## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017

## Appendix A - Summary and explanation of Proposed Constitution Changes 2017

## Minutes of committee meetings

The present constitution requires that the Secretary takes the minute of committee meetings. It is proposed that this is changed to allow for a committee member other than the Secretary to take the minutes. This is the practice of the committee and was the case at the last committee meeting due to the absence of the Secretary.

## President, Ladies' Captain and Men's Captain

Should one of these posts become vacant between AGMs the present committee is of the view that the post should remain vacant until the next AGM. It is therefore proposed to remove the committee's power to fill these posts in the event of a vacancy.

## Subscriptions for returning members

At present members who do not pay their outstanding subscriptions remain members, although they cease to enjoy the benefits of membership. Sometimes such members wish to reinstate their membership after not paying their subscriptions for one or more years. The current position is that the arrears of subscriptions are due which seems unreasonable after an absence of several years.

The committee currently has the power to expel those whose subscription is more than twelve months in arrears. The present committee is not aware that this power has ever been used and it is proposed that this power is removed. In replacement it is proposed to give the committee power to accept a new membership application from a member who owes two or more years' subscriptions. The consequence of this will be that the outstanding subscriptions will be waived.

Currently new members whose application for membership is accepted from September to December enjoy for payment of the initial subscription the benefit of membership not just for the year of joining but also for all the following year. It is proposed that a returning member who has been a paid up member during the last five years will for payment of the initial subscription only receive the benefits of membership for the year of joining. This will apply to those who have resigned as well as members who have subscriptions outstanding.

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| 5. MANAGEMENT <br> (c) The Committee shall meet as often as is necessary in the view of the President, Chair or Secretary and in any case not less than four times a year. The Secretary shall minute the business of all meetings and the names of those present. <br> (d) The Committee has power to fill any vacancy which may arise through resignation or unexplained and persistent absence, and to make or revise any rules as may be deemed expedient. The Committee shall have the power to form a sub-committee for special purposes which must conform to any regulations imposed upon it by the Committee. | 5.MANAGEMENT <br> (c) The Committee shall meet as often as is necessary in the view of the President, Chair or Secretary and in any case not less than four times a year. The business of all meetings and the names of those present shall be minuted. <br> (d) The Committee has power to fill any vacancy, except the posts of President, Ladies' Captain and Men's Captain, which may arise through resignation or unexplained and persistent absence. The committee has power to make or revise any rules as may be deemed expedient. The Committee has power to form a sub-committee for special purposes which must conform to any regulations imposed upon it by the Committee. |
| 6. MEMBERSHIP <br> (d) All applications for which the subscription has been received shall be voted upon at the next Committee Meeting. The Committee shall not consider any application for which the subscription has not been received. The outcome of each application shall be communicated to the applicant in writing. A Full member's age as at the date of acceptance shall determine the rate of subscription payable on joining the Club. The subscription for an application accepted on or after 1st September shall cover membership until 31st December of the following year. | 7. MEMBERSHIP <br> (d) All applications for which the subscription has been received shall be voted upon at the next Committee Meeting. The Committee shall not consider any application for which the subscription has not been received. The outcome of each application shall be communicated to the applicant in writing. A Full member's age as at the date of acceptance shall determine the rate of subscription payable on joining the Club. The subscription for an application accepted on or after 1st September from a person who has not been a paid up member during the previous five years shall cover membership until 31st December of the following year. |
| 8. FINANCE <br> (f) The Committee shall have power to expel any member whose subscription is more than twelve months in arrears providing a month's notice in writing is sent to the member informing the member of the proposed action by the Committee. The name and address of any person so expelled from the Club shall be sent to England Athletics for entry in 'The Suspension Book'. Every person whose name is entered in 'The Suspension Book' is suspended from competing at any meeting or event held under UKA Rules until the liability causing the expulsion shall have been discharged. | 9. FINANCE <br> (f) The committee has power, at its discretion, to accept a new membership application from a member owing two or more years' subscriptions and in consequence waive previous years' subscriptions. |

