

## **PROPOSED RESOLUTION - HYBRID MEETINGS TO IMPROVE MEMBER INVOLVEMENT IN THE ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNANCE OF ROYAL PERTH YACHT CLUB**

In accordance with the Club's Constitution 2021, Clause 24(2)(f) and Clause 24(2)(g), I propose the following:

**All future Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings are run as hybrid (in-person and virtual) meetings with equal rights (i.e. voting and asking questions) whether attended in-person or virtually. Nothing would be put in place that increases the burden on members to attend these meetings virtually vs in-person and members should be able to attend these meetings virtually even at late notice (i.e. they get sick and can't attend in-person).**

Proposed by: **Mark Arena**

Seconded by: **David Hepburn**

### **Background:**







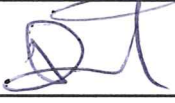


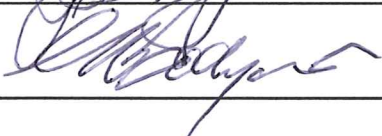



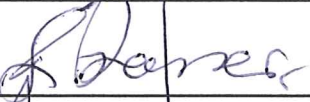
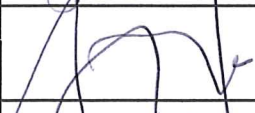


In order to increase the number of members attending our Annual General Meeting and any Special General Meetings, I propose that we mandate that these meetings going forward become hybrid meetings in which they are run in-person and virtually simultaneously. Members would have the same rights whether they attend virtually or in-person, i.e. the ability to ask questions and vote. This will ultimately increase member involvement in the administration of our club. I was advised by General Manager Rick Coate on 21 March 2024 that no change to our constitution would be required to enable this given section 54 of the Associations Incorporation Regulations 2016 (WA) titled "*Use of technology to be present at general meetings*".

My efforts thus far on this have been to write to the General Committee on 7 March 2024 but I heard back from General Manager Rick Coate on 15 May 2024 that unfortunately the General Committee did not agree that hybrid meetings should be held currently but rather proposed online streaming only meetings where members cannot have a say or vote on resolutions. I was disappointed with the response as I submitted a number of options (none of those included online streaming with no true participation) and I believe that online streaming will not be a well supported idea by members given the lack of active participation offered. I see little benefit to only live streaming meetings and a better option for viewing the AGM without participating is simply recording the meeting and providing access to the recording via the members section of the club's website. It would be a waste of time to wake up at 3am (my situation) to view a live stream which could be watched later. As a result I am submitting this proposed resolution which has the support of a number of members.

### **Why?**

A number of members (like myself) have young families (I'm on thin ice attending sailing on Wednesdays as it is!) or weekday work commitments find it hard to attend events on week nights. Also the AGM is typically held in July or August which is a busy time for people to be away on holidays (many club members leave Perth during July/August to escape winter) or

Supporting Members

Name	Signature	Date
MARK ARENA		22/5/24
DAVID HERRON		22/5/24
PHIL HARRIS		22-5-24
SADIE BLESSAS		22/5/24.
PETER MARSHALL		22/5/24
MARTIN BOX		22/5/2024
Tony Mills		22/5/2024
Gary Rodoreda		22/5/24.
JOHN BERRY		22/5/24
GREG BODYCOAT		22/5/24
DAVE TIERNEY		22/5/24
SIMON PUNKETT		22/5/24
Phil Semville		22/5/24
John Rossiter		22/5/24
John Ferguson		22/5/24
GRAHAM WHITE		22/5/24
BRIAN HENNESSY		22/5/24

