

Proposed changes to the OBC CIO Articles of Association – July 2018

A. Addition of membership type “Bridge for All”

Rationale: *The club wants to welcome people who are new to the game of bridge and offer them an opportunity to participate in the club at as early a stage as possible. This will also serve to simplify some aspects of administration in relation to those joining the club as learners.*

Proposed change A

In paragraph 2.1 (There shall be the following categories of membership)

Add after the definition of Junior member the following additional definition of Bridge for All member and modify the definition of Associate Member:

Bridge for All Those attending a full term of a Bridge for All course run by the club shall be eligible to apply for Bridge for All Membership for the period up to the end of the membership year in which that course takes place. Such membership has the same entitlement as a Full Member

Associate: Any non-member attending OBC to play in an OBA or EBU event or attending an education class shall be granted associate membership of OBC solely for the duration of those events. They shall not be entitled to vote at General Meetings of the OBC.

B. Award of Foundation Life Membership

***Rationale:** The club wants to provide a way of recognising individuals who donate significant sums of money for the use of the club. In the context of current fundraising to support the premises refurbishment, a donation of £1000 will permit the Trustees to award Foundation Life Membership to the donor. With the permission of the donor, we will add their name to an Honour board at the club containing the names of Foundation Life Members. The Trustees will maintain a separate record of Foundation Life Members; however, in the membership records of the club they will be designated as Life Members since some such donors may not want to disclose their generosity.*

Proposed change B

In Paragraph 2.1 add a new category after the definition of Honorary Life Membership

Foundation Life: It shall be within the power of the Trustees to grant Foundation Life Membership to an individual in recognition of a substantial donation to the OBC. Such membership has the same entitlement as a Full Member.

Re-label paragraph 5 as follows:

5 APPLICATION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP AND FOUNDATION LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Add after paragraph 5.6

5.7 From time to time the Trustees may make an offer to award Foundation Life Membership in consideration for a donation to the club which substantially exceeds 25 times the then current annual membership subscription (the Designated Amount). On application to and approval by the Trustees and on the payment of an amount equal to or greater than the Designated Amount (as determined by the Trustees from time to time) the applicant will become a Foundation Life Member. In these circumstances paragraphs 5.1, 5.2 and 5.6 shall not apply but paragraphs 5.3 to 5.5 shall apply as far as appropriate. The Trustees will maintain a separate record of Foundation Life Members.

Modify paragraph 6.7 to read:

6.7 There shall be no annual membership fee for Associate membership, Affiliate membership, Bridge for All membership or for any category of Life membership.