

Constitution Changes – August 2024 vs September 2025

This document highlights ONLY substantive changes introduced in the September 2025 Constitution when compared with the August 2024 Constitution of the Manawatu Marine Boating Club Incorporated.

Governing Legislation

- Updated governing legislation from Incorporated Societies Act 1908 to Incorporated Societies Act 2022.

Charitable Status

- New clause confirming the Club is not and does not intend to be a registered charitable entity.

Definitions

- Extensive expansion of definitions to align with statutory requirements of the 2022 Act.

Minimum Membership

- Introduced a minimum membership requirement of 10 members.

Written Consent

- Membership now requires explicit written consent from all members.

Financial Gain Restrictions

- Explicit prohibition on profit distribution to members introduced.

Membership Register

- Comprehensive statutory Register of Members added, including contact details and status.

Visitor Limit

- Guest attendance reduced from six visits per year to three visits per year.

Dispute Resolution

- Formal dispute and complaint resolution processes added, including mediation and hearings.

Officer Duties

- Explicit fiduciary duties for Officers introduced, including care, diligence, and good faith.

Conflicts of Interest

- Mandatory disclosure of conflicts and establishment of an Interests Register.

Executive Meetings

- Executive is now required to meet monthly.

Quorum Rules

- General Meeting quorum changed from a fixed number to a percentage of eligible members (5%).

Member Information Rights

- Members granted statutory rights to request and access club information.

Financial Record Keeping

- Enhanced accounting, record-keeping, and retention requirements implemented.

Liquidation Process

- Updated winding-up and removal provisions to align with the 2022 Act.

Amending Constitution

- Amendment process modernised, including percentage thresholds and Registrar notification.