

## **THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE OF THE HOVERCRAFT CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN**

1. The committee shall be responsible for receiving and disseminating all information on competitive events organised by the HCGB Ltd.
2. The committee shall set guidelines under which all inland competitive events are run including formulation of competition rules.
3. The committee shall comprise **a maximum** of twelve members, these being three statutory members; namely the currently appointed Race Director, Chief Marshal and Administration Co-ordinator, together with nine others elected from and by the members of the HCGB. There should also be one Council member on the Committee in an advisory role only. The committee may also from time to time invite experts to a meeting for advisory purposes only, such invited experts have no voting rights.
4. The committee shall elect a Chairman at the first committee meeting following the AGM from the members of the committee and his/her appointment shall be for one year.
5. The committee shall also choose a secretary who may or may not be a member of the committee and this appointment shall be for such a term as is mutually agreeable.
6. All members of the committee, with the exception of any appointed secretary who is not an elected member of the committee, the advisory Council member, and any visiting expert(s) shall have one vote. In the event of a tied vote the Chairman shall have the casting vote.
7. A quorum shall comprise of a minimum of five members. In the event of failure to reach a quorum, approval for any urgent decisions of such a meeting shall be sought from the Council.
8. Nominations for the nine non-statutory places on the committee shall be sought at the end of each racing season and self nomination will be deemed acceptable. The closing date for nominations shall be **November 10th** and names of nominees shall be published in the next issue of the HCGB club magazine. Members of the HCGB shall be asked to vote either by means of a postal vote form or at the next AGM when the results will be announced. At the end of each year one-third of the committee members shall retire from the committee but will be eligible to seek re-election. The members of the committee to retire shall be those who have been longest in office since their last election. If the number of such members is more than one-third, those to retire shall, in the absence of agreement between them, be decided by lot. If the number of committee members falls below twelve the committee may co-opt member(s) to fill any vacancies but any co-opted member shall seek re-election at the following AGM.
9. The Race Director, Chief Marshal and Administration Co-ordinator for the forthcoming season shall be elected by the member of the Competitions Committee by **November 10th** and ratified by Council at its next meeting.
10. The minutes of every meeting of the committee shall be presented to the Council at the soonest possible meeting and copies of the minutes shall be sent to the secretaries of all relevant committees.
11. When the Council of the HCGB considers a decision of the Competitions Committee to be against the best interests of the Hovercraft Club as a whole, the Council reserves the right to refer that decision back to the committee for reconsideration.

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