

BY-LAWS Appendix D

LIFE MEMBERSHIP : Guidelines for Nomination and Assessment (1 October 2023)

5(2)(d) of The Constitution of the Golden Retriever Club of SA states:

The Club may by special resolution passed at an Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting of the Club appoint any person as a life member of the Club in recognition of services rendered to the Club consistent with and directed to attaining or furthering the objects for which the Club was established and who otherwise meets any criteria for life membership by the Club in its Rules. A life member shall have all the rights and privileges of an ordinary member including the right to vote at meetings of the Club.

The Objects of the Club are :

(from the GRCSA Constitution NB “the Association” is Dogs SA)

- (a) to promote the Golden Retriever and the improvement thereof in a manner consistent with the Constitution of the Association and to obtain such licences and permits from the Association as are necessary or conducive to the attainment of this object;
- (b) to educate and encourage members, breeders, exhibitors and judges to abide by the requirements of and standards for the Golden Retriever approved by the Association;
- (c) to promote and support competition in all practical ways and to hold such Exhibitions as are permitted by the Constitution of the Association and the ANKC in accordance therewith;
- (d) to promote public interest in the Golden Retriever and Conformation, Obedience, Retrieving and Field Trials;
- (e) to promote good fellowship among those interested in the Golden Retriever;
- (f) to hear and determine any objections protests or complaints made by any member or exhibitor against any other member or exhibitor arising out of or in connection with an Exhibition conducted by the Club or any of its other activities;
- (g) to do all such other acts and things as are or may be incidental or conducive to the attainment or furtherance of any of the objects or the exercise of any of the powers of the Club; and
- (h) to otherwise conduct itself in accordance with and observe the provisions of the Constitution of the Association and abide by any directions lawfully given by the Association from time to time.

Procedure for nomination /assessment :

- Any nomination for life membership shall be made in writing (including supporting details) to the Committee before 31 July
- Any financial member of the GRCSA may nominate any person for life membership
- Once a nomination has been received by the Committee the Secretary shall have the responsibility of listing it as an Agenda item at the next Committee meeting to discuss/assess the nomination
- Following the discussion/assessment by the Committee the Nominator will be advised in writing of the outcome of the Committee’s assessment
- If the Committee so decides the nomination will be proposed to an Annual General Meeting / Special General Meeting as a special resolution and voted on by members in a secret ballot

Criteria for Assessment :

The person nominating should provide supporting details in writing of the nominee's service to the Club for consideration by the Committee.

Areas where the nominee may have provided service consistent with the Objects of the Club (see above) may include, but are not limited to:

- Committee membership
- Ownership of/breeding/showing/competing in dog sports with golden retrievers
- Assistance at/organisation of GRCSA events eg shows, trials, fundays, exhibitions etc
- Representing the Club on relevant local/State/national bodies
- Length of membership of the GRCSA