

Motions to Change the Cambridge University Bowmen Constitution

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Abstract

This document details of a number of proposed modifications to the club constitution which may be found online at http://cub.soc.srcf.net/documents/important_docs/constitution.html. These are to be voted on at the Annual General Meeting to be held at 12:30 on 17/06/2016. Each of the proposals takes the following form: current statement in the constitution, proposed new statement, reasons for proposing the change.

1 Amendment to point 3 concerning voting rights

Current wording: *'... All members of the club who are students of the university shall have full voting rights at Club meetings.'*

Proposed new wording: *'... All members of the club shall have full voting rights at Club meetings.'*

Reasons for Change: If the club is open to more than just student members of Cambridge University, then why should voting be restricted to only students of the Cambridge University? All members who pay membership fees and contribute to the club should have a say in how it is run. Alumni members have been known to vote at a number of AGMs in the past in direct violation of this. It makes sense to simplify this so that all members may vote on the governance of the club.

2 Amendment to point 9 concerning notification of the AGM

Current wording: *'An Annual General Meeting shall be held during the academic year. The time and venue of this meeting will be determined and publicised by the committee at least 14 full term days beforehand. ...'*

Proposed new wording: *'An Annual General Meeting shall be held during the academic year within term time including May Week. The time and venue of this meeting will be determined and publicised by the committee at least 14 days in advance. ...'*

Reasons for Change: The AGM has been held in May Week for a number of years now. To avoid any confusion the wording should be changed here to make it explicit that this can be the case. As 'full term' according to the university does not include May Week change the notification period to 14 days instead of 14 full term days. This change was discussed at the previous (2015) AGM and generally accepted to be a sensible suggestion.

3 Ammendment to point 9 concerning publication of the agenda for the AGM

Current wording: *‘...Prior to all general meetings notice of the agenda shall be sent out with notice of the meeting.’*

Proposed new wording: *‘...Prior to all general meetings notice of the agenda shall be sent out one week before the meeting.’*

Reasons for Change: If the agenda is required to be sent out at the same time as the notice of the general meeting this does not allow club members to submit any motions or points for discussion. Instead a deadline by which to submit motions would be given, after which an agenda will be published in advance of the meeting. This still gives people one week to consider and prepare responses to items on the agenda.

4 Amendment to point 11 concerning key committee positions

Current wording: *‘...The committee shall consist of: Captain, Secretary, Junior Treasurer, Records Officer, Equipment Officer, Novice Officer. The other committee posts of Tournaments Officer, Women’s Officer, Publicity Officer and Social Secretary may be combined with any of the posts listed above, or taken up by a separate individual.’*

Proposed new wording: *‘...The committee shall consist of: Captain, Secretary, Junior Treasurer, Equipment Officer, Novice Officer. The other committee posts of Records Officer, Tournaments Officer, Women’s Officer, Website and Publicity Officer, Social Secretary and Alumni Liaison Officer may be combined with any of the posts listed above, or taken up by a separate individual.’*

Reasons for Change: Records has not had much responsibility and has been combined with publicity or captain for a number of years now. The website/online presence is arguably the most important part of publicity now so it is important to be sure someone keeps it up to date. We have had a contact for alumni for a few years now, usually a recent member who has graduated, and it is generally felt that the club would like to grow its alumni connections rather than losing contact.