

# STRATHEARN HARRIERS

The club for runners in the Crieff and Comrie area of Perthshire

## Proposal for Amendment of the Club Constitution

22 February 2023

The following proposal is delivered to the Club Secretary under the requirements of Clause 11 of the Strathearn Harriers' Club Constitution "Alteration of the Constitution". It is suggested that the required 'forum meeting' takes place at the AGM, and the vote required by Clause 11(b) takes place at that AGM. These amendments are for the purpose of:

- a) Providing for the filling of any committee vacancies that arise between Annual General Meetings. (Changes to Clauses 6 and 7)
- b) Clarifying the requirement for an AGM and the status of Club Committee members at it. (Changes to Clause 9)
- c) Ensuring that future club general meetings can take place online, if either required or preferred. (Changes to Clauses 9, 11 and 12)

It is proposed that the current Club Constitution (adopted 8 March 2019) is amended as follows (changes highlighted for clarity):

Current:	Proposed:
<b>6. Office Bearers of the Club</b>	
<i>Clause 6(b)</i> Elections of officers will take place at the AGM. Previous holders of these Offices will be eligible for re-election.	<i>Clause 6(b)</i> Elections of officers will take place at the AGM. <b>Should an Office become vacant, election to that Office may take place at an EGM.</b> Previous holders of these Offices will be eligible for re-election.
<b>7. Club Committee</b>	
<i>Clause 7(b)</i> Elections of the Ordinary Members of the Club Committee will take place at the AGM. Previous Ordinary Members of the Club Committee will be eligible for re-election.	<i>Clause 7(b)</i> Elections of the Ordinary Members of the Club Committee will take place at the AGM. <b>Where the number of Ordinary Members of the Club Committee falls below two, election of Ordinary Members may take place at an EGM.</b> Previous Ordinary Members of the Club Committee will be eligible for re-election.
<b>9. Annual General Meetings</b>	
<i>Clause 9(a)</i> Notice of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be given, in writing, by the Club Secretary	<i>Clause 9(a)</i> Notice of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be given, in writing, by the Club Secretary

to all Members, with not less than 21 clear days' notice.	to all Members, with not less than 21 clear days' notice. An AGM will be held each calendar year, and not more than 15 months after the preceding AGM.
<p><i>Clause 9(b)</i></p> <p>The quorum for AGMs will be 20% of the Full Membership (i.e. excluding Junior Members) participating in the meeting either in person or by proxy, subject to there being a minimum of 15% of the Full Membership present in person.</p>	<p><i>Clause 9(b)</i></p> <p>The quorum for AGMs will be 20% of the Full Membership (i.e. excluding Junior Members) participating in the meeting either in person, online, or by proxy, subject to there being a minimum of 15% of the Full Membership present in person or online. AGMs will take place in person unless the committee considers there to be sufficient reason to hold it online.</p>
<p><i>Clause 9(h)</i></p> <p>All Office Bearers and ordinary Committee Members will retire each year but will be eligible for re-appointment subject to clauses 6(c) and 7(c) of this constitution.</p>	<p><i>Clause 9(h)</i></p> <p>All Office Bearers and Ordinary Committee Members will retire at the conclusion of the AGM, unless validly re-appointed (subject to clauses 6(c) and 7(c) of this constitution).</p>
<p><i>Clause 9(i)</i></p> <p>(i) A secret ballot will be held among those present and eligible to vote plus those members not present but eligible to vote and having notified a valid proxy.</p>	<p><i>Clause 9(i)</i></p> <p>(i) A secret ballot will be held among those present in person or online and eligible to vote plus those members not present but eligible to vote and having notified a valid proxy. The committee will set out the rules for voting in the ballot, which may include voting prior to the meeting by means which respect the secrecy of the ballot.</p>
<b>11. Alteration of the Constitution</b>	
<p><i>Clause 11 (b)</i></p> <p>Any changes to this constitution must be agreed at a general meeting by at least two thirds (2/3) of those present and eligible to vote plus those members not present but eligible to vote and having notified a valid proxy.</p>	<p><i>Clause 11 (b)</i></p> <p>Any changes to this constitution must be agreed at a general meeting by at least two thirds (2/3) of those present in person or online and eligible to vote plus those members not present but eligible to vote and having notified a valid proxy.</p>
<b>12. Dissolution</b>	
<p><i>Clause 12(b)</i></p> <p>If the decision to dissolve the Club is confirmed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those present in person or by proxy and voting at such a meeting, the Committee will have the power to wind up its affairs and dispose of any remaining assets held by or in the name of the Club;</p>	<p><i>Clause 12(b)</i></p> <p>If the decision to dissolve the Club is confirmed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those present in person, online or by proxy and voting at such a meeting, the Committee will have the power to wind up its affairs and dispose of any remaining assets held by or in the name of the Club;</p>