



AFL Central Victoria

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Notice of Annual General Meeting
Of
Central Victoria Australian Football Commission Limited
6.30pm on Wednesday, 19 June 2024
AFL Central Victoria Office, 45-49 Mundy Street Bendigo Victoria 3552

Notice is given that the Annual General Meeting of Central Victoria Australian Football Commission Limited (the **AFL Central Victoria**) will be held at 6.30pm on Wednesday, 19 June 2024.

Ordinary Business

- 1. Attendees and Apologies**
- 2. Welcome – John O’Donohue (AFL Central Victoria Chairperson)**
- 3. Confirmation of minutes of previous AGM held Monday, 20 March 2023**
- 4. Financials – Presentation of the Financial Report for year ended 31 October 2023**
- 5. Special Resolution – Changes to Constitution**
 - a) AFL Victoria has identified, as part of its State Community Football Review, a need to review and enhance the affiliation arrangements relating to community football throughout Victoria. This has included an opportunity to enhance community league governance to ensure best practice governance requirements, maximise investment into community football and to facilitate consistency across community football leagues.
 - b) In April 2024, following discussions with the previous commissioners of AFL Central Victoria, AFL Victoria appointed nominees to the AFL Central Victoria Board and the previous Commissioners on the AFL Central Victoria Board stepped down. Alongside these Board changes, AFL Victoria assumed financial control of AFL Central Victoria and will be finalising the establishment of an AFL Central Victoria Region Council to assist and guide football decisions and issues with the representation coming from the local football community in Central Victoria.
 - c) To ensure the sustainability and future direction of AFL Central Victoria and support further investment into the region, AFL Victoria has proposed certain changes to the governance framework of AFL Central Victoria. These changes include the AFL Central Victoria Board being constituted by a minimum of three (3) but no more than seven (7) AFL Victoria appointed Board members and removing the Elected Commissioner concept from the AFL

Central Victoria Constitution, with such local guidance to be provided by the AFL Central Victoria Region Council (the **Governance Changes**).

- d) In order to continue to receive these benefits flowing from affiliation with AFL Victoria, the Board has resolved to propose to members changes to AFL Central Victoria's Constitution to incorporate the Governance Changes.

Proposed Constitution Changes

- a) It is proposed to alter the Constitution in the manner reflected in the mark-up attached as **Annexure 1**.
- b) Specifically, the changes relate to:
- i. amending the definition and interpretation reference changes to include 'Region' and 'Region Council' definitions, amending 'Regional General Manager' to 'Region Manager' and 'Delegate' to remove all references to 'Club Member', 'League Member' and 'Umpire Member', the removal of 'Club Member', 'League Member', 'Official', 'Transition Date' and 'Umpire Member' definitions and references.
 - ii. amending clause 3 to remove the general and strategic purpose of key development objectives (clauses 3.1(a) – 3.1(g) and 3.2(a) – 3.2(g)) and updating clause 3.1(a) – 3.1(c) to reflect the Commissions key purposes.
 - iii. amending clause 4 to provide for clearer powers of the Commission;
 - iv. amending clause 5 to remove categories of membership for 'Club Member', 'League Member', 'Umpire Member' and 'Life Member' to reflect the changes of the Commissions purpose and greater alignment with the newly created Region Council;
 - v. deleting clause 6 to reflect the removal of categories of members;
 - vi. amending clause 7 to remove clause 7(b) with reference to League Member;
 - vii. deleting clause 8 to reflect the removal of League Member;
 - viii. deleting clause 9 membership fee to reflect the removal of Club Member, League Member and Umpire Member;
 - ix. deleting clause 10 to reflect the amendments and removal of members and change in Commission Powers;
 - x. amending clause 19 to provide for the AFL Victoria nominees to constitute the AFL Central Victoria Board;
 - xi. deleting clause 20 to reflect the removal of the Elected Commissioner concept from the Constitution;
 - xii. amending clause 20.2 to reflect the removal of the Elected Commissioner concept and allowing for any casual vacancies to be filled via AFL Victoria;
 - xiii. amending clause 22.1 to remove the requirement for the Board to meet four (4) times per year, replacing with the wording to allow for the Board to meet as deemed necessary for the dispatch of business;
 - xiv. amending clause 23.1 to add an additional clause being 23.1(c) to reflect the role of the AFL Victoria appointed Region Manager as secretary for the Commission;
 - xv. deleting clause 25(b)(i) – 25(b)(iii) to remove the payment of reasonable travelling and other expenses for which a Commissioner may be paid;
 - xvi. deleting clause 28 to reflect the new role of the Commission and delegation of By-Laws to the Region Council and Region; and
 - xvii. corresponding clause reference changes.



Recommendation:

The Board recommends to the members of AFL Central Victoria that the proposed amendments to AFL Central Victoria’s Constitution be made.

Special resolution:

In accordance with clause 34 of AFL Central Victoria’s Constitution, AFL Central Victoria’s Constitution is amended in the manner set out in Annexure 1.

6. Other Matters

To consider any other matters as needed.

Proxies

Proxy votes will be accepted from Voting Members of AFL Central Victoria in respect of the proposed special resolution in accordance with clause 16.7 of AFL Central Victoria’s Constitution.

By order of the Committee:



Cameron Tomlins
Secretary – Central Victoria Australian Football Commission Limited
29 May 2024



Annexure 1 - Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the Central Victoria Australian Football Commission Limited

