

RMGC Policies & Procedures

Policy #27: Caucus of Past Captains

1. MEMBERSHIP

The Chairman of the Caucus is appointed by the BOM and announced to the RMGC membership by the BOM.

Membership of the Caucus shall be confined to Past Club Captains of the RMGC whether or not they are still members of the RMGC.

Membership of the Caucus can be withdrawn if a member has been sanctioned by the RMGC and is voted out of the Caucus by a two-thirds majority of the current membership.

2. OBJECTIVES

To identify and develop a Pool of potential Club Captains for the future. They must be RMGC members who are recognised as understanding the history of the Club and having the qualities necessary to ensure that the Club's standards and traditions are maintained. [The formal role of the Club Captain is defined in the RMGC Constitution].

To recognise members of the RMGC who have been actively engaged in the administration of the Club and to give them the opportunity of contributing their experience to further the interests and development of the Club.

To act as the final court of appeal for those whose membership of the RMGC has been suspended or terminated by the BOM or Disciplinary Committee after having been found guilty of a serious or severe breach of conduct, The decision by the Caucus will be made on a two-thirds majority vote.

3. POOL of CANDIDATES

Members of the Caucus will forward names and details of candidates they have identified as future Club Captains in writing to the Chairman. These names will be placed in a Pool from which Club Captains will be selected.

A candidate will be deemed as acceptable if proposed in writing to the Chairman by not less than 5 Past Captains who are still members of the RMGC.

The incumbent Club Captain, although not a member of the Caucus, is entitled to nominate no more than two candidates.

4. MEETINGS

The Caucus will normally have two formal meetings a year, in February and May. These will be chaired by the Chairman or, in his absence, by a nominated Past Club Captain.

Only current members of the RMGC may attend and vote at these formal meetings.

Members of the Caucus who are no longer members of the RMGC may attend competitions and social gatherings organised by the Chairman.

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Members are expected to attend all formal meetings in the dress code specified in the Notices of the Meetings.

February Meeting.

The Chairman will present members with the names and details of all candidates in the Pool. They will then discuss who they feel should be Club Captain for the following year. No final decision will be made at this time but the members' preferences and opinions will be recorded by the Chairman.

May Meeting.

The Caucus will further discuss and confirm their nomination for Club Captain. Should any member reject this nomination, a ballot will be held requiring a two-thirds majority for the nomination to be accepted. A secret ballot will be taken if requested by a member.

Those candidates not selected will remain in the Pool for consideration in the future.

The Chairman will advise the BOM within 7 days of the Caucus's choice of Club Captain for the following year. The decision is binding on the BOM.

The incumbent Club Captain will be invited to this meeting to present a report of his year in office and a vote will be taken on his future membership of the Caucus.

At the same meeting, a Stableford competition off full handicap will be arranged when members of the Caucus will compete for the 'John Earland Plate'. Only Caucus members can enter, but the incumbent Club Captain can play as a marker.

Other informal meetings and competitions may be arranged by the Chairman and, although the incumbent Club Captain is not a member of the Caucus, he may be invited to attend and take part.

5. RESIGNATIONS

Any member wishing to resign from the Caucus shall give notice to the Chairman in writing, to reach him no later than 28th February annually.

6. ALTERATION OF RULES

The Terms of Reference for this Committee are set by the BOM under Rule 6.5.3 of the RMGC Constitution. Any member of the Caucus wishing to propose an alteration to these Rules shall advise the Chairman in writing at least one month prior to the May Meeting. He will then circulate the proposed alteration with the Notice convening the May Meeting. A two-thirds majority of those voting at this meeting shall be required to authorise any alteration or addition to the Rules which will then be submitted to the BOM for consideration.

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