

Proposed changes to the Club's Constitution for November's AGM

Why are changes required?

Whilst the Club's Constitution may rarely be referred to, it is the key document in setting out how the Club should be governed. It needs to be kept up to date and accurate. The Club's Constitution was last reviewed and approved in 2014. The current review seeks to update the Constitution to reflect the Club of today and remove anomalies and inconsistencies in the current document.

Any changes to the Club's Constitution agreed by the Committee need to be put to members at an AGM (or EGM).

What are the key changes proposed?

1. Clause 3 now acknowledges that 'Sections' within the club are able to manage their own finances but also states the Committee ... *"shall have the entire control of all matters of finance in connection with the Club"*
2. Clause 3 does not now allow the Club to distribute any surplus to its members on its winding up or dissolution. Instead any surplus would be distributed to *"such other organisation based within the community of St Davids as the club in a General Meeting shall resolve"* This change reflects the wording of Community Amateur Sports Clubs.
3. Clause 4 -The makeup of the Committee is updated to reflect current roles, these being:- Chairperson, Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer, Hon Membership Secretary, Mens Captain, Ladies Captain, Seniors Captain, Ladies Representative plus 3 other committee members.
4. Clause (b) - Country Members will still need to be a member of an affiliated home club but no residency mileage limit now applies. They will be called 'Away Members' to reflect this. As currently, Away Members cannot sign in guests using the members guest rates but are able to play in non trophy competitions.
5. Clause 16 - The current Constitution does not specify a Disciplinary and Complaints Procedure leaving it for the Committee to decide on such matters. This is too vague and is likely to cause more issues should we need to deal with a complaint. We have therefore utilised a template 'Disciplinary and Complaints Procedure' as a proposal for Committee approval only alongside this review.
6. Clause 17 always referred to By-Laws (a subset of rules that can be set and changed by the Committee) but no By-Laws were recorded. As part of this review a draft set of By-Laws is proposed for approval by the Committee. These proposed By-laws have been derived from those listed at other golf clubs and relevant to SDCGC