

Notes re EGM

1. Strictly speaking, the proposed move of the AGM from September to April and the abolition of a separate committee meeting will not affect the SOTCCA Rules, **which do not lay down when or how often the committee meets and only specify that the AGM be no later than September.**
2. That said, I think the proposed change is sufficiently radical that it should be put to an EGM. I would prefer that the change, if carried, be trialled for a year or two with the option of returning to the current system if the change makes matters significantly worse rather than better. To this end I would leave the rules unchanged so that we do not have to call a 2nd EGM if we want to reverse the decision. This also allows for extra committee meetings to be called to deal with particular issues if required.
3. As understood the thinking behind the proposed change is that attendance at the AGM might be improved and in particular that more club representatives will attend. The Surrey league is quoted as a model. However I would point out that with 4 fixture dates to decide and 12-16 host clubs and venues to confirm there is more incentive for representatives to attend Surrey XC League AGMs. In a 2 year period most member clubs are supposed to host or co-host at least one Surrey League fixture.
4. Although the abolition of the separate committee meeting would appear to abolish the committee as a separate entity; the committee does serve a useful purpose as a source of officials for our two races and with few club representatives being present at current meetings, the large number of past presidents at meetings do ensure that issues are debated thoroughly, so I would keep the Rule 4 in the SOTCCA handbook which lays down who can vote at meetings and AGMs for the time being.
5. Speaking personally I am broadly in favour of the proposed change, but I do not feel strongly about it and I am happy to continue whatever the result of the EGM.

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