

VRRRA Constitution Amendments and Changes year 2016

Most changes reflect current practices and procedures. As per Clause 40 of the Constitution, the Constitution can be amended if approved by a two-thirds majority of the votes received in a referendum.

Each amendment has a brief explanation for the change and the rationale for approving the change. Deleted words are indicated by strikethrough; replacement or additional words are shown in bold.

Amendment #1

Delete clause 5 and amend clause 4 as follows. Changes delete redundant wording and add the returning officer to the list.

Previous wording

4. Elected positions shall be:

- a) President
- b) Vice President
- c) Competition Coordinator
- d) Treasurer
- e) Technical Coordinator

Three additional positions, normally filled by volunteers are:

- f) Membership Secretary
- g) Recording Secretary
- h) Newsletter Editor

5. The Executive consists of: President, Vice President, Technical Coordinator, Competition Coordinator and Treasurer.

New wording

4. The Executive consists of the following five elected positions:

- a) President
- b) Vice President
- c) Competition Coordinator
- d) Treasurer
- e) Technical Coordinator

Additional positions, normally filled by volunteers are:

- f) Membership Secretary
- g) Newsletter Editor
- h) Returning Officer

Amendment #2

Clause 10 was be amended to allow electronic delivery of proxy form.

(c) A copy of the proxy form shall be ~~included with the notice of the AGM sent out~~ **made available** to all members.

Amendment #3

Clause 12 was amended to add the following to the President's responsibilities.

h) be responsible for the recording of minutes of the AGM, executive meetings and other proceedings to maintain VRRRA records.

With this change approved, clause 19 (Recording Secretary) was deleted.

Amendment #4

Clause 13 was amended to clarify the role of the Vice President.

Previous wording

13. The Vice President shall assist the President in any manner requested, and shall assume the duties of President in his/her absence.

New wording

13. The Vice President shall:

- a) assume the duties of President in his/her absence
- b) be responsible for communications, including the website and newsletter
- c) be responsible for public relations, including shows, advertising and sponsors

Amendment #5

Clause 15 paragraph was changed to reflect current practice. Clause g was deleted; the requirement was not binding and is now outdated.

(a) prepare **a fiscal year-end** financial statement for presentation at the AGM ~~as at the month-end preceding the AGM~~, with comparisons for the prior year.

~~(g) notwithstanding (a), the Treasurer may prepare calendar year statements for newsletter publication in the first two years following acceptance of this charter.~~

Amendment #6

Clause 16 was moved to after the elected positions. Paragraph b was deleted; rosters have not been produced for many years and are a privacy issue. Paragraph d was changed to allow electronic distribution. Paragraph f was changed to reflect current practice.

~~(b) at the discretion of the Executive prepare an annual roster for distribution by April of each year.~~

(d) respond to requests for general or membership information by ~~mailing out~~ **providing** appropriate information.

(f) Deposit ~~forward all~~ membership fees promptly **and forward documentation to the Treasurer.**

Amendment #7

Clause 21 was amended to keep terminology consistent.

(c) Each elected ~~representative officer~~ shall maintain such records as are necessary to carry out his or her duties, and shall make all records available to the next incumbent in each position.

Amendment #8

Clause 23 was amended to allow electronic distribution of ballots.

23. Voting for officers shall be by secret ballot ~~mailed~~ **provided** to all members in good standing, returnable to the Returning Officer by a deadline date prior to the AGM.

Amendment #9

Clause 24 (c) was amended to allow electronic distribution of ballots.

(c) co-operate with ~~the Newsletter Editor and~~ Membership Secretary to ~~mail out~~ **provide** ballots to all members in good standing.

Amendment #10

Clause 28 was amended to provide more flexibility for the executive to appoint replacements and to reflect current practice.

28. The Executive retains discretion to appoint a member **for the remainder of the term or until the next AGM to fill a position:**

(a) ~~to fill a vacant position~~ for which there were no nominations ~~until the next AGM.~~

(b) ~~to fill a position~~ vacated by the incumbent before their term is completed ~~until the next AGM.~~

Amendment #11

Clause 31 was amended to reflect the current role of the Competition Committee.

Previous wording

31. There shall be a Competition Committee, under the chairmanship of the Competition Coordinator, which shall organize all aspects of the VRRR competitive events.

New wording

31. There shall be a Competition Committee, under the chairmanship of the Competition Coordinator, which shall:

- a) organize all aspects of VRRRA competitive events.**
- b) review on track incidents and procedures**
- c) review appeals of disciplinary action of on track incidents**

Amendment #12

Clause 32 (Discipline) was deleted and incorporated into Clause 34 (Conduct) with changes to clarify responsibilities and reflect the current practice.

Previous wording

32. The President, or designate, is charged with the responsibility of ensuring that all persons at VRRRA events conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner.

- (a) The President, or delegate, shall have absolute authority at any VRRRA event with respect to the off track conduct of the participants.
- (b) Any person requested to leave the event must do so, upon refund of his/her entry at the discretion of the Executive.
- (c) A member is responsible for the proper conduct of their guests.

34. All members and competitors at a VRRRA event are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times.

- (a) The referee may make such decisions as are appropriate respecting rider conduct on the track.
- (b) The President, or his/her delegate, is responsible for discipline other than on the track, in accordance with paragraph 32.
- (c) There is no appeal from the decision of a referee.

New wording

34. All members and competitors at a VRRRA event are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times.

- (a) The President, or delegate, is responsible at any VRRRA event with respect to the off track conduct of the participants.**
- (b) Any person requested to leave the event must do so, upon refund of his/her entry at the discretion of the Executive.**
- (c) A member is responsible for the proper conduct of their guests.**
- (d) The Referee shall make such decisions as are appropriate respecting rider conduct on the track.**

Amendment #13

Clause 35 was amended to reflect current practice.

35. All persons competing in a VRRR event must sign ~~a~~ waivers ~~form or~~ **and forms** as prescribed by the VRRR.

Amendment #14

Clause 36 was amended as follows to allow electronic distribution:

(a) Notice must be ~~given in writing or in the newsletter~~ **provided** of any substantive change to the technical rules.

b) VRRR members will conduct themselves in accordance with the rules adopted ~~eg. CMA, RACE, USCRA~~ **etc.**

Amendment #15

Clause 41 (c) was amended to allow electronic distribution.

(c) subsequently, to any member on request ~~at a price reflecting cost of production, mailing, etc.~~