



Beekeepers Society of South Australia Inc.

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Agenda

13 September 2021 Special General

Burnside Community Hall

401 Greenhill Road, Tusmore

(Corner Greenhill Road and Portrush, look for car park along Portrush Road)

7.30pm

1. Welcome and Apologies

- Reminder to please use sign-on sheets to record attendance.

2. Minutes: Nil previous

3. Proposals for changes to the Constitution.

Proposal One:

That Clause 3.4 Objects -

Be changed;

“ecological” be removed, thus “Support the development of policies and programs which improve conditions for bees and honey production.”

Rationale: This more accurately reflects current practice which support many policies and programs.

Proposal Two:

That Clause 5.1 Membership -

Be changed;

“on” be changed to ‘in’, the form prescribed from time to time.

Rationale: More correct grammar.

Be changed;

“due to the Society. Members shall pay an” be removed, thus “Membership shall be deemed conferred on payment of the prescribed annual subscription fee. Membership shall be open to persons in the following categories:

Rationale: This more accurately reflects current practice, that membership is conferred when an annual subscription fee is paid.

Proposal Three:

That Clause 5.5 Membership -

Be changed to:

“Up to two adult Family Members may have voting rights.”, be inserted.

Rationale: This more accurately reflects clarifies voting rights.

Proposal Four:

That Clause 5.7 Membership -

Be inserted;

“Corporate Membership – This to consist of the employer, and nominated employees up to five persons in total. This can include family members if they are considered employees. Voting is restricted to adult members up to the limit of five votes.

Rationale: This will make provision for members who run a business with employees and family members to also be included in a category that is similar in concept to Family Membership. For further see Summary of proposals attached.

Proposal Five:

That Clause 7.4 Meetings -

Be changed to:

“email or” be inserted, thus “At least ten days’ notice of a Special General Meeting shall be given to each member by email or pre-paid letter posted to his/her last known address, but accidental omission to give notice to any Member shall not invalidate the meeting.”

Rationale: This more accurately reflects current practice.

Proposal Six:

That Clause 10.1 Elections -

Be changed;

“Elections shall be by secret ballot.”, be removed.

Rationale: This more accurately reflects current practice at AGM’s.

Proposal Seven:

That Clause 12.5 Management -

Be changed from;

“The Society or the Management Committee may appoint sub-committees at a General, Special General or Annual General Meeting.”, to “The Management Committee may appoint sub-committees.”

Be changed;

“The Management Committee may appoint sub-committees.”, and “A sub-committee must include at least one member of the Management Committee, other than the President. A sub-committee may appoint, or co-op people as required, subject to ratification by the Management Committee.”, be inserted.

Rationale: This more accurately reflects ongoing expansion of the Society and it’s endeavours, including clarity in relation to sub-committees and their appointment.

Proposal Eight:

That Clause 13.6 Finance -

Be changed;

“outside of a budget approved by the members” be inserted;

And;

Be changed from

“\$400” to “\$1,000”. Thus “No expenditure, outside of the budget approved by the members, greater than \$1,000.00, in any one month, shall be incurred without the prior approval of members at a General Meeting.”

Rationale: This more accurately reflects current costs and planning. It clarifies that, the proposed and approved budget aside, the Committee cannot singularly expend the agreed limited amount without the approval of members at a General Meeting at any time. The increased amount was a proposal from the floor at the 2020 AGM.

Proposal Nine:

That Clause 13.7 Finance -

Be changed from;

That any “two”

Be changed to

That any “one”.

Rationale: This more accurately reflects current practices. Payments made from the bank account, subject to limits governed by the budget, the Constitution and auditing standards, any one of the President, the Secretary or the Treasurer can make payments for the bank account. Two persons do not have to both be present.

4. Closure of Special Meeting: