

LBYC Life Membership Policy



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Objectives

Life Membership is designed to acknowledge exemplary service to the club by members; service that goes beyond the contributions regularly made by members in the running of the club.

Reviews of this Policy

This policy will be reviewed at least every three years or earlier at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

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Definitions

Life Membership bestowed on an individual means that they will be honoured members of the LBYC and all future membership fees will be waived.

Context

This policy defines a process for dealing with Life Membership applications and sets out criteria to be considered.

The criteria used will provide direction in reviewing applications for current and future Executive Committees and provide transparency of process.

At the time of determining eligibility to Life Membership the number of Life Members shall be no more than 7.5% of the total number of senior members of the club.

Criteria

1. Members being proposed for Life Membership must have been financial members of the club for the past ten years.
2. They must be senior members of the club.
3. Exemplary service refers to service well beyond that provided by most members who serve the club. It includes the willingness to take on tasks and co-operate with other members serving the club.
4. The time served as a volunteer will be nine years of continuous service, however in exceptional circumstances six years of continuous service would be considered.
5. Service to the club will typically, but not exclusively, be as an Executive committee member or officer of the club. Exemplary service in other roles will also be recognised.
6. Life Membership is awarded for the service of an individual senior member but in the case of family members who have also provided exemplary service both shall be eligible.

Note: Paid service to the club is not included in the assessment.

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Process for gaining Life Membership

1. Application form (attached) is completed by the proposer, providing information on:

- the current type of member
- the length of time the applicant has been a club member
- why the service is considered exemplary.

The application will detail the service provided to the club and that will be used as the citation when the decision is made at the AGM.

The application requires a seconder from a senior club member who will affirm the information provided by the proposer.

2. The Executive Committee reviews the application to ensure it meets the criteria and the exemplary standard for Life Membership.

3. The Executive Committee will note if there are any inconsistencies in the information provided and make further enquiries as required.

4. When approved by the Executive Committee, the Commodore will discuss the application with proposed Life Member to be sure this is what they want and are willing for the matter to go to the AGM for a decision.

5. If the applicant agrees the application will be advised to members by posting on the noticeboard and by a note to be sent out with the Notice of AGM.

6. Club members will be asked to inform the Commodore prior to the AGM if there are significant reasons to oppose the application. If any such opposition occurs, the Executive Committee will reconsider the application.

7. The application will be voted on at the AGM and will require 80% of eligible members present to vote for the application as defined in the club's General Rules.

8. The Commodore will advise the applicant of the AGM decision.

9. A framed certificate will be prepared and given to the new Life Member.

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Responsible person

The Commodore has responsibility for ensuring that this policy is implemented, maintained and reissued as required. The Executive Committee will support the Commodore in the exercise of this as part of Executive meetings.

Version History

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