



BOARD NOTICES OF MOTION

No Notices of Motion have been received from the Board.

MEMBER NOTICES OF MOTION

NOTICE OF MOTION 1

To remove the annual membership subscription discount rate based on years of membership.

That Clause 9.15 of the Constitution providing for a percentage discount rate on annual membership subscriptions (e.g. 10% after 10 years membership, 15% after 15 years etc) approved and applied in 2018 be removed, and that an annual flat rate subscription for all members be restored.

Reasons:

The Notice of Motion is based on two factors and principles:

1. The economic loss to the Association occasioned by reduced revenue, with inevitable reduced ability to fund improved benefits and enhanced facilities, including NZMCA parks, to the detriment of the Association and its members.

A calculated loss of revenue, after taking into account donations paid in excess of discounted subscriptions increases markedly with each successive year. It is expected a projected loss of approximately \$80,000 in 2019 will grow to a projected \$118,000 in 2020, and thereafter continue in increasingly larger percentages.

The continued maintenance and expansion of facilities can only be maintained by recovery of lost revenue through an increase in annual subscriptions or other increase such as the daily fee payable to use our NZMCA parks.

2. The Association was established and based on the principle of equal membership, with some exemption for National Life Members, where all members are entitled to equal enjoyment of the benefits and facilities provided. The provision of discounted rates for various lengths of membership serves to create nine additional classes of membership, based on the 5 year benchmarks for increased discounts. This effectively removes the "equal" nature of membership. The principle of provision of equal benefits and facilities for members (with the exception of subscription exemption for National Life Members) should be based on all members contributing on an equal basis to the acquisition of those benefits and facilities.

The continuation of the discounts scheme in an area of rapidly increasing membership is untenable and cannot be sustained while continuing with the aim to provide increased benefits and facilities.

The abolition of the percentage discount rates might serve to delay an inevitable increase in subscriptions and charges, or minimise the amount of any increase.

Signed by NZMCA Members:

Peter Fantham (#47532), Eric Adams (#24664), Douglas Gordon (#24837), Joe Adams (#10918), Douglas Tait (#54617)

Board Comment:

The Board support this Notice of Motion.

Reason

The Board believes that simply providing a discount based on membership length is neither financially prudent for the Association, nor is it an appropriate mechanism for recognition of member contribution to the Association. The current full rate membership fee provides value far greater than its' \$90 through the many services and member benefits provided to you. As the number of memberships of longer duration grows the level of total discount will also climb which could impact the ability of the Association to continue to provide such benefits and ultimately bring into question the future viability of the Association. Additionally, the Board is expecting current membership growth to slow due to market conditions and as other competing organisations enter our sector placing additional pressures on us to maintain income streams and provide current future membership benefits.

NOTICE OF MOTION 2

To add a new rule to the Constitution to recognise long time membership of the Association

That a new rule be added to the Constitution to be worded as follows:

Members, other than National Life Members, who have been financial continuously for forty years will be regarded as Veteran Life Members, and will have full rights and privileges without payment of an annual subscription.

Reason:

We have reached the period in our history where we now have members who have completed forty and more years of continuous membership, and they should be recognised for their loyalty in a tangible way.

Signed by NZMCA Members:

John Spain (#392), Peter Bradley (#54603), Doug Marsh (#20876), Alan Moore (#18684), Dennis Young (#7613)

Board Comment:

The Board do not support this Notice of Motion.

Reason

We have National Life Memberships that are awarded for Outstanding National Service to the Association, this would give the same rights and benefits to Members on a time basis whether they had been active members or just paid their fees and enjoyed the benefits. The Board see this as degrading the National Life Memberships of those that have earned it, giving that Outstanding Service to the Association for the benefit of all Members.