

## RESOLUTIONS (PST Constitution 2014)

9. Decisions at general meetings shall be made by passing resolutions:
  - 9.1 The following decisions must be made by extraordinary resolution:
    - 9.1.1 Any amendment to the Society's Rules;
    - 9.1.2 The decision to wind up the Society.
  - 9.2 All other decisions shall be made by ordinary resolution.
10. An extraordinary resolution is one passed by a majority of not less than 75% of votes cast at a general meeting and an ordinary resolution is one passed by a simple majority (50%+1) of votes cast.
11. Resolutions may be passed at general meetings or by written resolution or a combination of both. A written resolution may consist of several identical documents signed by one or more Members or as a result of an electronic poll.
12. A proxy may be appointed and the appointment may instruct the proxy to vote in a particular way or as he or she thinks fit. A proxy is to be appointed as follows:
  - 12.1 in writing;
  - 12.2 in any usual form or any other form which the Society Board may approve;
  - 12.3 under the hand of the appointor or of their attorney duly authorised in writing; and
  - 12.4 by depositing the appointment document at the registered office of the Society or at such other place within the United Kingdom as the Society shall specify not less than two clear days before the day fixed for the meeting at which the proxy is authorised to vote. Where the appointment document is exercised by an attorney on behalf of the appointor, the authority under which it is executed or a copy of such authority certified notarially or in some other way approved by the Society Board is to be lodged with the appointment document.
13. If this procedure is not followed the appointment of the proxy will be invalid.
14. The following further rules apply to proxies:
  - 14.1 No person other than the Chair of the meeting or the Secretary can act as proxy for more than 3 members;
  - 14.2 Any question as to the validity of a proxy is to be determined by the Chair of the meeting whose decision is to be final;
  - 14.3 A proxy need not be a member of the Society.
15. A vote given or poll demanded by proxy or by the duly authorised deputy of a corporate or unincorporated body, shall be valid unless notice of termination of the authority is received by the Society at the registered office or at any other place at which the instrument of proxy was duly deposited before the commencement of the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote is given or the poll demanded.

16. No objection shall be raised to the qualification of any voter except at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is tendered. Any objection made in due time about any vote whether tendered personally or by proxy is to be determined by the Chair of the meeting, whose decision is to be final. Every vote not disallowed at the meeting will be valid.

#### **MOTIONS (GUIDELINES AND ONE EXAMPLE - Keith Vaz. MP)**

A resolution of a general meeting is a motion that has been previously circulated to the membership and approved by a quorate meeting of the PST Board; and by a simple majority of members present and voting except as provided elsewhere in the Society's rules. Any motion submitted by a member/s to the Society AGM will be circulated to all members of the Society not less than five working days before the day fixed for the meeting.

#### **MOTIONS TO THE PORTSMOUTH SUPPORTERS' TRUST AGM 2014**

Motions should be no more than 150 words; and begin with the words "This Society" and conclude with "This AGM instructs the PST Board to".

#### **Example;**

##### **Motion by Keith Vaz MP to the House of Commons on the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

[That] this House is deeply worried about the claims made by former England footballer Sol Campbell about racism in the Football Association (FA) and the impact of this on his career. [...] Mr Campbell suggests that if he was white he would have been captain of the England side 'for more than 10 years'. [...] Mr Campbell was capped 73 times for England and captained the side on only three occasions.

I call on the Department for Culture, Media and Sport to investigate these claims to eradicate any racism in the FA. [92 words]

Proposed:

Seconded: