



**SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Tuesday 12 May 2009**

1. Proposed motion

Mary-Anne Paton proposes that pursuant to section 16 of the Constitution of the Rottneest Channel Swim Association (RCSA), as a member of the RCSA, the following motion is proposed for consideration by members of the Association at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting scheduled for 12 May 2009:

Motion: that section 17(1) of the Constitution of the Rottneest Channel Association in regard to '*Quorum and Proceedings at General Meetings of the Association*', which presently states:

Section 17(1) At a general meeting 10 members present in person or by proxy constitute a quorum, shall be amended to read:

At a general meeting 15 members present in person or by proxy constitute a quorum.

Background for the motion

Context: with the number of swimmers who have now completed solo crossings, the RCSA has a membership at any one time of several hundred people. This growth in the membership means that the business of the Association can be reasonably conducted by members either physically able to attend an Annual General Meeting or physically able to attend and hold a proxy vote.

It is suggested that the motion to amend 17(1) should be read in conjunction with the proposed motion in relation to section 20(3), namely to amend the number of proxies held by members from 5 as the RCSA constitution presently provides, to 1 proxy per member, albeit it is also suggested that both motions stand independently on their own merits.

However it is noted that the effect of sections 17(1) and 20(3) as currently stated in the constitution allow 2 people holding 4 to 5 proxies each to hold a general meeting and conduct the business of the Association. It is suggested that this is not the intention of the Constitution and further, considering the current number of people who are members of the Association, completely inappropriate. I would thus further suggest that urgent revision of both Rule 17 and Rule 20, as is being proposed, is required.

In relation to a Special General Meeting it is noted that section 16(1)(c)(i) of the constitution presently provides that:

'The Committee of Management receiving a request in writing to do so [hold a special general meeting] from not less than ten (10) members convene a special general meeting for the purpose specified in that request.'

At this time it is not proposed to amend the number of members stated in section 16(1)(c)(i) from 10 to 15 however this section is brought to members attention for possible consideration.

2. Proposed motion

Mary-Anne Paton proposes that pursuant to section 16 of the Constitution of the Rottnest Channel Swim Association (RCSA), as a member of the RCSA, the following motion is proposed for consideration by members of the Association at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting scheduled for 12 May 2009:

Motion: that section 20(3) of the Constitution of the Rottnest Channel Association in regard to *'Proxies of Members of the Association'*, which presently states:

Section 20(3) A maximum of five proxy votes will be recognised for each member attending a general meeting,

shall be amended to read:

A maximum of one proxy vote will be recognised for each member attending a general meeting.

Background for the motion

With the number of swimmers who have now completed solo crossings, the RCSA has a membership at any one time of several hundred people. This growth in the membership means that the business of the Association can be reasonably conducted by members physically able to attend either a Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting. And with the number of people now able to attend such meetings of the RCSA, there are sufficient members available to hold a proxy for other members, particularly those outside metropolitan Perth, who are unable to attend meetings.

Accordingly the necessity for members to hold more than one proxy to assist in the enfranchisement of the widespread membership base of the RCSA is no longer applicable.

Mary-Anne Paton

3. Proposed motion – Life Membership

David Craig – nominated by John Whitehead; seconded by Mary-Anne Paton

Barbara Pellick – nominated by Andrew Page

Les Stewart – nominated by Sue Oldham; seconded by Selwyn Jellie, Tony Parbery

Richard Verboon – nominated by Kevin Holtom; seconded by Max Naismith

4. Notice of change – Bylaw 8. to read; A non refundable fee may be paid to the RCSA Executive Officer prior to the swim attempt.