

ALBURY SKI CLUB

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

Clause 13 of the Constitution reads:

“The Committee shall have power to elect as Honorary Life Members, without payment of any further subscription, any member of not less than ten (10) years standing who shall in the opinion of the Committee have rendered outstanding services to the Association but such election shall not take effect unless and until the same is confirmed at the next Annual General Meeting following the date of such election.”

1. Eligibility for Nomination

A nomination will not be accepted in respect of any candidate who, within the previous three (3) years, has been nominated for Honorary Life Membership where that nomination was unsuccessful because insufficient votes were made in favour of the nomination at either:

- (a) The Committee Meeting at which the nomination was voted upon, or
- (b) The Annual General Meeting at which the election was voted upon

2. Nomination

No specific form is required, however, the letter of nomination form must be:

- (a) Signed by one (1) proposing member who is a financial member of the Club. This Proposing member should print their name next to their signature.
- (b) Signed by one (1) seconding member who is a financial member of the Club. This Seconding member should print their name next to their signature
- (c) Accompanied by a resume of the reasons why the proposing and seconding members feel that the candidate is worthy of nomination

3. Receipt by Secretary

After receiving a nomination for Honorary Life Membership, the Secretary shall contact the proposing member to acknowledge receipt of the nomination.

The Secretary shall not present the nomination to the Committee if there is less than sixty (60) days remaining before the next Annual General Meeting of the Club

4. Consideration by Committee:

At the next Committee meeting after the Secretary has received a nomination for Honorary Life Membership, the Secretary shall advise the Committee of the nomination and shall supply to each Committee member a copy of the resume provided by the proposing member. No vote shall be taken in relation to the nomination at this Committee meeting.

The vote in respect of the nomination for Honorary Life Membership shall be taken no sooner than the next Committee meeting after the meeting at which the nomination was first presented to the Committee. The Committee may in fact, if they wish, defer the vote until such time as they see fit, provided that the vote must be taken at some time prior to the next Annual General Meeting of the Club.

Nomination for Honorary Life Membership will not be presented to the Committee less than sixty (6) days prior to the next Annual General Meeting. (Therefore, with the Annual General Meeting being held in February, it would be advisable for any nominations to be received prior to 30th November.)

In order for the candidate to be elected, the nomination must be passed unanimously by the Committee members present at that particular Committee meeting.

Committee members will not be entitled to vote upon Honorary Life Membership nominations by proxy.

In deciding whether the candidate has rendered “outstanding services to the Association”, the Committee shall consider (and while each of these elements is relevant, none is mandatory):

- (a) The number of years that the candidate has been a member of the Club (Provided that the candidate must have been a member for not less than ten (10) years.)
- (b) Service to the Club through the holding of various offices and Committee positions
- (c) Service to the Club at working bees and other Club functions
- (d) Service to the Club in other ways
- (e) Service to the sport of skiing.
- (f) Any other factors that the Committee feels are relevant.

In considering any nomination for Honorary Life Membership, the Committee shall not take into account the fact that other Club members may be considered to be more deserving of Honorary Life Membership than the candidate. The Committee shall treat each nomination on its individual merits. It may well transpire that there are a number of Club members who are deserving of nomination for Honorary Life Membership, but for various reasons they may not yet have been nominated. No doubt they will be nominated in due course. The level of service to the Club that is necessary to obtain Honorary Life Membership should not be totally unattainable.

5. After Committee Has Voted

If the candidate has been elected then:

- (a) The President shall contact the candidate to see if the candidate is willing to accept their election and to allow the election to be put to the next Annual General Meeting for confirmation.

- (b) If the candidate accepts their election, then the President shall inform the Secretary. The Secretary shall prepare a resume of the candidate's services to the Club. This resume is to be distributed to all Club members with the notices of the Annual General Meeting.

Whether the candidate has been elected or not, the Secretary shall contact the proposing member and shall advise the proposing member of the result of the vote but shall not provide to the proposing member any of the details of the exact numbers in the vote nor of the discussions by Committee members of the factors relevant to the nomination.

6. Annual General Meeting

At the Annual General Meeting:

- (a) A brief summary of the resume shall be read out:
- (b) The Constitution does not provide for debate or public comment either for or against the motion;
- (c) There shall be a vote by the members at the Annual General Meeting upon a motion in the following terms:

"That this Association confirms the election by the Committee of X as an Honorary Life Member."

- (d) The vote by the members at the Annual General Meeting is to be by a simple majority only, which comprises more than 50% of the Club members who are present and entitled to vote and are voting.
- (e) If exactly 50% of the Club members who are present and entitled to vote and are voting, vote in favour of the motion, then the motion shall be lost.

The reasons behind the Committee's decision to elect candidates to Honorary Life Membership should not be the subject of public debate at any Annual General Meeting. Public debate for and against particular nominations could result in the members' decisions being influenced more by the strength of personality of the speakers than by the individual merits of the candidates. It is likely that public debate will promote disharmony within the Club and may split the Club into opposing factions.