

Dear Hon Secretary

Formatting: Words in italica and *purple* colour are from the Constitution and words in italics and *blue* colour are by others.

I refer to the proposed resolution 1 proposing to alter Rule 31 "*Powers of the Committee*" and I make the following observations:

1 - The resolution should have included the current Rule 31 verbatim and as punctuated/formatted. The proposed alterations must follow the same punctuation/formatting. As written it was initially a little confusing to read. This correction should be accepted as it does not change the substance of the proposed resolution.

2 - Included in Rule 31 2 (proposed addition) I suggest that the word "*sanction*" be replaced with the word "*discipline*" as "sanction" can mean **to penalise / discipline** or to mean to **authorise / give consent**..

Which meaning of the word "*sanction*" is intended? Is it "to penalise / discipline" or is it "to authorise / give consent"?

3 - The proposed resolution proposes to provide for "impeachment" only at a general meeting and by a vote of the membership.

However "impeach" means to impose a charge / make an accusation.

If a Committee Members can only be charged with acting in a manner prejudicial to the Club's interest by a vote of the membership at a general meeting what is the provision if that charge is upheld by a vote of the membership, for the Committee Member's defence to be heard and what is the procedure for that hearing and for the membership to then make an informed vote to uphold the charge or to dismiss the charge or impose some other discipline?

4 - Rule 31 is the wrong Rule to propose to alter in the manner proposed, as Rule 31 2. has nothing to do with discipline (expulsion or suspension).

Rule 31 2 refers to **appointments made by the Committee**. The **Committee does not appoint members to the Committee** therefore the "*save*", exceptions preventing the Committee from disciplining a Committee Member do not apply here. These provisions should be written to alter Rule 23.

**As written this proposed resolution 1, is muddled and if carried will only muddle the Constitution as a whole.**

Please post this as an open letter to all members in good time before the AGM to enable Members to make an informed decision when voting on this proposed resolution at the forthcoming AGM on 31 March 2026

Thank you  
Ian Lander

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**RESOLUTION FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2026**

In accordance with Rule 36 and 40, we, the undersigned, seek to submit the following resolution to be considered and voted upon at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting 2026.

That **Rule 31** - Powers of the Committee be amended as underlined in the second column of the table below:

Existing Rule	Proposed Amendment to Rule	Rationale for the Changes
<p>1• The Committee is empowered:</p> <p>a• To control all facilities of the Club and to decide upon the extent to which these facilities should be made available and on what conditions and, in particular, at any time and from time to time by notice to reserve the whole or any part or any of the Club's buildings, premises or sporting amenities for any purposes whatsoever for such period or periods and subject to such conditions and limitations as to entry, whether by Members or any other person or class of persons and whether upon terms of payment <u>of</u></p>	<p><u>The Committee shall have the power to set and decide on all policies and matters relating to the Club. The Committee may not act contrary to the decisions of the General Meeting made in accordance with the <sup>R</sup>ules in this Constitution.</u></p> <p>1• The Committee is empowered:</p> <p>a• To control all facilities of the Club and to decide upon the extent to which these facilities should be made available and on what conditions and, in particular, at any time and from time to time by notice to reserve the whole or any part or any of the Club's buildings, premises or sporting amenities for any purposes whatsoever for such period or periods and subject to such conditions and limitations as to entry, whether by Members or any other person or class of persons and whether upon terms of payment <u>or</u></p>	<p>To <b>circumscribe</b> the general powers of a committee</p> <p><b>means = confine, limit, restrict</b></p> <p>Rather than confine the current general powers of the Committee the proposed resolution expands the powers of the Committee</p> <p>Typographical error</p>

<p>otherwise, as the Committee may think fit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>b • To have the sole right to make Bye-Laws, and to alter and repeal such Bye-laws, for all matters affecting the affairs of the Club and not dealt with in this Constitution and for the proper control of Polo and of all other facilities and activities in the Club authorised by it; including the introduction of Guests, the conduct of Tournaments, Gymkhanas and other Sports, Games and Entertainment involving the use of the Club name or facilities or Clubhouse amenities, and for the proper control of all matters pertaining to the management of the Club's grounds and the conduct of Members; provided that no such Bye-Laws shall be inconsistent with this Constitution. All alterations or additions to the said Laws shall be posted on the Club Notice Board and dispatched to Members at least seven clear days before they become effective and shall be binding on all Members unless and until altered or repealed by the Committee or by the Members in General Meeting.</li></ul>	<p>otherwise, as the Committee may think fit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>b • To have the sole right to make Bye-Laws, and to alter and repeal such Bye-laws, for all matters affecting the affairs of the Club and not dealt with in this Constitution and for the proper control of Polo and of all other facilities and activities in the Club authorised by it; including the introduction of Guests, the conduct of Tournaments, Gymkhanas and other Sports, Games and Entertainment involving the use of the Club name or facilities or Clubhouse amenities, and for the proper control of all matters pertaining to the management of the Club's grounds and the conduct of Members; provided that no such Bye-Laws shall be inconsistent with this Constitution. All alterations or additions to the said Laws shall be posted on the Club Notice Board and dispatched to Members at least seven clear days before they become effective and shall be binding on all Members unless and until altered or repealed by the Committee or by the Members in General Meeting.</li></ul>	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c • To decide all questions relating to the management of the Club and all questions arising out of, or not covered by, any Rule or Bye-Law in accordance with Rule 2b.</li> <li>d • To control the finances of the Club and to do all such things as may be necessary to achieve the objects of the Club.</li> <li>e • To operate bank accounts on such conditions as the Committee deems fit and to borrow sums not exceeding 50% of the Members' funds as reported in the last published Audited Balance Sheet of the Club; provided that the book value of any assets pledged as security for such borrowings shall not exceed the total amount borrowed, except with the approval of Members in General Meeting.</li> <li>f To authorize all purchases for use by the Club and all expenditure on any Equestrian, Sporting or other social activity; provided that the Committee shall not be empowered to spend more <u>then</u> S\$300,000 in any one year in addition to the ordinary expenditure for the running of the Club and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c • To decide all questions relating to the management of the Club and all questions arising out of, or not covered by, any Rule or Bye-Law in accordance with Rule 2b.</li> <li>d • To control the finances of the Club and to do all such things as may be necessary to achieve the objects of the Club.</li> <li>e • To operate bank accounts on such conditions as the Committee deems fit and to borrow sums not exceeding 50% of the Members' funds as reported in the last published Audited Balance Sheet of the Club; provided that the book value of any assets pledged as security for such borrowings shall not exceed the total amount borrowed, except with the approval of Members in General Meeting.</li> <li>f • To authorize all purchases for use by the Club and all expenditure on any Equestrian, Sporting or other social activity; provided that the Committee shall not be empowered to spend more <u>than</u> S\$300,000 in any one year in addition to the ordinary expenditure for the running of the Club and</li> </ul>	<p>Typographical error</p>
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<p>provided that any single item or project which is proposed requiring in excess of S\$150,000 each shall be referred for approval to a General Meeting of Members convened in accordance with this Constitution.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>g</b> • To determine the charges to Members for all aspects of the Club's activities and administration.</li> <li><b>h</b> • To co-opt to the Committee up to a maximum of two Members who may in the Committee's opinion be of use in the management of the Club. Any Member so co-opted shall have an equal right in the Committee with Members elected at the Annual General Meeting or subsequently appointed to fill vacancies on the Committee. The Committee shall be empowered to fill vacancies which may occur therein during its tenure of office or in consequence of no election having been made at an Annual General Meeting; provided that any persons appointed by the Committee shall not cause the composition of the Committee or the qualifications of the incumbents of the offices therein to be inconsistent with this Constitution.</li> </ul>	<p>provided that any single item or project which is proposed requiring in excess of S\$150,000 each shall be referred for approval to a General Meeting of Members convened in accordance with this Constitution.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>g</b> • To determine the charges to Members for all aspects of the Club's activities and administration.</li> <li><b>h</b> • To co-opt to the Committee up to a maximum of two Members who may in the Committee's opinion be of use in the management of the Club. Any Member so co-opted shall have an equal right in the Committee with Members elected at the Annual General Meeting or subsequently appointed to fill vacancies on the Committee. The Committee shall be empowered to fill vacancies which may occur therein during its tenure of office or in consequence of no election having been made at an Annual General Meeting; provided that any persons appointed by the Committee shall not cause the composition of the Committee or the qualifications of the incumbents of the offices therein to be inconsistent with this Constitution.</li> </ul>	
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  - l • To ensure that all nominations for Charter Polo Playing Membership satisfy the criteria set out in Rule 11a.
  - m • To select teams to represent the Club in Polo Matches or Tournaments, or in any other Sporting Activities authorised by the Committee.
2. The power conferred on the Committee to make appointments to any office or position or to extend any invitation to any person to enter a particular category of membership shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be construed as including a power to dismiss or suspend any person so appointed or to withdraw any invitation so extended at the sole discretion of the Committee.

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To eliminate the unfortunate possibility that, in a committee which is split, a faction of the committee might for reasons of expediency attempt to oust a fellow member(s) of the committee. Any sanction on an elected committee member can

<p>There is need to review Rule 23 to ensure there is no contradiction / ambiguity between this proposed resolution and Rule 23</p> <p>As written one can only "impeach" (bring a charge) against a Committee Members at a General Meeting. When and what is the procedure for the allegation and defece before the membership can make an informed vote?</p>	<p><u>Committee Member deemed to have acted in a manner prejudicial to the Club's interest may only be made by the membership at a General Meeting.</u></p>	<p>only be imposed with the approval of the membership at a General Meeting</p>
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