

Notice of Special Resolutions:

1. That a new clause be inserted into the Constitution, numbered 6.4 (c):-

The current ASFM Constitution allows for no more than half of the Committee of ten members to be stallholders following their election by Market Members.

On a rare occasion, an elected Committee Member has been forced to resign because of a major change in personal circumstances. I can recall a member's farm suffering a major flood and a personal health crisis each triggering a resignation. In both of these cases, the person involved was the then chairperson.

On the last occasion, the Committee called for applications to fill the vacant position. Two replies were received and interviews held by the relevant Sub- Committee. One application was from a stallholder and the other from a person with, apparently, little or no previous connection with the market.

As the sub-committee was equally divided, the decision passed to the full Committee which, at that stage consisted of four stallholders and five non stallholders. The Committee decided by five voted to four to appoint the non-stallholder to the vacant position. The vote was along the lines mentioned above.

The following proposed amendment to the Constitution seeks to prevent this situation arising again and that the number of stallholders elected by the Members is maintained.

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