



Hamilton Contract Bridge Club - Guidelines for proposals for life membership:

It is acknowledged that this is a prestigious award primarily awarded to recognise voluntary service to the Hamilton Bridge Club by members who have, throughout the majority of their membership period, shown a dedication to the well-being and enhancement of the club by a consistent role of service in a variety of areas.

Criteria to be considered when nominating a member for life membership:

- the contribution of outstanding service to the club over a lengthy period of time i.e. more than 10 years
- be of good character

Process for nominating a member for life membership:

- Any fully paid-up member of the club is able to nominate a member for life membership.
- All nominations are to be in writing and
 - have a proposer and a seconder and be supported by 5 financial members of the Club
 - include a comprehensive record of the nominee's services in accordance with the stated criteria
 - submitted to the committee for approval and endorsement

Process for confirming a member for life membership:

- All nominations to be verified by a person nominated by the committee
- Nominations to require a majority vote of 7 of 8 committee members (or similar ratio if not all committee members are present) to be confirmed and presented at the following Annual General Meeting
- Once a nomination is approved by the committee, all committee members must support the decision

- The President will discuss successful nomination with nominee/s prior to the Annual General Meeting (to ensure nominee will accept a life membership award at the AGM if nomination is successful).
- All nominations and decisions made in committee to remain confidential to the committee:
 - until the nomination is endorsed by the committee and
 - the President has discussed the nomination with nominee and
 - nominee has accepted the nomination

Unsuccessful and rejected nominations are to remain confidential to committee
(to only be recorded in committee)

General

- Nominations to the Annual General Meeting will be limited to three in one year
- The total number of Life Members to be limited to 2% of total membership as of 28 February in year of nomination.
- The Club retains the right for the Committee to rescind life membership for reprehensible actions in the community.