

Background. The current Constitution was adopted and submitted to OSCR for approval on the clubs application to become a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). However it became clear to the Board that were elected in 2025, that this did not reflect the membership categories that existed prior to becoming a SCIO.

It is worth bearing in mind that our current Constitution has been approved by OSCR and any changes have to be submitted and approved by them.

Proposal for Amendment:

Para 1. Reword to:

The organisation is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCO53651).

Though not directly related to membership, updates our position as a SCIO and not an organisation that is to become one

Para. 12 Reword to :

There shall be 3 membership class, namely Full Member, Junior Member and Honorary Member.

This Lists the three types of members. At present there are only full members

Para 17. Reword to :

Members shall require to pay an annual membership subscription.

The members may vary the amount of the annual membership subscription and/or the date on which it falls due in each year, by way of a resolution to that effect passed at an AGM

This removes the stated £ 50 fee, and allows the fee to be set at the AGM – which in reality would be a proposal from the Treasurer. As it is at present it would be no use having a membership fee set in February that would not apply until the following January. We therefore have the view that the membership year should run from (say) April until March. (The dates would not be included in the Constitution). This would actually improve our accounting as our financial year starts in January , and members would pay their fees in a single financial year- whereas at present some pay in November/ December and some in January which is across two financial years. It also means that the AGM would be near the end of the membership year, so this would make it easier to be certain that anyone who votes at an AGM would be a paid up member.

Para 31. Add

c) setting of the membership fees and membership year:

This also re-labels the next item as d)

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This ensures that the membership fee and the membership year are set at the AGM.

Para 70. Re word to :

A person shall not be eligible for election/appointment to the board under clauses **Error! Reference source not found.** to **Error! Reference source not found.** unless they are a Full member of the organisation

This adds the word “ Full” to specify that only these members are eligible for election onto the board.