

Notice is hereby given on the 25th July 2011 that the following alterations to the Association of South Australian Blind Sporting Clubs Constitution have been proposed by the board for consideration at the Annual General Meeting to be held on the 10th September 2011.

Proposal 1: Add the words: “develop and”

Existing:

3.1 To conduct, promote, advance, administer sport and recreational opportunities for persons who are blind or vision impaired.

Amendment:

3.1 To conduct, promote, advance, develop and administer sport and recreational opportunities for persons who are blind or vision impaired.

Proposal 1: Yes No Abstain

Proposal 2: Change Australian Blind Sports Federation (ABSF) to Blind Sports Australia (BSA) to represent correct organisation title

Existing:

3.6 To affiliate with and represent the members of the Association on the Australian Blind Sports Federation (ABSF) and relevant international bodies.

Amendment:

3.6 To affiliate with and represent the members of the Association on the Blind Sports Australia (BSA) and relevant international bodies

Proposal 2: Yes No Abstain

Proposal 3: Delete the word “commonwealth” as deal with all levels of government

Existing:

3.7 To provide support for submissions from any Member Club and where approved by the Committee forward to the Commonwealth Government and other organisations as required.

Amendment:

3.7 To provide support for submissions from any Member Club and where approved by the Committee forward to Government and other organisations as required.

Proposal 3: Yes No Abstain

Proposal 4: Delete the number “.1” as clause does not exist

Existing:

3.10 To act as an advisory resource for individual, group and Governmental inquires regarding recreational and sporting activities for people as defined in Clause 2.1.

Amendment:

3.10 To act as an advisory resource for individual, group and Governmental inquires regarding recreational and sporting activities for people as defined in Clause 2.

Proposal 4: Yes No Abstain

Proposal 5: Reworded to represent governance review recommendation

Existing:

4.12 A Sports Sub Committee, Chaired by a Board Member shall consist of one delegate for each association sport. The Chair will be nominated and appointed by the Board, and be responsible to the committee for their nominated sport.

Amendment:

4.12 The board may appoint a Sports Sub Committee, Chaired by a Board Member and consisting of one delegate for each active association sport. The Chair will be nominated and appointed by the Board, and be responsible to the board for the sports sub committee.

Proposal 5: Yes No Abstain

Proposal 6: Split to allow for improved recognition between adult and junior members, in areas such as statistics & membership fees. Age set at 16 to represent blind pension availability

Existing:

5.1.1 Individual Members – persons who meet the blind and vision impaired criteria as set out by Blind Sports Australia.

Amendment:

5.1.1 Individual Members –

(i) **Adult Members** – persons over 16 years old as at date of next AGM

(ii) **.Junior Members** - persons under 16 years old as at date of next AGM

Proposal 6: Yes No Abstain

Proposal 7: Delete the word “athletes” and replace with “individual members” and replace “in 1” with “within a single” to recognise that non athletes can also become members

Existing:

5.1.5 Family Membership – Membership for a family can consist of any number of athletes residing in 1 household.

Amendment:

5.1.5 Family Membership – Membership for a family can consist of any number of individual members residing within a single household.

Proposal 7: Yes No Abstain

Proposal 8: Add additional sub clause to allow for any future membership categories to be added without requiring immediate constitution update

Amendment:

5.1.6 Such new or other categories of Members as may be established by the Board. Any new category of Member established by the Board can not be granted voting

rights without the approval of the Association in General Meeting.

Proposal 8: **Yes** **No** **Abstain**

Proposal 9: Delete the words “The Administration officer” and replace with “A representative as appointed by the board” to allow flexibility in performance of constitutional duties

Existing:

5.3.1 The Administration Officer shall cause a register to be kept in which shall be entered the names and residential addresses of all persons admitted to membership of the Association and the dates of their admission.

Amendment:

5.3.1 A representative as appointed by the board shall cause a register to be kept in which shall be entered the names and residential addresses of all persons admitted to membership of the Association, and the dates of their admission.

Proposal 9: **Yes** **No** **Abstain**

Proposal 10: Delete the words “the federation” and replace with “any affiliated national sporting disability association” to cover all affiliation benefits

Existing:

5.5 (ii) That they are entitled to all benefits and services of the Federation membership.

Amendment:

5.5 (ii) That they are entitled to all benefits and services of any affiliated national sporting disability association membership.

Proposal 10: Yes No Abstain

Proposal 11: Delete the words “Administration Officer” and replace with “secretary” to allow flexibility in performance of constitutional duties. (Replaced twice)

Existing:

7.1 A member may resign from the Association at any time by giving notice in writing to the Administration Officer. Such resignation shall take effect at the time such notice is received by the Administration Officer unless a later date is specified in the notice when it shall take effect on that later date.

Amendment:

7.1 A member may resign from the Association at any time by giving notice in writing to the secretary. Such resignation shall take effect at the time such notice is received by the secretary unless a later date is specified in the notice when it shall take effect on that later date.

Proposal 11: Yes No Abstain

Proposal 12: Add the words “Sports development officer” to allow flexibility in performance of constitutional duties

Existing:

9.2.3 The Administrative Officer is ex-officio, a member of the Board (without voting rights) and any sub-committees which may be established by the Board from time to time.

Amendment:

- 9.2.3 The Sports development officer or Administrative Officer is ex-officio, a member of the Board (without voting rights) and any sub-committees which may be established by the Board from time to time.

Proposal 12: Yes No Abstain

Proposal 13: Delete the phrase “subject to clause 7.2.4”, as no such clause within current constitution

Existing:

- 9.2.6 Should a casual vacancy occur the Board may appoint a person to fill it subject to clause 7.2.4. Each such appointed Director shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting at which that positions comes up for re-election when they shall retire but be eligible for re-election.*

Amendment:

- 9.2.7 Should a casual vacancy occur the Board may appoint a person to fill it. Each such appointed Director shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting at which that positions comes up for re-election when they shall retire but be eligible for re-election.**

Proposal 13: Yes No Abstain

Proposal 14: Delete the phrase “4 members” and replace with “a simple majority” to enable quorum to be achieved if board was 4 members or less.

Existing:

9.3.1 *The Board shall meet as often as it shall decide is necessary, but not less than four times a year. A quorum for its meetings shall be 4 members.*

Amendment:

9.3.1 The Board shall meet as often as it shall decide is necessary, but not less than four times a year. A quorum for its meetings shall be a simple majority.

Proposal 14: Yes No Abstain

Proposal 15: Delete 9.4.3 as covered under clause 4.12

9.4.3 *Sports Sub Committee,
The Board may elect a Sub Committee to form a Sports Sub-Committee. The committee will be chaired by a nominated Member who will hold the Sports Chairperson portfolio, and they will in turn be responsible to their nominated sport and the Board.*

9.4.3 *The Sports Sub-Committee shall meet at least quarterly, or on an as needed basis and make any recommendations or suggestions in writing to the Board.*

Proposal 15: Yes No Abstain

Proposal 16: Delete the phrase “an Administrative officer and or development officer” and replace with “employees to undertake the direct business of the association and determine management reporting structure.”

Existing:

10.1 *The Board shall as required appoint an Administrative Officer and or a Development Officer.*

Amendment:

10.1 The Board shall as required appoint employees to undertake the direct business of the association and determine management reporting structure.

Proposal 16: Yes No Abstain

Proposal 17: Delete the phrase “*and shall be subject to the control of and report to the Board*”

Existing:

10.2 The Administration Officer shall be responsible for general administration and financial management and shall be subject to the control of and report to the Board.

Amendment:

10.2 The Administration Officer shall be responsible for general administration and financial management.

Proposal 17: Yes No Abstain

Proposal 18: Delete section as irrelevant

Existing:

11.2 General Meetings

11.3.1 The Board shall convene a minimum of 2 General meetings per year.

11.3.2 The notice of the General meeting shall be 30 days and given to every member in writing.

11.3.4 All items to be included on the agenda to be received in the Office not less than 21 days prior to the General Meeting.

11.3.5 The agenda including notices of motion and all business shall be distributed to every member not less than 14 days prior to the meeting.

Proposal 18: Yes No Abstain

Proposal 19: Add the phrase “each Member 18 years or over” to distinguish non voting rights for junior members

Existing:

12.1 At each General Meeting of the Association, each Member shall be entitled to one vote

Amendment:

12.1 At each General Meeting of the Association, each Member 18 years or over shall be entitled to one vote

Proposal 19: Yes No Abstain
