



ROYAL AIR FORCE OFFICERS' CLUB JOHANNESBURG

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NOTIFICATION OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

In terms of Clause 11 b) of The RAFOC Constitution notice is hereby given that a Special General Meeting will be held on **Friday 10 January 2014** during the lunch to approve the change to **Rule 1 of the Club Rules**.

The present Constitution, last updated on 5 October 2012 refers:

Clause 11 b) of the Constitution – SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS:

The Committee may, at any time, call a Special General Meeting and shall do so on receiving an application signed by at least ten (10) Ordinary Members specifying the resolution(s) to be proposed thereat. Notice of such meeting shall be posted or e-mailed to the last known address of each Member not less than fourteen (14) days before the date of the meeting. Any decision taken, except on resolutions affecting the Constitution of the Club, shall be by majority vote. The Chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to his deliberative vote.

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE CLUB RULES

Clause 1 of the CLUB RULES currently states:

“CLUB YEAR: The Club Year shall be from 1st September to 31st August”.

It was indicated at the Annual General Meeting on 4 October 2013 that the “Treasurer proposed changing the financial year to be the same as the calendar year. After discussion, he was requested to provide a motivation of this, together with its implications.” *(extract from the Minutes)*

The following motivation was provided to the Committee by the Treasurer.

Reasons for MAKING the change:

- 28th Feb is the end of the tax year
- 30th June is half way through the year

- *The 31st August does not coincide with **anything** significant*
- *Therefore it is not easy to remember by us & in particular our members, it is confusing*
- *The calendar year is the easiest to remember for everyone*
- *Therefore January to December makes sense*
- *It is easier to refer to the year as 2013 or 2014*
- *We get many, many questions; "when do we pay subs / when are subs due?"*
- *It makes the Treasurer's life a lot easier*
- *Subs or expenses paid early or late are easier to account & provide for in the correct year*
- *Members with no money in December simply pay in January*
- *We have no business considerations like stock taking or Tax year ends etc.*
- *Accounting & business activities are slow in Dec / Jan*
- *The year end accounts can be drawn up & audited in a quiet period*
- *We can run a separate period 1st Sep 2013 to 31st Dec 2013 & then start afresh 1st January 2014*
- *Other organisations that have made this change are very happy they did e.g. EAA, Aero Club etc.*

The Committee recommends that Rule 1 of the Club Rules be amended as follows:

"CLUB YEAR: The Club Year shall be from **1st January to 31st December"**

Please plan to attend the First Luncheon **10 January 2014**, and to vote at this Special General Meeting

Best Regards,

Bruce Harrison
 Chairman
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