

RESULTS OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL & RULE CHANGE BALLOT TO SUPPORT THE RESTRUCTURE BALLOT

12TH September 2016

The Constitutional & Rule Change Ballot was conducted from 13th August until 24th August 2016. There were a total of 446 electronic ballots sent out, with 6 email addresses bouncing, a further 46 postal ballots were sent to those members without computer access (5) and the remainder being those who share a common email address with other members. Only those 14 years and above were invited to vote.

A very disappointing 110 electronic votes and 9 postal votes were returned being approximately 25% of those eligible to vote.

As the returning officer for this ballot and the previous Restructure Ballot I can only express how disappointed I am in the lack of interest shown by a large percentage of Archery NZ Members. I know that the questions were rather long and complex but this whole process was asked for by the members of the Association. It was raised at an AGM why only a small percentage of members voted and made decisions for all, thus the opportunity was given to all eligible members to have a say. The amount of volunteer time to set up these ballots is considerable and while most are electronic there are still costs associated with paying for the service to enable this as well as the costs of sending 46 paper ballots. This is the process members asked for however many seem to have been reluctant to participate in. Therefore I ask the members to consider if this is in fact the method of voting that they wish to continue with in the future when it yields so few votes. Food for thought for the 2017 AGM.

As explained in the information that went out prior to and with voting Constitutional changes require a 2/3 majority of the vote and Rule changes a simple majority.

At the conclusion of voting the electronic & postal votes were tallied and sent to our scrutineers Mr Cedric Gorman – Life Member & Mr Bernie Fraser – Life Member and Patron. Mr Gorman & Mr Fraser have confirmed the voting tallies to be correct.

In Summary the motions that were carried for both the Constitutional change and Rule changes are:

- The addition of 3 new membership categories, Postal league (Senior & Junior), Social & Associate.
- The increase of available Life Memberships to 10 living members
- Removing amendments of the Constitution from the list of business for the AGM
- The provision in the Constitution for the Athletes, JAMA & Coaches to form a panel of district representatives for each commission (acknowledging that the Coaches Commission already implemented this system)
- Constitutional & Rule change motions to be voted on electronically or via postal ballot

- The National Secretary to circulate to all clubs the prepared recommendations not later than one month for an SGM or electronic/postal ballot

The constitutional amendment vote on replacing Commission representation on the Board with District representation **did not** reach the 2/3 majority required for this to pass but the associated rule change vote had a simple majority. Therefore the weighting of the vote falls with the Constitutional change as there cannot be a rule change that differs or is in conflict with the Constitution of the Association.

The full report can be seen here:

Thank you to those members that did take the time to vote.

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