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MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE O.R.A.

At this year's A.G.M. the membership will be asked to vote to accept the following motions:

Preamble to Motion #1

During the September 2007 Board of Directors Meeting Motion D2-07-15, "That the O.R.A. Board remove By-Law #7 from the Constitution" was passed.

In its place the Board of Directors has implemented a new Discipline and Complaints Policy and a new Appeal Policy.

Motion #1

- 1) Be it resolved that:
 - a. By-Law # 7 (Appeals/Complaints – pages 31-34) is removed from the O.R.A. Constitution.
 - b. Article 10 xii of By-Law # 6 at article 10 be amended to read as follows:

The Appeal/Complaint Committee and Appeal Board shall be Standing Committees of the Corporation in that their function is ongoing in nature. As conflicts of interest must necessarily be avoided, the membership of these Committees may be varied by the Executive Committee or Board of Directors from and for each case or incident arising or considered.

- c. The new Discipline and Complaints Policy and new Appeal Policy are added to the O.R.A. Operating Manual – Sports Administration at Chapter #2.

Preamble to Motion #2

The Board of Directors, at their January 2009 meeting, supported changing the membership voting distribution at the Annual General Meeting. This change would reflect a more equitable representation by incorporating player registrations into the equation. This system provides a voting system based on player distribution and takes into consideration that each Region will have no less



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votes than the number of associations in that Region. The Regional Director would carry the votes except for those associations within his/her Region that are in attendance at the AGM.

The formula would be total players in a Region divided by total players in the Province multiplied by the current votes. The calculation, using Eastern as an example, would be: 2,508 players divided by total players of 9,649 multiplied by 76 (current votes) – 19.75 or 20 votes.

At this year's A.G.M. the membership will be asked to vote accepting these changes.

Motion #2

1) Be it resolved that:

a. Article 23(a) of By-Law No. 1 be amended to read as follows:

23 a) – Subject to the Provisions of Article 17, Registered Members or Associate Registered Members of the Corporation shall at all meetings of member be entitled to a total number of votes calculated by taking the total players in a Region divided by the total players in the Corporation multiplied by the total number of registered members and such vote shall be by delegate. Such delegate need be a member and before voting shall produce and deposit with the Vice-President Communications sufficient appointment in writing from their respective Registered Member or Associated Registered Member. No member shall be entitled either in person or by delegate to vote at meetings of the Corporation unless he has paid all dues or fees, if any, payable by him. Where the number of votes is greater than the number of Registered Member or Associate Registered Member in a region, the votes in excess of these members shall be carried by the affiliated Charter Member.

Where Registered Member or Associate Registered Member delegates are not present, their vote(s) will be transferred and carried by the affiliated Charter Member.

b. Third sentence of Article 23(b) of By-Law No. 1 be amended to read as follows:

23 b) – Upon a show of hands and unless a poll be demanded, a declaration by the Chair that a resolution has been carried or not carried and an entry to that effect in the minutes of the Corporation shall be admissible in evidence as prima facia proof of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes according in favour of or against such resolution.

c. Article 17 aii of By-Law No. 1 be amended to read as follows:

Each Registered Member and Associate Registered Member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote on each question arising at any special or General Meeting of the Members, and shall vote through a duly authorized representative or delegate.