable to know who is offering themselves for election prior to the AGM rather than the current arrangement which means you have no idea who is going to stand and whether there are enough candidates to run the Association effectively.
54.1	<b>ELECTION OF ORDINARY MEMBERS</b> The annual general meeting must by resolution decide the number of ordinary members of the Committee (if any) it wishes to hold office for the next year.	Delete this section	The number of Committee members is set and should not be changed year on year.
54.2	<b>ELECTION OF ORDINARY MEMBERS</b> A single election may be held to fill all of those positions.	Delete this section	Section not required.
54.3 and 54.4	<b>ELECTION OF ORDINARY MEMBERS</b>	Renumber these sections 54.1 and 54.2 after the deletion of 54.1 and 54.2	Renumbering only.

56.1	<p><b>TERM OF OFFICE</b> Subject to subrule (3) and rule 56, a committee member holds office until the positions of the Committee are declared vacant at the next annual general meeting.</p>	Subject to subrule (3) and rule 57, a committee member holds office until the positions of the Committee are declared vacant at the next annual general meeting.	To correct wrong numbering of sections.
57.2.b	<p><b>VACATION OF OFFICE</b> A person ceases to be a committee member if he or she:...(b) fails to attend 3 consecutive committee meetings (other than special or urgent committee meetings) without leave of absence under rule 67; or</p>	A person ceases to be a committee member if he or she:...(b) fails to attend 3 consecutive committee meetings (other than special or urgent committee meetings) without leave of absence under rule 68; or	To correct wrong numbering of sections.
70.4	<p><b>MANAGEMENT OF FUNDS</b> All cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments must be signed by 2 committee members.</p>	All cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments must be signed by any 2 of the 3 Committee members nominated to sign on behalf of the Committee.	To clarify that payments can only be authorised by nominated committee members not just any 2 committee members.