



The Large Munsterlander Club

Supporting documentation

Re - Proposal to change the LMC Rules and Codes

The following documents are presented to help members understand the changes being proposed to the club rules and codes. This documentation is initially prepared to assist the questions and answers meeting scheduled for 26th September, but will also be used as the formal supporting documentation to accompany the Notice for the Special General Meeting at which the proposals will be discussed and voted on.

The proposed rules include changes to current clauses, some deletions, some additions, and some resequencing of rules to place them under correct subheadings. This makes a side by side comparison difficult.

Therefore the following documents split the explanation of changes into two steps:-

- 1) The first step is based on the current rules and how they have changed in the proposed version. Revised wording is identified together with comments where necessary. The comparative rule numbers for Current and Propose rules are shown.
- 2) The second step is based on the Proposed Rules, and ticks off all the rules considered in the first step. The second column of ticks identifies additional rules together with commentary where necessary.

Additionally, based on comments from members to date, a list of rules where alternative wording can be considered is set out for discussion at the questions and answers meeting. The Q&A may well raise more questions.

Please remember that the outcome of this meeting is a set of rules and codes to discuss and vote on at the SGM later in November, and that we are only permitted (by the RKC) to make minor amendments at the SGM which do not alter the meaning of the rules or codes.

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LMC Secretary

23rd September 2023 - papers updated 24/09/2023

CURRENT RULES	PROP RULE CLAUSE	ALTERED WORDING INDICATED IN BOLD / CHANGE OF SECTION HEADING	COMMENT
c) The Chairman may only cast a vote when a vote taken in Committee, Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting be equal.	13	13.The Chairperson, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall be ExOfficio Members of the Committee and except for the Chairperson be voting Members. The Chairperson may only cast a vote when a vote taken in Committee, AGM (but may vote as a Member in an election vote) or Special General Meeting (SGM) be equal.	Clarification of Chair's voting rights
d) Ex-Officio officers of the Club, (hereinafter referred to as 'Officers') shall be elected every three (3) years. With one Officer standing down each year, in rotation.	17	Election of officers	No change
e) The Management Committee shall meet at least four (4) times annually	54	Management committee meetings	No change
and shall, subject to the provisions of these rules, have full powers of management and control over the conduct and affairs of the club as shall be deemed desirable or necessary.		EXCLUDED IN PROPOSED RULES	This is covered by rule 12 in the proposed rules. 12. The management of the Club shall be in the hands of a Committee comprising the Chairperson, The Honorary Secretary, The Honorary Treasurer and not less than six (6) or more than fourteen (14) Committee Members.
Six (6) shall form a quorum, one (1) of whom shall be an 'Officer' for the transaction of business.	56	Management committee meetings	No change
f) The Honorary Secretary or Chairman shall call such meetings with at least fourteen (14) days notice when Agendas shall be sent to all officers and Committee.	58	Management committee meetings	No change
g) A member of the Club is only eligible for election to the Management Committee having been a fully paid up member of the Club for one (1) year for Management Committee positions	20	Election of management committee members 20.Any person seeking election to the Management Committee must be a fully paid up Member of the Club at time of nomination and is only eligible for election having been a fully paid up Member of the Club for one (1) year.	Essentially the same
or two (2) years for Ex Officio Officers positions.	18	Election of officers 18.Any person seeking election as a Club Officer must be a fully paid up Member of the Club at time of nomination and is only eligible for election having been a fully paid up Member of the Club for two (2) years. The Member must be proposed and seconded by a fully paid up Member of the Club.	Essentially the same
Should any Member of the Management Committee be absent, for any reason for three (3) consecutive Committee Meetings, that Member shall from thenceforth and upon notification in writing by the Honorary Secretary, cease to be a member of the Management Committee.	62	Management committee meetings	No change
That Member shall not be allowed to accept nomination for Officer or Management Committee Member until at least one (1) calendar year has elapsed since their expulsion with the proviso that the A.G.M. should have the discretion to waive this rule in extenuating circumstances.	64	Management committee meetings	No change

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<p>h) Any urgent matter may be dealt with by the Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer acting in concert, but all correspondence relating thereto must be made available at the next Committee Meeting. In utilising these powers and incurring the Club in expenditure, the sum of £150.00 shall not be exceeded.</p> <p>i) All correspondence which addresses the committee of the Club, or for the attention of the committee of the Club, must be presented to the committee in its entirety, as it has been presented by the member or members.</p> <p>Any petition by the members to the committee must include the name of the members with a date of signing to validate consideration by the committee to act on the petition request.</p>		<p>EXCLUDED IN PROPOSED RULES</p> <p>Management committee meetings</p> <p>Management committee meetings</p>	<p>A quorum of the committeeshold always be able to meet using online methods to address urgent matters. This keeps the decision making process fully democratic.</p> <p>No change</p> <p>No change</p>
<p>5. Election of Members</p> <p>Candidates for Membership of the Club shall be elected by the Management Committee at the first available Meeting.</p> <p>No applicant shall be acceptable to the Club if that person is banned by the Kennel Club from any function held under Kennel Club Rules, or has been convicted of any offence relating to the mistreatment or cruelty to dogs.</p> <p>Three (3) negatives shall exclude.</p> <p>The Society must make a list of Members and their addresses available for inspection if so requested by Members of the Society or by the Kennel Club.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7</p> <p>6</p> <p>9</p>	<p>No change</p> <p>No change</p> <p>No change</p> <p>9.An up to date list of Members and their addresses must be maintained and, if so requested, cognisant of GDPR regulation, the list of names made available for inspection by the Kennel Club and/or Members of the Club.</p>	<p>No change</p> <p>No change</p> <p>No change</p> <p>Required by RKC - but not exact wording as required??</p>
<p>6. Membership Subscriptions</p> <p>The annual membership subscriptions for Single, Joint and Gamekeepers shall be such sum as may be decided at the Annual General</p> <p>or Special General Meeting and may be varied as deemed necessary.</p> <p>Any Member having paid the prescribed Membership fee after 1st November shall be deemed to have paid for the ensuing year except in the event of Membership fees being increased from 1st January following. In this instance the increase in Membership fee shall be required to be paid.</p> <p>All subscriptions shall be payable to the Honorary Treasurer in advance of the first day of January each year.</p> <p>No member whose subscription is unpaid shall be entitled to any privileges of Membership.</p> <p>Membership subscriptions fall due on the 1st of January, any not paid by the 1st of March will be deemed to have been cancelled.</p> <p>Only fully paid up members may attend the AGM.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>22</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p> <p>25</p> <p>26</p>	<p>EXCLUDED IN PROPOSED RULES</p> <p>No change</p> <p>26.Only Members who are fully paid up by the 1st of March may attend and vote at the AGM.</p>	<p>No change</p> <p>?????</p> <p>No change</p> <p>No change</p> <p>No change</p> <p>No change</p> <p>Clarification</p>
<p>7. Honorary Members</p>			

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On the recommendation of the Management Committee, Members may, at an Annual General Meeting elect as Honorary Life Members of the Club any person(s) considered to qualify for that distinction.	11	11.On the recommendation of the Management Committee, Club Members may, at an AGM elect as Honorary Life Members of the Club any person(s) considered to qualify for that distinction. Honorary Life Members will have the same rights and privileges as ordinary Members but will not be required to pay membership subscriptions.	Expanded re voting rights of HLM's
<p>8. Club Property</p> <p>a) The property of the Club shall be vested in the Management Committee and in the event of the Club ceasing to exist a Special General Meeting shall be called to decide upon the disposal of the Club assets and to meet any Club liabilities. Cups and trophies shall be the property of the Large Munsterlander Club and awarded only to current Members of the Club.</p> <p>b) If the Club is wound up or ceases to be a registered society under these regulations, a final statement of audited accounts with a record of the disposal of the property of the Club shall be forwarded to the Kennel Club within six months and the persons names as Officers and Committee of the Club on the last return furnished to the Kennel Club, will be held responsible by the Kennel Club for the proper winding up of the Club.</p>	27		No change
	28	28.If the Club is wound up or ceases to be a registered club under these regulations, a final statement of accounts with a record of the disposal of the property of the Club shall be forwarded to the Kennel Club within six months and the persons named as Officers and Committee of the Club on the last return furnished to the Kennel Club, will be held responsible by the Kennel Club for the proper winding up of the Club. On dissolution and after the sale of assets and settlement of all outstanding debts the funds remaining will be distributed in equal shares to appropriate canine charities as decided at the winding up meeting.	Added re distribution of residual funds
<p>9. Expulsion of Club Members</p> <p>a) Any Member who shall be disqualified under Kennel Club Rule A11j (5) and/or under Kennel Club Rule A11j (9) shall ipso facto cease to be a Member of the Society.</p> <p>b) If the conduct of any member shall, in the opinion of the Committee of the Society be injurious or likely to be injurious to the character or interests of the Society, the Committee of the Society may, at a Meeting the notice convening which includes as an object of consideration of the conduct of the Member, determine that a Special General Meeting of the Society shall be called for the purpose of passing a resolution to expel him/her. Notice of the Special General Meeting shall be sent to the accused Member, giving particulars of the complaint and advising the place, date and hour of the Meeting that he or she may attend and offer an explanation. If at the meeting, a resolution to expel is passed by a two thirds majority of the Members present and voting, his/her name shall thereupon cease for all purposes to be a Member of the Society except that he/she may, within two calendar months from the date of such Meeting, appeal to The Kennel Club and subject to such conditions as The Kennel Club may impose.</p> <p>c) If a member is expelled for discreditable conduct in connection with dogs, Dog Shows, Trials or Competitions, the Club must report the matter in writing to the Kennel Club within seven (7) days and supply any particulars required.</p>	31a		No change
	30	Complaints and discipline	No change
	31b		No change
10. General Meetings			

CURRENT RULES

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a) The Rules of the 'Club' may not be altered by the 'Club' except an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting, notice of which includes details of the proposal to alter Rules.	66	Rule changes	No change
Such alterations shall not be brought into force until the Kennel Club has been advised and has given its approval of the alterations.	67	Rule changes 67.Such alterations shall not be brought into force until the Kennel Club has been advised and has given its approval of the alterations. Rule changes may be provisionally passed by the General Meeting in anticipation of subsequent Kennel Club approval in order to speed/smooth the overall rule change process.	Expanded
New Rules or amendments introduced specifically to meet Kennel Club requirements shall be adopted immediately and be included in the 'Club's' constitution with effect from the Annual General Meeting.	68	68.New Rules or amendments introduced specifically to meet Kennel Club requirements shall be adopted immediately and be included in the Club Rules with effect from the next AGM/ SGM .	Expanded to include SGM
Time will be allocated at the AGM each year to review the Club rules.	66	Rule changes	No change
b) No business other than the matter on the agenda can be discussed at a General Meeting, with the exception of routine matters or those, which in the opinion of the Chairman are urgent.	38		No change
No business other than that on the agenda may be discussed at a Special General meeting.	50	Special General Meetings	No change
All complaints and matters to the committee must be substantiated and in writing.	29	Complaints and discipline 29. Any complaint concerning any Member must be made in writing and signed by the complainant(s). The written complaint must then be forwarded to the Honorary Secretary so that the matter can be addressed at the next Ordinary Committee meeting, which may be called specifically to address the complaint.	Process expanded
c) The Annual General Meeting shall be held during the month of March each year to receive the report of the Management Committee and the Balance Sheet.	37	37. The AGM shall be held in the month of March each year, but may take place no later than 15 April except in exceptional circumstances. The AGM will receive the reports of the Officers and Management Committee and the Certified Accounts, elect Officers and Members of the Management Committee and discuss any resolution duly placed on the agenda of which prior notice has been given to the Honorary Secretary. The date and venue of the meeting will be arranged by the Honorary Secretary after consultation with Members of the Management Committee.	Expanded to include requirements of RKC
d) At least twenty-one days prior notice must be given to the Honorary Secretary of nominations for the positions of Ex-Officio Officers and Management Committee Members and for items to be considered for inclusion on the agenda of the Annual General Meeting duly proposed and seconded by two fully paid up members.	42		No change
If a proposal from a member is put on the agenda for the AGM the member must attend the AGM to put his/her case forward	43		No change
e) Members shall receive not less than twenty-one (21) days notice in writing of the Annual General Meeting.	39	39.Members shall receive not less than forty two (42) days notice in writing of the AGM.	Notice period extended 21 to 42 days to enable more members to make provision to attend a meeting.

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<p>A Special General Meeting shall be summoned by the Chairman or Honorary Secretary if a minimum of twenty-five (25) Members send in a signed requisition stating the subject to be discussed</p> <p>and attend the subsequent Meeting.</p> <p>f) The financial year of the Club shall be from the first day of January to the last day of December.</p>	<p>49</p> <p>52</p> <p>35</p>	<p>Special General Meetings 49.A Special General Meeting shall be summoned by the secretary if 25 Members send a signed requisition stating the subject to be discussed and voted upon and requesting a Special General Meeting to do so.</p> <p>Special General Meetings 52.The quorum for a SGM shall be twenty five (25) Members plus 2 Officers. The 25 Members calling the SGM must attend in person to put their case forward. If a quorum is not achieved business of the meeting may still be discussed, but no decisions can be taken. A simple majority vote of those present at the SGM is required to carry any proposal. In the event of a tie the Chairperson has a casting vote.</p> <p>Club accounts and financial year.</p>	<p>SGM called by Hon Sec only</p> <p>Expanded to detail quoracy in an SGM as required by RKC, plus relevant voting system.</p> <p>No change</p>
<p>11. Maintenance of Title & Annual Returns to The Kennel Club The officers acknowledge that during the month of January each year Maintenance of Title fee will be forwarded to the Kennel Club by the Secretary for continuance of Registration and that by 31st July each year, other returns as stipulated in Kennel Club Regulations for the Registration & Maintenance of Title of Societies and Breed Councils and the affiliation of Agricultural Societies and Municipal Authorities be forwarded to the Kennel Club. The Officers also acknowledge their duty to inform the Kennel Club of any changes of Secretary of the Society which may occur during the course of the year.</p>	<p>32</p>		<p>No change</p>
<p>12. Club Accounts A banking account shall be opened in the name of the Club into which all revenue received on behalf of the Club shall be paid.</p> <p>The Banking Account may only be operated by any two of the three following: Chairman, Honorary Treasurer or Honorary Secretary.</p> <p>12.1 Club accounts will be certified annually and presented to members at the Annual General Meeting. Note: Certification of Accounts must be carried out by one qualified accountant or two individuals with accountancy experience. Those undertaking certification must be independent of those who prepare the accounts.</p> <p>12.2 A copy of the annual statement of accounts for the last financial year which must be certified in accordance with the rules of the society must be sent to all members of the society, OR provision may be made in the rules of the society for a copy of the annual statement of accounts to be made available on request to members 14 days prior to the AGM. Additionally the annual statement of accounts will be available for inspection by members at the AGM and at times to be stipulated in the rules.</p>	<p>33</p> <p>34</p> <p>36</p> <p>45/46</p>	<p>No change</p> <p>No change</p> <p>No change</p> <p>45.The agenda, copy of the Certified Accounts and Minutes of the last meeting will be available to Members at the meeting and on application to the Club's Honorary Secretary fourteen (14) days before the meeting. 46.A copy of the annual statement of accounts for the last financial year, which must be certified in accordance with the rules of the Club, must be made available on request to Members fourteen (14) days prior to the AGM. In addition, the annual statement of accounts will be available for inspection by Members at the AGM.</p>	<p>No change</p> <p>No change</p> <p>No change</p> <p>Essentially no change but duplication over 45 and 46</p>

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13. Club Expenses All expenses incurred by the Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Show Secretary and Field Trial Secretary for and on behalf of the Club shall be defrayed out of funds of the Club.	65		No change
14. The Kennel Club The Kennel Club is the final authority for interpreting the Rules and Regulations of the Society in all cases relative to Canine or Society matters.	71	No change	No change
15. The Society shall not join any Federation of Societies or Clubs.	72	No change	No change
16. No person whilst an undischarged bankrupt may serve on the Committee of or hold any other office or appointment within a Kennel Club Registered Society.	3	Club constitution	No change

CURRENT CODE OF ETHICS	PROP RULE CLAUSE	ALTERED WORDING INDICATED IN BOLD	COMMENT
7. Will agree to adhere to the health requirements detailed in the Guidelines.	7	7. Will agree to adhere to the health requirements detailed in the Code of Conduct for Members.	
10. Will clean up after their dogs in public places or anywhere their dogs are being exhibited.	10	10. Will clean up after their dogs in public places and at all events run under KC rules.	

CURRENT GUIDELINES FOR OWNERS	PROP RULE CLAUSE	PROPOSED CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS. ALTERED WORDING INDICATED IN BOLD	COMMENT
<p>4. Only Large Munsterlanders with current BVA/ECVO/AHT eye certificates for Hereditary Cataract should be used for breeding purposes and annual examination is required. It has been recommended that all dogs have their eyes tested after the dog has reached 8 years of age, especially any Large Munsterlander that has been used for breeding.</p> <p>5. All Large Munsterlanders should have hips X-rayed and scored on the BVA/KC scheme. All Large Munsterlanders born after 1st January 2008 should have elbows X-rayed and scored on the BVA/KC scheme. Breeders who offer puppies that are the result of Artificial Insemination (AI) or Pet Passport matings must state clearly to prospective purchasers why both parents may not both conform to the UK Health screening requirements as outlined in the LM Club Rules and the Guidelines issued by the Management Committee. In the interest of breed health, any member taking their dogs for hip/elbow scoring must submit the plates to the BVA, whatever the likely score of the hips/elbows might be.</p> <p>6. The LM Management Committee has decided that, after August 1st 2010 it is mandatory that matings only take place between Large Munsterlanders that have been DNA tested for HUU. For inclusion on the Puppy Register the only accepted matings will be between Clear to Carrier, and Clear to Clear. From April 1st 2011 copies of DNA results must be submitted to the Kennel Club for publication (DNA tests done by the AHT will go automatically to the KC).</p>		<p>4. Owners/Members are encouraged to have their dogs health checked with all four health checks (see below) whether or not their dogs are being used for breeding purposes to assist with tracking and monitoring the breed. The four health tests are: hip scoring, elbow scoring, eye testing for hereditary cataract and DNA testing for HUU. Members whose bitches or stud dogs are being used for breeding must ensure that all four health tests are completed and results obtained before mating takes place. Members will ensure that when advertising proposed or actual stock, the results of all health checks carried out for both sire and dam prior to mating are included in the information being given, so avoiding misrepresentation of themselves or their stock.</p> <p>a. Hips and Elbows. Must be scored on the BVA/KC scheme. Breeders who offer puppies that are a result of Artificial Insemination (AI) or Pet Passport matings must state clearly to prospective purchasers why both parents may not conform to the UK Health screening requirements in these guidelines. In the interest of breed health, any member taking their dogs for hip/elbow scoring must submit the plates to the BVA, whatever the likely score of the hips/elbows might be.</p> <p>b. Eye Test for Hereditary Cataract. Under the BVA scheme this must be within the previous 12 months of the mating. It is recommended that all Large Munsterlanders have their eyes tested after the dog has reached the age of 8 years, particularly if the dog has been used for breeding.</p> <p>c. DNA Test for HUU. Only Large Munsterlander matings between Clear/ Clear and Clear/Carrier are permitted to take place: only these will be included on the Club Puppy Register. All DNA results must be submitted to the Kennel Club for publication.</p>	Substantially reworded - but critically that the "should" has been changed to a "must".
9. A bitch should have no more than four (4) litters in her lifetime and accordingly no more than four (4) will be accepted onto the Puppy Register.		7. A bitch must have no more than four (4) litters in her lifetime and accordingly no more than four (4) will be accepted onto the Puppy Register.	Should changed to must

PROPOSED RULES	Covered by review of current rules	Additional proposed rule wording	Comment
<p>NAME AND OBJECTS</p> <p>1. The name of the club shall be 'The Large Munsterlander Club' hereinafter referred to as 'the Club'.</p> <p>2. The aims of the Club are to:</p> <p>a. Protect the type of Large Munsterlander that has proved eminently suitable for work.</p> <p>b. Promote the health & welfare, breeding and exhibition of pure Large Munsterlanders conforming to the Standard of the breed as adopted by The Kennel Club.</p> <p>c. Encourage Field Trials.</p> <p>d. To support, encourage and advise new and prospective Members.</p>	<p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>Clause 2d is added to formalise our aim to support new members, and also to widen the scope for the club to invest time and funds into activities other than those specifically focussed on health, showing and working events. Promoting agility or canicross for example may be something the club would like to do, but these activities would not have fitted squarely within aims a, b or c.</p>
<p>CONSTITUTION OF THE CLUB</p> <p>3. The Club shall consist of a Chairperson, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, a Management Committee of not less than six (6), and not more than fourteen (14) Members plus an unlimited number of ordinary Members. No person whilst an undischarged bankrupt may serve on the Committee of or hold any other office or appointment within a Kennel Club Registered Society/Club.</p> <p>4. The Committee may appoint a suitably qualified Member to serve as President for a term of five years at which point it will be subject to review. This appointment will be advised to Members at the AGM. The President will be able to participate in Management Committee meetings but will not have a vote.</p> <p>5. The Club may appoint a distinguished past Member or other distinguished individual as Honorary Club Patron. This appointment will be advised to Members at the AGM. Such an individual would remain as Patron of the Club at their pleasure.</p>	<p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p>		
<p>CLUB MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>6. There shall be no limit to the number of Members. Candidates for membership of the Club shall be elected by the Management Committee at the first available meeting or by electronic means. Three (3) negatives shall exclude.</p> <p>7. No applicant shall be acceptable to the Club if that person is banned by the Kennel Club from any function held under Kennel Club Rules, or has been convicted of any offence relating to the mistreatment or cruelty to dogs.</p> <p>8. Members are expected to comply with the Club's Code of Ethics (Annex A).</p> <p>9. An up to date list of Members and their addresses must be maintained and, if so requested, cognisant of GDPR regulation, the list of names made available for inspection by the Kennel Club and/or Members of the Club.</p> <p>10. A declaration of the number of Members of the Club must be made with Annual Returns to the Kennel Club.</p>	<p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>Added as mandated by the RKC.</p>
<p>HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS</p> <p>11. On the recommendation of the Management Committee, Club Members may, at an AGM elect as Honorary Life Members of the Club any person(s) considered to qualify for that distinction. Honorary Life Members will have the same rights and privileges as ordinary Members but will not be required to pay membership subscriptions.</p>	<p>✓</p>		

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<p>COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND APPOINTMENTS</p> <p>12. The management of the Club shall be in the hands of a Committee comprising the Chairperson, The Honorary Secretary, The Honorary Treasurer and not less than six (6) or more than fourteen (14) Committee Members.</p> <p>13. The Chairperson, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall be ExOfficio Members of the Committee and except for the Chairperson be voting Members. The Chairperson may only cast a vote when a vote taken in Committee, AGM (but may vote as a Member in an election vote) or Special General Meeting (SGM) be equal.</p> <p>14. The Committee will broadly operate with the responsibilities as defined in the Committee Handbook amended from time to time as required. Management Committee Members will be expected to sign and abide by a Committee Code of Conduct held by the Secretary. No person whilst an undischarged bankrupt may serve on the Committee or hold any other office or appointment.</p> <p>15. Officers and General Committee Members shall be elected at the AGM from written application by candidates on a nomination form supported by a Proposer and Seconder and received by the Honorary Secretary no later than 21 days prior to the meeting. The Committee will be elected by simple majority vote through secret ballot of the paid up Members and Honorary Life Members present at the meeting. A vote is not required if only one candidate is standing for the Committee post under consideration, but must still be proposed and seconded in the normal manner.</p> <p>16. Should a Committee Member position become vacant, the remaining Committee may, by a majority vote at an Ordinary Committee Meeting, co-opt a suitably qualified Member as replacement who will then serve until the following AGM and have the same rights as a General Committee Member normally elected at an AGM. That Member would be eligible for election to the post at the next AGM to then comply with the rotation at Rules 17 and 19.</p>	<p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p> <p>✓</p>	<p>Added to enable the committee to define the standards to which committee members are held to account.</p> <p>Added to clarify how the committee can be sustained in between AGMs if posts become vacant or additional resources are needed.</p>
<p>ELECTION OF OFFICERS</p> <p>17. Ex-Officio Officers of the Club, (hereinafter referred to as 'Officers') shall be elected every three (3) years. With one Officer standing down each year, in rotation order Chairperson, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary, but they shall be eligible for re-election if they wish to stand again. Candidates for election as an Officer must attend the AGM in person.</p> <p>18. Any person seeking election as a Club Officer must be a fully paid up Member of the Club at time of nomination and is only eligible for election having been a fully paid up Member of the Club for two (2) years. The Member must be proposed and seconded by a fully paid up Member of the Club.</p>	<p>✓</p> <p>✓</p>		
<p>ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS</p> <p>19. The Management of the Club shall be in the hands of a Committee consisting of not less than six (6) nor more than fourteen (14) Members (plus the Ex-Officio Officers) who shall be elected to serve for two (2) years. Half shall retire annually to maintain 50% Committee continuity, but they shall be eligible for reelection if they wish to stand again. Candidates for election must attend the AGM in person.</p>	<p>✓</p>		

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20. Any person seeking election to the Management Committee must be a fully paid up Member of the Club at time of nomination and is only eligible for election having been a fully paid up Member of the Club for one (1) year.	✓		
SUBSCRIPTIONS 21. The annual membership subscriptions for Single, Joint, Gamekeeper and Overseas shall be such a sum as may be decided at the AGM. 22. Any Member having paid the prescribed membership fee after 1st November shall be deemed to have paid for the ensuing year except in the event of membership fees being increased from 1st January following. In this instance the increase in membership fee shall be required to be paid. 23. All subscriptions shall be payable to the Honorary Treasurer in advance of the first day of January each year. 24. No Member whose subscription is unpaid shall be entitled to any privileges of membership. 25. Membership subscriptions fall due on the 1st of January, any not paid by the 1st of March will be deemed to have been cancelled. 26. Only Members who are fully paid up by the 1 st of March may attend and vote at the AGM.	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓		
CLUB PROPERTY 27. The property of the Club shall be vested in the Management Committee and in the event of the Club ceasing to exist a Final General Meeting shall be called to decide upon the disposal of the Club assets and to meet any Club liabilities. Cups and trophies shall be the property of the Large Munsterlander Club and awarded only to current Members of the Club. 28. If the Club is wound up or ceases to be a registered club under these regulations, a final statement of accounts with a record of the disposal of the property of the Club shall be forwarded to the Kennel Club within six months and the persons named as Officers and Committee of the Club on the last return furnished to the Kennel Club, will be held responsible by the Kennel Club for the proper winding up of the Club. On dissolution and after the sale of assets and settlement of all outstanding debts the funds remaining will be distributed in equal shares to appropriate canine charities as decided at the winding up meeting.	✓ ✓		
COMPLAINTS AND DISCIPLINE 29. Any complaint concerning any Member must be made in writing and signed by the complainant(s). The written complaint must then be forwarded to the Honorary Secretary so that the matter can be addressed at the next Ordinary Committee meeting, which may be called specifically to address the complaint.	✓		

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<p>30. If the conduct of any Member shall, in the opinion of the Committee of the Club be injurious or likely to be injurious to the character or interests of the Club, the Committee of the Club may, at a Meeting the notice convening which includes as an object of consideration of the conduct of the Member, determine that a SGM of the Club shall be called for the purpose of passing a resolution to expel him/her. Notice of the SGM shall be sent to the accused Member, giving particulars of the complaint and advising the place, date and hour of the meeting that he or she may attend and offer an explanation.</p> <p>If at the meeting, a resolution to expel is passed by a two thirds majority of the Members present and voting, that person shall thereupon cease for all purposes to be a Member of the Club except that he/she may, within two calendar months from the date of such meeting, appeal to The Kennel Club and subject to such conditions as The Kennel Club may impose.</p>	✓		
<p>EXPULSION OF CLUB MEMBERS</p> <p>31. a. Any Member who shall be disqualified under Kennel Club Rule A11j (5) and/ or under Kennel Club Rule A11j (9) shall ipso facto cease to be a Member of the Club.</p> <p>b. If a Member is expelled for discreditable conduct in connection with dogs, Dog Shows, Trials or Competitions, the Club must report the matter in writing to the Kennel Club within seven (7) days and supply any particulars required.</p>	✓ ✓		
<p>MAINTENANCE OF TITLE AND ANNUAL RETURNS</p> <p>32. The Officers acknowledge that during the month of January each year Maintenance of Title fee will be forwarded to the Kennel Club by the Honorary Secretary for continuance of Registration and that by 31st July each year, other returns as stipulated in Kennel Club Regulations for the Registration & Maintenance of Title of Societies and Breed Councils and the affiliation of Agricultural Societies and Municipal Authorities be forwarded to the Kennel Club. The Officers also acknowledge their duty to inform the Kennel Club of any changes of Honorary Secretary of the Society which may occur during the course of the year.</p> <p>Agricultural Societies and Municipal Authorities be forwarded to the Kennel Club. The Officers also acknowledge their duty to inform the Kennel Club of any changes of Honorary Secretary of the Society which may occur during the course of the year.</p>	✓		
<p>CLUB ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL YEAR</p> <p>33. A banking account shall be opened in the name of the Club into which all revenue received on behalf of the Club shall be paid.</p> <p>34. The Banking Account may only be operated by any two of the three following: Chairperson, Honorary Treasurer or Honorary Secretary.</p> <p>35. The financial year of the Club shall be from first day of January to last day of December.</p> <p>36. The Club accounts will be certified annually and presented to Members at the AGM. Note: Certification of Accounts must be carried out by one qualified accountant or two individuals with accountancy experience. Those undertaking certification must be independent of those who prepare the accounts.</p>	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓		

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<p>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</p> <p>37. The AGM shall be held in the month of March each year, but may take place no later than 15 April except in exceptional circumstances. The AGM will receive the reports of the Officers and Management Committee and the Certified Accounts, elect Officers and Members of the Management Committee and discuss any resolution duly placed on the agenda of which prior notice has been given to the Honorary Secretary. The date and venue of the meeting will be arranged by the Honorary Secretary after consultation with Members of the Management Committee.</p> <p>Virtual attendance as notified by the Honorary Secretary may be permitted to allow the fullest participation in the AGM. A Member may be entitled to a postal vote for Officer and Committee places only provided they apply in writing to the Secretary for a postal ballot at least 28 days prior to the AGM.</p> <p>38. No business other than the matter on the agenda can be discussed at the AGM, with the exception of routine matters or those, which in the opinion of the Chairperson of the Meeting, are urgent.</p> <p>39. Members shall receive not less than forty two (42) days notice in writing of the AGM.</p> <p>40. Notice of the meeting will be sent to Members in the Club Newsletter and be published on the Club's website and other social media.</p> <p>41. The Notice shall contain all the relevant information about the meeting and business to be discussed.</p> <p>42. At least twenty one (21) days prior to the date of the AGM, notice must be given to the Honorary Secretary of nominations for the positions of Ex-Officio Officers and Management Committee Members and for items to be considered for inclusion on the agenda of the AGM duly proposed and seconded by two fully paid up Members.</p> <p>43. If a proposal from a Member is put on the agenda for the AGM the Member must attend the AGM in person to put his/her case forward.</p> <p>44. Each Member, including both joint membership partners, shall be entitled to one vote. A simple majority vote of those voting Members present and online (if applicable) at the AGM is required to carry any proposal; voting Members present and online (if applicable) plus postal votes for Officer and General Committee posts. In the event of a tie, the Chairperson has a casting vote which is in addition to his individual vote as a Member in an election vote. Voting will normally be a show of hands of those present, however a secret ballot must be taken should any Member request so in writing to the Honorary Secretary with 5 days' notice. Proxy votes will not be permitted.</p> <p>45. The agenda, copy of the Certified Accounts and Minutes of the last meeting will be available to Members at the meeting and on application to the Club's Honorary Secretary fourteen (14) days before the meeting.</p>	<p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p>	<p>Added to enable maximum membership participation at AGMs, and if unable to attend, to enable postal voting for committee electoral proposals.</p> <p>Added as method of communicating Notice to members is required by the RKC.</p> <p>Added for clarity.</p> <p>Added to clarify voting rights.</p>

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<p>46. A copy of the annual statement of accounts for the last financial year, which must be certified in accordance with the rules of the Club, must be made available on request to Members fourteen (14) days prior to the AGM. In addition, the annual statement of accounts will be available for inspection by Members at the AGM.</p>	✓		
<p>47. A quorum for an AGM shall be ten (10) Members and include 2 Officers. If a quorum is not achieved business of the meeting may still be discussed, but no decisions can be taken.</p>		✓	Added as required by the RKC and essential to run meetings and make decisions.
<p>SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING</p> <p>48. The Honorary Secretary shall convene a SGM of the Club by a resolution of the Committee stating the business to be brought before the meeting, of which twenty eight (28) days notice has been given to all Members in writing (and advertised on the Club website and Social Media) stating the business to be discussed.</p> <p>49. A Special General Meeting shall be summoned by the secretary if 25 Members send a signed requisition stating the subject to be discussed and voted upon and requesting a Special General Meeting to do so.</p> <p>50. No business other than that detailed on the agenda can be discussed at a Special General Meeting. The Notice shall contain all the relevant information about the Meeting and the business to be discussed. The date and venue of the meeting will be arranged by the Honorary Secretary after consultation with Members of the Management Committee.</p> <p>51. When a request for a meeting is made in accordance with Rule 49 and it is not called within twenty eight (28) days, the situation must be referred to the Kennel Club for resolution.</p> <p>52. The quorum for a SGM shall be twenty five (25) Members plus 2 Officers. The 25 Members calling the SGM must attend in person to put their case forward. If a quorum is not achieved business of the meeting may still be discussed, but no decisions can be taken. A simple majority vote of those present at the SGM is required to carry any proposal. In the event of a tie the Chairperson has a casting vote.</p> <p>53. Voting will normally be by a show of hands of those present, however a secret ballot must be taken should any Member request so in writing to the Honorary Secretary with 5 days' notice.</p>	✓	✓	<p>Added to enable the committee to call an SGM as required by the RKC.</p> <p>Added for clarity.</p>
<p>MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS</p> <p>54. The Management Committee shall meet at least four (4) times annually, preferably in person but virtual attendance as notified by the Honorary Secretary is also permitted to allow the fullest participation in the meeting.</p> <p>55. The Chairperson will preside over meetings. If the Chairperson is absent the Committee will elect one of their number to chair the meeting before proceeding.</p> <p>56. Six (6) shall form a quorum, one (1) of whom shall be an 'Officer' for the transaction of business. If a quorum is not achieved business of the meeting may still be discussed, but no decisions can be taken.</p>	✓		

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<p>57. Club Members elected to the Committee, the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer will all have full voting rights at all meetings with the Chairperson holding only a casting vote if normal voting is tied. Voting will normally be by a show of hands of those present, however a secret ballot must be taken should any Committee Member request that this be done in advance of the vote. Proxy and postal votes will not be permitted.</p> <p>58. The Honorary Secretary shall call such meetings with at least fourteen (14) days notice when agendas and minutes of the last meeting shall be sent to all Officers and Committee.</p> <p>59. All Committee meetings will be agenda'd and minuted. Draft Minutes will be distributed to all Committee Officers and Members within one month of the meeting in question for perusal and comment if required. Minutes of Committee meetings will remain provisional (in "draft") until accepted and signed as a true and accurate record by the Chairperson at the subsequent Committee meeting. The Honorary Secretary will then make a summary of points of interest for the Members available through the web site and social media.</p> <p>60. All correspondence which addresses the Committee of the Club, or for the attention of the Committee of the Club, must be presented to the Committee in its entirety, as it has been presented by the Member or Members.</p> <p>61. Any petition by the Members to the Committee must include the name of the Members with a date of signing to validate consideration by the Committee to act on the petition request.</p> <p>62. Should any Member of the Management Committee be absent, for three (3) consecutive Committee meetings, without apologies or reasonable cause, that Member shall from thenceforth and upon notification in writing by the Honorary Secretary, cease to be a Member of the Management Committee.</p> <p>63. Any Committee Officer or Member wishing to resign must do so in writing to the remaining Committee. Any changes in serving Officers or General Committee Members will be communicated to the membership at the earliest opportunity.</p> <p>64. That Member shall not be allowed to accept nomination for Officer or Management Committee Member until at least one (1) calendar year has elapsed since their resignation with the proviso that the AGM should have the discretion to waive this rule in extenuating circumstances (see rule 62).</p>	<p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p>	<p>Added for clarity.</p> <p>Added for robust running and record keeping of the committee meetings, and to ensure transparency with the membership.</p> <p>Added for robust running and record keeping of the committee meetings, and to ensure transparency with the membership.</p> <p>Added for clarity.</p>
<p>CLUB EXPENSES</p> <p>65. All expenses incurred by the Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Show Secretary and Field Trial Secretary for and on behalf of the Club shall be defrayed out of funds of the Club.</p>	<p>✓</p>		
<p>RULE CHANGES</p> <p>66. The Rules of the Club and the Code of Ethics may not be altered by the Club except an AGM or SGM, notice of which includes details of the proposal to alter Rules. Time will be allocated at the AGM each year to review the Club Rules.</p> <p>67. Such alterations shall not be brought into force until the Kennel Club has been advised and has given its approval of the alterations. Rule changes may be provisionally passed by the General Meeting in anticipation of subsequent Kennel Club approval in order to speed/smooth the overall rule change process.</p>	<p>✓</p> <p>✓</p>		

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68. New Rules or amendments introduced specifically to meet Kennel Club requirements shall be adopted immediately and be included in the Club Rules with effect from the next AGM/SGM.	✓		
<p>JUDGING LIST</p> <p>69. The Management Committee will appoint a Judges List Co-ordinator. The person appointed must be suitably qualified by having awarded KC Challenge Certificates in the breed.</p> <p>70. The Club is to produce a list of Judges each year, which must be submitted to the Kennel Club as part of the Society's Annual Returns. The purpose of Breed Society Judges Lists is to indicate to interested parties those persons a Breed Society would support at differing levels of judging. Membership of the Society must not be a prerequisite for inclusion in the lists. Judges Lists should be divided into five parts namely, A1, A2, A3, B and C, and must indicate the date on which the list will expire. On expiry a new list must be completed.</p> <p>A1 List – Judges who have previously been approved to award CCs in a given breed and have carried out the appointment.</p> <p>A2 List – Judges who, if invited to judge by a Society, would in principle be approved by the Kennel Club to award CCs in a given breed for that occasion.</p> <p>A3 List – Judges who are recommended by a Society as being suitable to award CCs in the breed, but not yet approved by the Kennel Club for inclusion on an A2 List.</p> <p>B List – Judges who have been approved by Breed Societies to judge at Shows without CCs or Open Shows.</p> <p>C List – Any C List drawn up by a Breed Club should comprise aspiring Judges who do not fall into any of the above categories.</p>		<p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p> <p>✓</p>	<p>Added as a requirement of the RKC.</p> <p>Added as a requirement of the RKC.</p> <p>Added as a requirement of the RKC.</p> <p>Added as a requirement of the RKC.</p> <p>Added as a requirement of the RKC.</p> <p>Added as a requirement of the RKC.</p>
<p>THE KENNEL CLUB</p> <p>71. The Kennel Club is the final authority for interpreting the Rules and Regulations of the Club in all cases relative to canine or Club matters.</p> <p>72. The Club shall not join any Federation of Societies or Clubs.</p>	<p>✓</p> <p>✓</p>		

Proposed Rule / comment / question	Answer / suggested alternative wording.
<p>General point that any referenceto the Kennel Club should be Royal Kennel Club or RKC</p>	<p>Agreed - we can make sure we use Royal Kennel Club or RKC throughout the Proposed rules / codes</p>
<p>4 Can the membership put forward candidates for the President role.</p>	<p>Yes absolutely. The committee will welcome any suggestions from any members.</p>
<p>5 The proposed wording is not clear what the process is to appoint a Patron. Could this be an agenda item at the AGM?</p>	<p>Sounds sensible.</p> <p>Current proposed wording The Club may appoint a distinguished past Member or other distinguished individual as Honorary Club Patron. This appointment will be advised to Members at the AGM. Such an individual would remain as Patron of the Club at their pleasure.</p> <p>Suggested alternative wording The Club may appoint a distinguished past Member or other distinguished individual as Honorary Club Patron. This appointment will be a matter for discussion and voting by simple majority at a General Meeting. Such an individual would remain as Patron of the Club at their pleasure.</p>
<p>15 This clause is all about the election of committee members. Should it be split and placed in "Election of Officer"s and "Election of Management Committee Members".</p> <p>The proposed wording suggests that if there is only one vacancy and one person standing, then they will become a committee member irrespective of their credentials and suitability. Shouldn't members be able to vote on every candidate - even if that means a post remains vacant.</p>	<p>Possibly, but it is the same process and the clause would simply be repeated. That is why it is placed in the Committee Structure and Appointment section.</p> <p>In order to ensure the committee is always "elected" by the membership, this suggestion should be discussed.</p> <p>Current proposed wording Officers and General Committee Members shall be elected at the AGM from written application by candidates on a nomination form supported by a Proposer and Seconder and received by the Honorary Secretary no later than 21 days prior to the meeting. The Committee will be elected by simple majority vote through secret ballot of the paid up Members and Honorary Life Members present at the meeting. A vote is not required if only one candidate is standing for the Committee post under consideration, but must still be proposed and seconded in the normal manner.</p> <p>Suggested alternative wording - removing last sentence highlighted in red above. Officers and General Committee Members shall be elected at the AGM from written application by candidates on a nomination form supported by a Proposer and Seconder and received by the Honorary Secretary no later than 21 days prior to the meeting. The Committee will be elected by simple majority vote through secret ballot of the paid up Members and Honorary Life Members present at the meeting.</p>

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<p>21 The current rules allow for subscriptions to be varied at the AGM and SGM, but the proposed version is AGM only. Why?</p>	<p>Good point - it would give more flexibility if we retain both meetings.</p> <p>Current proposed wording The annual membership subscriptions for Single, Joint, Gamekeeper and Overseas shall be such a sum as may be decided at the AGM.</p> <p>Suggested alternative wording - replace AGM with General Meeting The annual membership subscriptions for Single, Joint, Gamekeeper and Overseas shall be such a sum as may be decided at an AGM or SGM.</p>
<p>28 The proposed rule introduces how club funds will be distributed to canine charities if the club is wound up. Many other canine organisations are not legally set up as charities so this may preclude organisations the club would wish to benefit.</p>	<p>Good point.</p> <p>Current proposed wording On dissolution and after the sale of assets and settlement of all outstanding debts the funds remaining will be distributed in equal shares to appropriate canine charities as decided at the winding up meeting.</p> <p>Suggested alternative wording - replace "charities" with "organisations" On dissolution and after the sale of assets and settlement of all outstanding debts the funds remaining will be distributed in equal shares to appropriate canine organisations as decided at the winding up meeting.</p>
<p>37 This sets out the ability to hold meetings virtually, but it does not specify how voting is to be carried out (other than the postal option for electoral matters).</p>	<p>Yes - keeping voting options open would be helpful to maximise participation.</p> <p>Current proposed wording Virtual attendance as notified by the Honorary Secretary may be permitted to allow the fullest participation in the AGM</p> <p>Suggested alternative wording - add online, email and postal voting methods Virtual attendance, and voting online at the meeting, or by email or post in advance of the meeting, as notified by the Honorary Secretary may be permitted to allow the fullest participation in the AGM</p>
<p>40 Notifying the membership by post must be very expensive. Fine if there is a Newsletter at the right time, but can the club use emails and post where necessary to save money.</p>	<p>As long as we communicate to everyone, saving money is sensible.</p> <p>Current proposed wording Notice of the meeting will be sent to Members in the Club Newsletter and be published on the Club's website and other social media.</p> <p>Suggested alternative wording - remove Newsletter and replace with email or post. Notice of the meeting will be sent to Members by email or by post and be published on the Club's website and other social media.</p>

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<p>43 If meetings can be held virtually, can a member putting forward an agenda item attend virtually - the proposed rules say not.</p>	<p>Virtual attendance would be a sensible option.</p> <p>Current proposed wording If a proposal from a Member is put on the agenda for the AGM the Member must attend the AGM in person to put his/her case forward.</p> <p>Suggested alternative wording - add virtual attendance as an option If a proposal from a Member is put on the agenda for the AGM the Member must attend the AGM either in person or virtually to put his/her case forward.</p>
<p>44 Postal and online votes should be sent to an independent adjudicator - can this be added?</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Suggested alternative wording - added at the end of the clause All votes submitted by email or post will be sent to and processed by an independent adjudicator.</p>
<p>45/46 These two clauses appear to duplicate wording.</p>	<p>Yes - we can remove the duplication.</p> <p>Current proposed wording 45.The agenda, copy of the Certified Accounts and Minutes of the last meeting will be available to Members at the meeting and on application to the Club’s Honorary Secretary fourteen (14) days before the meeting. 46. A copy of the annual statement of accounts for the last financial year, which must be certified in accordance with the rules of the Club, must be made available on request to Members fourteen (14) days prior to the AGM. In addition, the annual statement of accounts will be available for inspection by Members at the AGM.</p> <p>Suggested alternative wording - remove duplication in red above from clause 46 45.The agenda, copy of the Certified Accounts and Minutes of the last meeting will be available to Members at the meeting and on application to the Club’s Honorary Secretary fourteen (14) days before the meeting. 46.The annual statement of accounts will be available for inspection by Members at the AGM.</p>
<p>48 Same comment as for clause 40</p>	<p>Current proposed wordingdays notice has been given to all Members in writing (and advertised on the Club website and Social Media) stating the business to be discussed.</p> <p>Suggested alternative wording (same as with the AGM) - add communication by email or post days notice has been given to all Members by email or by post and advertised on the Club website and Social Media stating the business to be discussed.</p>

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<p>52 If the committee calls the SGM, do you really require a quorum of 25 members plus 2 officers. Could the quorum be consistent with the AGM? Also can the 25 members calling an SGM attend virtually?</p>	<p>This makes sense</p> <p>Current proposed wording The quorum for a SGM shall be twenty five (25) Members plus 2 Officers. The 25 Members calling the SGM must attend in person to put their case forward. If a quorum is not achieved business of the meeting may still be discussed, but no decisions can be taken. A simple majority vote of those present at the SGM is required to carry any proposal. In the event of a tie the Chairperson has a casting vote.</p> <p>Suggested alternative wording to align with the AGM where SGM called bt the committee. Virtual attendance of the 25 members also added. When a request for a meeting is made in accordance with Rule 48, the quorum for an SGM shall be ten (10) Members and include 2 Officers. When a request for a meeting is made in accordance with Rule 49, the quorum for an SGM shall be twenty five (25) Members plus 2 Officers. The 25 Members calling the SGM must attend in person or virtually to put their case forward. If an SGM quorum is not achieved, business of the meeting may still be discussed, but no decisions can be taken. A simple majority vote of those present at the SGM is required to carry any proposal. In the event of a tie the Chairperson has a casting vote.</p>
<p>53 Can the SGM be virtual (this is not clear), and should this rule enable voting online or by email or post like the AGM?</p>	<p>Agreed, we can adopt a similar wording for virtual meetings and to allow various voting methods as per an AGM</p> <p>Current proposed wording Voting will normally be by a show of hands of those present, however</p> <p>Suggested alternative wording to align with the AGM virtual / voting rules. Virtual attendance, and voting online at the meeting, or by email or post in advance of the meeting, as notified by the Honorary Secretary may be permitted to allow the fullest participation in the SGM. Voting may also be by a show of hands of those present, however</p>
<p>64 When the rule says "that member", is it referring to rule 62, 63 or both?</p>	<p>Both - and we can clarify</p> <p>Current proposed wording That Member shall not be allowed to accept nomination</p> <p>Suggested alternative wording to link to both rule 62 and 63 A committee member leaving the committee under rule 62 or 63 shall not be allowed to accept nomination</p>

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<p>65 Possibly not important but this sounds like only those listed can have expenses they incur on behalf of the club reimbursed.</p>	<p>Agreed - reimbursement should apply to all members where expenditure has been approved by the committee in advance.</p> <p>Current proposed wording All expenses incurred by the Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Show Secretary and Field Trial Secretary for and on behalf of the Club shall be defrayed out of funds of the Club.</p> <p>Suggested alternative wording All expenses, approved in advance by the committee, incurred by members for and on behalf of the club shall be defrayed out of funds of the Club.</p>