

Proposal to AGM – Constitution

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That the LDBBL constitution be changed in accordance with the attached documents.

Attachments:

New Constitution Aug 2018 (Proposed)

Proposed new text with insertions/amendments highlighted in yellow, and deletions from existing text ~~crossed-out~~.

Old Constitution Sep 2017 (changes)

*Old text **annotated in red** to indicate location of replacement text in new document.*

Explanation

The existing constitution is now quite old. It is poorly structured, has a number of omissions, and has not been improved by some piecemeal amendments. The proposed replacement tries to address these issues.

The proposed new constitution has been restructured to try to make it easier to understand and maintain. Except where indicated, text in the old constitution has been preserved in the new document, with some minor tidying of language.

The substantive changes are:

- To amend the requirements for committee composition and election (Paras 5a-c, 6c). The thinking here is that the existing requirement that the committee "shall number at least the number of registered teams" is unrealistic, and does not specifically address diversity. The change would revert back (?) to electing just 4 members, plus the 3 officers, while allowing the committee to co-opt additional members whose teams are not represented on the committee. The change would also protect against a rogue agent 'packing' the committee with players from a single team.
- Tightening of rules regarding notification and conduct of meetings: both AGM & EGM (Paras 6a-h).
In summary:
 - AGM to be decided and publicised before finals night;
 - 28 days notice of AGM (14 days EGM);
 - 21 days notice for proposals to secretary;
 - 14 days notice of proposals, and financial statement, by secretary to league members;
 - Two thirds majority required for changes to constitution.

- To clarify the management committee's power to terminate membership, subject to appeal (Para 4c).
- Remove reference to 'Results Secretary', as this is not a recognised committee role. Replaced by reference to Secretary's responsibility and power of delegation (Paras 3e, 5m).
- A new section on correct financial control – nothing controversial, but absent from the existing constitution. (Paras 7a-c)