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Life Membership Entitlements Policy

1 Purpose

This policy outlines the entitlements of members who have been bestowed a life membership by the Committee of Management as defined in section 5.9 of the Club Rules. It embodies the club's desire to recognise and reward the hard work and commitment of long standing Williamstown Sailing Club members.

This policy will help to ensure our club:

- Continues to recognise and celebrate the dedication and hard work of long standing members
- Maintains and celebrates the historic tradition of Life members at the Williamstown Sailing Club
- Offers consistent and meaningful benefits to those who are awarded Life Membership

2 Rationale

Williamstown Sailing Club recognises the heritage and tradition of Life memberships at the club and understands the requirement for a consistent implementation of the benefits that accompany this prestige.

3 General principles

A WSC Life Member is a person who has been conferred by the Committee of Management in recognition of their continued and valued service to the club over a long significant period. The Committee of Management shall consider the following criteria when reviewing a nomination and awarding of Life Membership:

- The nominated person must first have been a member of the club for continuous period of at least 15 years.
- Life membership may only be awarded to one member in each financial year as exclusively determined by the Committee of Management.
- There is no obligation to award Life membership every financial year.
- Nominations can be received from ordinary members.
- Those proposing members not be related to the nominee in family or business terms.
- The nominee should be a financial and currently active member of the Club.
- The nominee has consistently provided a good role model to other members and has promoted the values of the Club.

- The nominee would have exhibited a level of participation greater than that of the average member.
- The nominee would have exercised a level of leadership greater than that of the average member. Leadership includes Club administration or organisation of Club activities.
- That the nominee has not promoted his/her nomination.

4 Entitlements

After being awarded a life membership the individual is then entitled to without charge:

- Annual membership and all the rights of senior membership;
- Registration for one boat;
- Ramp access or OTB Boat Storage for one boat; if the Life member does not have possession of a boat when awarded Life membership, then they are entitled to one ramp access or one OTB boat storage without charge, when one becomes available under the normal procedure for allocation of ramps and boat storage.
- One locker, if the individual has possession of a locker when awarded life membership. If the life member does not have an allocated locker then they will be entitled to one without charge if one becomes available under the normal procedure for allocation of lockers.
- The above entitlements cannot be transferred to any other person.

5 Policy management

This policy will be managed and implemented by the Secretary, under the guidance of the Committee of management during the annual general membership renewable process.

6 Policy review

This policy will be reviewed periodically by the Committee of Management to ensure it remains relevant to club operations and values.

7 Approval

The Committee of Management approved this Policy in February 2020.

8 Enquiries

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