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Proposed Ballot process

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Voting by members for officers and committee members will be by paper-based secret ballot. This document proposes how this will work.

Upon registering at the event every eligible member will be given 2 ballot papers. The first is for the election of the Club's Officers; the second is for Committee members.

The ballot for Club Officers will be counted and the result announced before the ballot for Committee members takes place. This is to accommodate any candidates who are standing as an Officer or, if they lose, as an ordinary Committee member. It also allows members to choose their Committee based on who is elected as Club Officers.

Club Officers' Ballot

Where there is only 1 person standing for a position, members will be asked to tick either a *For* or *Against* box.

Where there is competition for a position there will be a single box opposite each candidate's name. Each eligible member will have a single vote that they can allocate to their preferred candidate. The candidate with the most votes will be duly elected. If there is a draw the election will be decided by drawing lots as per club rule 9.4.

The Committee Ballot

Every candidate will be listed on a ballot sheet with an associated *For* and *Against* box.

Members can vote for or against each candidate or choose to abstain.

A score will be calculated for each candidate by subtracting their *Against* votes from their *For* votes.

Candidates with a positive score will be elected, subject to the rule that there can be a maximum of 17 places on the committee other than officers.

If there are more than 17 candidates with a positive score, places will be allocated in descending order of their score. If there is a draw for a final place it will be decided by drawing lots.

If the above process does not result in the required minimum of 12 committee places, then additional candidates will be elected until 12 is reached depending upon their number of *For* votes alone.

Ballot Administration

The ballot will be administered by retiring or former committee members. If they judge it necessary, each candidate for Hon Sec can nominate a witness to oversee the process.