



NEWSBEAT

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From the Committee

And yet another year has begun—we augur all the best wishes to all members of the Association and augur that this year will not be as troublesome to the Association as the previous one.

We also wish to take this occasion to wish every success to the new committee which will shortly be elected to administer the Association for this year.

Remaining on the same subject, **THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD AT THE COASTLINE HOTEL, SALINI ON FRIDAY 17 JANUARY. STARTING AT 6PM**

Members please note that

1. No new motion can be presented during the AGM. Only motions to amend the submitted motions can be discussed (called counter motions)
2. Unless there is no alternative solution to a particular situation during an AGM, motions for suspension of the rules should not be presented.
3. **Members will be allowed to vote only if they settle their membership fees**

NOMINATIONS

Eleven nominations were received by members –these are Mario Micallef, Laurence Dalmas, Edward Portelli, Daniel Casingena, Chris Bonaci, Ronald Carbonaro, Michael Curmi, Stephen Galea, Martin Mifsud, Josef Gatt and Wayne Galea. Their membership card photo is being reproduced below so that members can identify the persons to whom they are giving their vote.



Chris
Bonaci



Ronald
Carbonaro



Daniel
Casingena



Michael
Curmi



Laurence
Dalmas



Stephen
Galea



Wayne
Galea



Josef
Gatt



Mario
Micallef



Martin
Mifsud



Edward
Portelli

Amendments to the Statute

Two amendment to the Statute have been received.

The first one, presented by Laurence Dalmas and seconded by myself caters for the eventuality that a considerable number of committee members decide to resign and the Committee, in virtue of article 13.2, elects another member or members of its own choice. This amendment caps this power to a maximum of one member only. If more than one member submits his resignation, an extraordinary general meeting shall be called.

The actual text of article 13.2 is as follows:

13.2 In the event of resignations, a new Committee member will be appointed in the order of the number of votes obtained in the previous election. Should not such members be available, the committee shall exercise the right of co-opting a member of the association who is fully paid up and has been a member for at least 2 consecutive years or is an honorary member.

The amendment is proposed as follows, added to the said article 13.2

If, however, another member submits his resignation during a calendar year and this resignation is accepted, an extraordinary General Meeting shall be called to elect the necessary number of persons on the committee

The second amendment concerns article 8—Independent Competitions Commission—presented by Mr Michael curmi and seconded by Stephen Galea and consists of

To delete Clause 8

8. Independent Competitions Commission

8.1 The Committee is to nominate an independent Commission for each competition and the members of the Commission cannot take part in that competition.

To insert new Clause 8

8. Independent commissions

8.1` The committee shall appoint an independent commission made up of three MMAFA members acceptable to all parties as arbiters in cases of

A. Competitions disputes

Or

B. Disciplinary proceedings in cases involving possible suspension of a member

The commission's recommendations shall be taken into account in the final decision by the Committee.

AMEND CLAUSE 19.3

The Committee is also empowered to suspend the membership of any member should circumstances so dictate.

TO ADD

“Subject to clause 8.(b) above

Agenda

1. Reading of minutes of previous Annual General Meeting
2. Matters Arising
3. Correspondence
4. Other matters
5. Report by the Association's treasurer
6. Presidential address
7. Motions / Statute/Standing regulations amendments
8. Election of Tellers and Auditors
9. Election of new Committee

Refreshments will be served during a break

The last events of 2013....

Xmas Drinks



Sunday 22 December saw the holding of our Xmas Drinks at the clubhouse. A good number of members turned up and the occasion proved to be a success as members spent the balmy morning discussing their models over a glass of beer or wine and tasting the delicacies of Neriku Catering, as can be seen by the accompanying photograph.



Our Annual Xmas Dinner



This event proved to be very popular, with over 35 members enjoying the savoury dishes at the Shaukiwan Restaurant in Xemxija.

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STARTING AT 6PM**

Note Members attending the meeting should print a copy of the Statute from our website so that they can follow the discussion on the two amendments presented. They should also print a copy of this Newsletter.

Members are also encouraged to settle their membership fee prior to the date of the meeting so as to avoid queuing and confusion during the meeting.