



LIFE MEMBERSHIP BY-LAW

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1. INTRODUCTION

Badminton Hobart (BH) may confer Life Membership on a person under Constitution Clause 4.4. The Constitution takes precedence over this Policy in the event of any inconsistency.

2. PURPOSE

Life Membership can be awarded to any Badminton Hobart (BH) member who has provided long and outstanding service to the club and/or who has made a substantial mark on the sport of badminton in Tasmania.

3. POLICY

1. All Southern Tasmania Badminton Association (STBA) Life Members are considered Life Members of BH
2. Criteria for Life Membership is to be recognised by participation across several services, which have been assigned a points value.
 - a. Service on the Executive Committee
 - b. Service as an Ordinary Committee Member
 - c. Representing BH/ STBA as Badminton Tasmania delegate
 - d. Serving the sport as a coach
 - e. Being a member of, or a Manager of, any State team
 - f. Being a State Umpire or Referee
 - g. Participation in a sub-committee
 - h. Being a substantial organiser of a State tournament
 - i. Being a substantial organiser of a hosted National tournament
 - j. Being the main organiser or coordinator of an BH/STBA-led programme or offering
 - k. Making a significant contribution to building improvements
 - l. Other significant contributions to the sport or BH/STBA at the determination of the committee
3. Except for service on the Executive Committee, each item is to be worth one (1) point for each year of service, to be determined and verified at the discretion of the Committee. Service on the Executive Committee is to be worth two (2) points for each year of service.
4. A member or individual must have accumulated more than 25 points and has been a registered member for more than five (5) years to be eligible to be considered for life membership.
5. In addition to meeting the criteria above, a member or individual must also have upheld the highest standards of conduct, both within and outside the club.

6. Any current or former member is eligible to be nominated for life membership.
7. Nominations for life membership are to be submitted in writing to the BH secretary at least 90 days before the annual general meeting. Each nomination must include:
 - a. The name of the nominee.
 - b. A list actions outlining the nominee's contributions and service to BH/STBA and how they meet the required 25 points.
 - c. A detailed description of why the nominee should be considered for life membership.
 - d. The signature of two current members supporting the nomination.
8. Nominations for life membership are to be reviewed at the next scheduled committee meeting and should be assessed within the context of rules 2, 3, 4 and 5.
9. The committee may request additional information or conduct interviews with the nominee or nominator if necessary.
10. Life membership is to be awarded at the next scheduled Annual General Meeting and is to include a verbal outline, recognising the members contributions.

Life members of the Association may be endorsed by those members present at an Annual General Meeting.

11. Life Members will:
 - a. Receive the same entitlements and rights as a regular member, but will be exempt from paying membership fees
 - b. Be exempt from paying entry and participation fees for organised BH competitions
12. The BH Committee reserve the right to remove life membership from a member or individual if they have found to have acted against the interests of the club or have found to be within violation of rule 5.
 - a. The BH Board will write to the member (or the members family if the life member is deceased) advising them of their intention to remove membership in 30 days.
13. The BH Board reserve the right to modify these rules in the future.

Any changes to the criteria for life membership will not exclude any previous life members from life membership.

4. APPENDIX A: CURRENT LIFE MEMBERS

The current list of Life Members includes:

- Eric Richman (unknown year)
- Rex Triffitt (unknown year)
- Bernie Seidel (unknown year)
- George Jarvis (unknown year)
- Robert Turnbull (unknown year)
- Harry Thompson (appointed 1964)
- Frank Laird (appointed 1965)
- Barbara Wesley OAM (appointed 1980)
- Doug Wylie (appointed 1988)
- Phil Cooper (appointed 1992)
- Gary Davy (appointed 1995)
- Terry Chapman (appointed 2001)
- Brian Cooper (appointed 2006)
- Bob Grundy (appointed 2010)
- Max Wood (appointed 2012)
- Rose Meaghan (appointed 2012)
- John Henderson (appointed 2014)
- Greg Meaghan (appointed 2015)
- Matthew Gillie (appointed 2015)
- Alan Bottomley (appointed 2017)
- Robert Brockman (appointed 2017)
- David Needham (appointed 2023)