

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY (EGA) HELD ON 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2018**  
at Scout IHQ, Floriana

**Headtable:** George Cassar – Chief Scout (CS)  
Leslie Bonnici – Chief Commissioner (CC)  
Reuben Lanfranco – Honorary Secretary (HS)

Meeting was scheduled to start at 1830hrs. There were 141 eligible voters present but in order to have a quorum, 170 were required. The Chief Scout (CS) George Cassar decided that with the present number of eligible voters the meeting may commence at 1900hrs, as the requirement of eligible voters for a quorum half an hour after official commencement time, had been met (114).

1900hrs: 141 eligible voters present. Call to Order –

Prayers by Fr. Anton

CS commenced by stating that Anton Pisani and Marlon Psaila had volunteered to count the votes during the EGA. He also stated that minutes of last meeting would not be discussed in this meeting but will be discussed later at the Annual General Assembly.

Those Motions not discussed in December's AGA will also be brought up during the next AGA.

CS introduced the 3 motions which were being presented for discussion and vote. These were presented on the screen via PowerPoint presentation in a manner "as is" and "as proposed for amended". All motions were clearly explained by the CS on screen to those present, showing current and proposed versions of the motions. For ease of reference and in order to avoid repetition of text in the minutes, a copy of the Motions presented during the EGA are being attached as an appendix to these minutes.

**Motion 1 – Constitution Quorum and voting.**

The current and proposed motion was presented on the screen and explained by the CS. This Motion was presented by George Cassar (CS) and seconded by Vince Cassar.

Article 39.1: Mark Pizzuto (National Staff) queried why word "by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast" was being proposed to change to "of at least two-thirds of the votes cast". CS explained that this wording was found to be more suitable.

Josmar Azzopardi (Xghajra) also explained in detail, the reasons for this amendment and that they were being done to facilitate General Assembly decision making processes for the better of the Association. CS thanked Josmar for his hard work and dedication working on this Motion.

The Assembly then proceeded with the votes for this Motion:

Votes In favour: 141 (unanimous)

Votes Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

The Motion was passed by a unanimous vote.

### **Motion 2 – Extraordinary General Assembly.**

The current and proposed motion was presented on the screen and explained by the CS. This Motion was presented by George Cassar (CS) and seconded by Vince Cassar.

Article 19.2: This Motion is being proposed for amendment by having an additional phrase inserted which will allow the EGA to be carried out even if there is a request of 20 members of the assembly.

The Assembly proceeded with the votes for this Motion:

Votes In favour: 141 (unanimous)

Votes Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

The Motion was passed by a unanimous vote.

### **Motion 3 – Power to amend the Constitution and bye-laws.**

The current and proposed motion was presented on the screen and explained by the CS. This Motion was presented by George Cassar (CS) and seconded by Vince Cassar.

Motion 40.2 which has been proposed as a new article refers to editing issues. The bye-law states that changes to Bye-Laws shall take effect 20 days after they have been communicated by electronic means to all members of the Assembly and published in the Association's journal; unless they are challenged by at least 20 members of the Assembly by communication in writing to the Honorary Secretary within the same time frame, in which case they would need to be approved by the General Assembly in accordance with Article 17.1.5 of the Constitution.

This scenario would allow for "expert advice" to be consulted in such decisions. Timmy Zammit (SAC) asked what media will be used to transmit this info and CS replied that ScoutKeeper will be used as a means to disseminate this info. Alex Cutajar (Marsa) asked what the current procedure for passing a bye-law is. CS explained this and Alex Cutajar asked for further clarification. Vince Cassar followed up the explanation and stated that the idea behind the motion was to give a right for others to have a say in what Council may decide re bye-laws.

Moira Vassallo (San Gwann) mentioned the fact that the 20 days mentioned in the proposal were not enough and stated that she would recommend at least 30 days. CS stated that one can always propose such an amendment to the days mentioned, during a future Assembly meeting if this Motion is passed.

The Assembly proceeded with the votes for this Motion:

Votes In favour: 136

Votes Against: 5

Abstentions: 0

The Motion was passed by a majority vote

The EGA was adjourned *sine die* at 1930hrs

Minutes approved on \_\_\_\_\_

By:

George Cassar  
Chief Scout

Reuben Lanfranco  
Honorary Secretary

# Motion 1 – Constitution quorum and voting:

Be it resolved that:

Article 19.3 in the constitution be deleted and replaced by the following:

“19.3.1. The presence of one third of the Members shall constitute a quorum.

“19.3.2 If no quorum is present half an hour after the time that the Assembly was due to commence its meeting, the Assembly will commence provided that at least one Scouter (as defined in article 16.1f) from each of at least half the groups is present. A General Assembly at which the quorum as defined in 19.3.1 is not reached may not take a vote on amendments to the Constitution, dissolution of the Association or on election of officials, but may defer such votes to a ballot. Such ballot may only be requested in the case where a quorum as defined in 19.3.1 is not present.”

A new Article 18.3.1 is inserted in the Constitution:

“18.3.1 For the purpose of this article, ‘a ballot’ means a form of voting, including by secure electronic means but other than a show of hands, by which the votes are recorded in writing and are capable of being counted accurately.”

A new Article 18.3.2 is inserted in the Constitution:

“18.3.2 A ballot may be demanded (before the taking of a vote by show of hands) by the Chairman of a General Assembly or by any ten members present at a General Assembly and entitled to vote. If so demanded, the ballot shall be taken in such manner, time and place as directed by the Chairman and under the supervision of the Honorary Secretary and two observers selected by the General Assembly. The fact that a ballot has been demanded shall not prevent the continuance of the Assembly for the transaction of any business other than the question on which a ballot has been demanded. A demand for a ballot may be withdrawn by the Chairman of the General Assembly or by the ten members who demanded the ballot in the first place. The results of a ballot shall count as equivalent to a vote taken during a General Assembly. A ballot shall be considered as valid if at least a third of eligible voters cast their vote.”

Article 39.1 in the constitution be deleted and replaced by the following:

“39.1 This Constitution may be amended by the General Assembly with the support of at least two-thirds of the votes cast.

Article 42.1 in the constitution be deleted and replaced by the following:

“42.1 Should the necessity arise to dissolve the Scout Association of Malta, the decision to liquidate shall be taken by the General Assembly, requiring the support of at least three fourths of the votes cast.”

*Presented by George Cassar and seconded by Vincent Cassar, and as approved by the Council*

***Voting threshold for Motion: 2/3 majority of votes cast (38.1)***

## Motion 2 – Extraordinary general assembly:

Be it resolved that:

Article 19.2 in the constitution be deleted and replaced by the following:

“19.2 An extraordinary General Assembly may be called on the decision of the Scout Council, or at the request of a tenth of the members of the Assembly or at the request of 20 members of the Assembly, whichever is less.”

*Presented by George Cassar and seconded by Vincent Cassar, and as approved by the Council*

***Voting threshold for Motion: 2/3 majority of votes cast (38.1)***

## Motion 3 – Power to amend the Constitution and Bye-laws:

Be it resolved that:

After Article 40.1, insert a new article 40.2 as follows:

“40.2 Changes to the Bye-Laws shall take effect 20 days after they have been communicated by electronic means to all members of the Assembly and published in the Association’s journal; unless they are challenged by at least 20 members of the Assembly by communication in writing to the Honorary Secretary within the same time frame, in which case they would need to be approved by the General Assembly in accordance with Article 17.1.5 of the Constitution .”

The following shall be added to Article 17.1.5 in the constitution and punctuation corrected accordingly:

“ as provided further in Articles 39 and 40 of the Constitution.”

The words “ as provided for in Article 21” in Article 39.2 shall be deleted and replaced with a comma after the word “Constitution”.

*Presented by George Cassar and seconded by Vincent Cassar, and as approved by the Council*

***Voting threshold for Motion: 2/3 majority of votes cast (38.1)***