

PARTICK THISTLE  
SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION LIMITED

BOARD MEMBERSHIP POLICY

**Introduction**

This document sets out the Board Membership Policy of Partick Thistle Supporters Association Limited (“the Society”) adopted pursuant to a resolution of the Society in General Meeting dated (insert date of General Meeting)

In accordance with Rule 56 of the Society, the purpose of this policy is to ensure that:

- i) the Society Board has the skills and experience which it needs to operate effectively;
- ii) the interests of the community served by the Society are adequately represented; and
- iii) the level of representation of different groups on the Society board strikes an appropriate balance having regard to their legitimate interest in the Society’s affairs.
- iv) no co-opted member of the Society Board may represent more than one group or organisation

**Election of members**

The number of elected members of the Society Board shall be limited to nine, who must always be an overall majority of the total membership of the board.

Eight weeks before the AGM in each year the Secretary shall invite nominations for candidates to replace those elected members of the society board who are resigning at the AGM in accordance with Rule 64. Each nomination form must bear the name and address of the candidate and be supported by the countersignature of two other members whose names and addresses must be disclosed. The nomination form must also bear a declaration by the candidate that he/she has not been convicted of any indictable offence (other than a spent conviction as defined by the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974).

Candidates will be invited to submit with their nominations a written statement of no more than 500 words in support of their candidature and the Secretary shall arrange to publish these statements on the Society’s website.

No later than four weeks before the AGM the Secretary shall circulate to the members ballot papers containing the names of all candidates whose nomination complies with this policy together with the written statements submitted by candidates. The ballot papers shall declare the number of vacancies and shall specify a date by which the completed ballot papers must be received at the Registered Office of the Society which shall be no later than 7 days before the AGM.

The elected members of the Society Board will be chosen as follows;-

## **Secretary**

Rules 30 and 31 sets out the responsibilities of the Secretary. A Secretary shall be elected by the Alternative Vote. In elections conducted using the Alternative Vote, members will be asked to vote for their candidates by preference. After an initial count, if no candidate has more than 50% of the total number of ballots submitted, the candidate with least votes shall be eliminated and their second preferences distributed amongst the remaining candidates. This process shall continue until a candidate has more than 50% of the total number of ballots and is thus elected.

In the event of a nomination not being received for this position, the number of Other Vacancies will increase by one, and the Society Board will either select a Secretary from their own number, or utilise Rule 71 to appoint a Secretary as a non-voting member of the Society Board

The first such vacancy for Secretary will fall due following the year end 30 June 2007, and will fall vacant following the year end 30 June 2008 and will occur every two years thereafter in accordance with Rule 59

## **Treasurer**

A Treasurer shall be elected by the Alternative Vote and will be responsible for the maintenance of proper books of account in accordance with Rule 116, and their audit in accordance with Rules 86 to 94 inclusive.

In the event of a nomination not being received for this position, the number of Other Vacancies will increase by one, and the Society Board will either select a Treasurer from their own number, or utilise Rule 71 to appoint a Treasurer as a non-voting member of the Society Board

The first such vacancy for Treasurer will fall due following the year-end 30 June 2007, and will then occur every two years thereafter in accordance with Rule 59

## **Club Board Representative**

The Society's nomination as representative on the board of Partick Thistle Football Club shall be elected by the Alternative Vote.

In the event of a nomination not being received for this position, the number of Co-opted places available will increase to seven, and the Society Board will select a Club Board Representative from their own number.

The first such vacancy for Club Board Representative will fall due following the year-end 30 June 2007, and will fall vacant following the year end 30 June 2008 and will then occur every two years thereafter in accordance with Rule 59

## **Other Vacancies**

Six members shall be elected by Preferential Voting. Each member will have a number of votes equivalent to the number of places available and will cast a vote for the candidates of their choice. Candidates with the most votes will be elected up to the number of vacancies available.

Six vacancies will fall due following the year-end 30 June 2007. In accordance with Rule 64, three of the successful candidates will be chosen by lot to resign from office and three vacancies will be available for the year-end 30 June 2008. In all other

circumstances, successful candidates will serve for two years in accordance with Rule 59

In accordance with Rule 67 the Society Board will elect a Chair from amongst its' elected members.

The Society Board will prior to any election nominate an independent person who is not an officer of the Society (but may be a member) to act as scrutineer and undertake the count of ballot papers, and be responsible for counting the votes and announcing at the AGM the members elected to serve on the Society Board in substitution for those resigning.

### **Co-opted members**

The board shall have power to co-opt up to six additional board members, provided that elected members remain in the majority in accordance with Rule 56(a).

The co-option of an additional member shall be by resolution at any meeting of the Society Board at which two thirds of those present vote in favour, or at the direction of a General Meeting in accordance with Rule 24.

Any member co-opted shall be asked to sign a declaration that he/she has not been convicted of any indictable offence (other than a spent conviction as defined by the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974).

### **Principles of Board Membership**

All members of the Society Board, whether elected or otherwise, must be members of the Society.

Members of the Society Board must abide by decisions of the majority of them and take all such steps as are necessary or desirable to give effect to such decisions. Society Board members are expected to adhere to the principles of collective responsibility. It shall be considered a disciplinary offence for a Society Board member to publicly criticise or to otherwise undermine any decision or policy of the Board.

The Society Board may by majority vote determine that its members are not bound by collective responsibility in respect of any particular matter in which case the above shall not apply.

Society Board members shall not act in any way calculated to bring the Society into disrepute.

The Society shall maintain in force bank mandates that require that any cheque issued by the Society must bear the signature of two Board members.