

NORTON HOUSE COUNTRY CLUB

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Dear Member/s,

CALL FOR EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

I hereby call for an Extraordinary General Meeting on Tuesday 19th March 2024 at 7pm at Norton House Country Club. The purpose of the EGM is to vote on rule changes to move to a single membership plan as put forward in the consultation in September 2023. Voting must be done in person at the club.

You will be asked to vote either in favour or not in favour of the proposed rule changes.

If you wish to raise any points regarding the changes, please write to the secretary at least 14 days prior to the meeting.

Background

In September 2023 we undertook a consultation to gather views on our current offer of membership plans. There were two main reasons for the review:

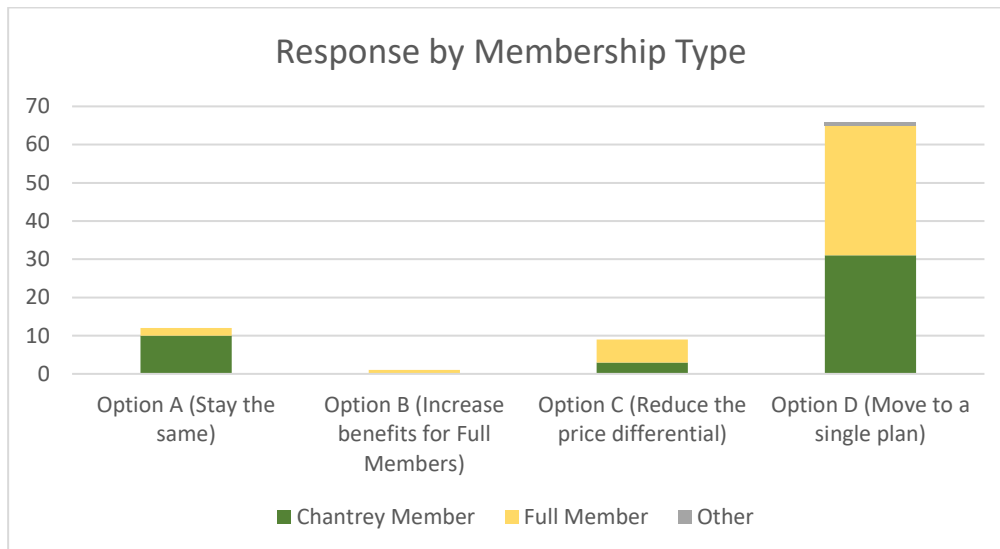
1. Ensuring our membership plans are fair and offer value for money
2. Increasing the pool of members eligible for office

Four options we put forward

- A: Stay the same
- B: Increase benefits for Full Members
- C: Reduce the price differential
- D: Move to a single plan (Full Membership)

Thank you to those who took part. In total we had 88 responses, of which 43 were full members and 44 were Chantrey members. There was one response from a non-member.

The chart below shows the responses by membership type.



The majority of both Full and Chantrey members were in favour of option D – move to a single membership plan. This requires a change to the Club Rules and therefore the committee voted in favour of putting the decision to Full members.

The committee have drafted a proposed set of club rules, a copy of which can be found with this letter or can be found at www.nortonhousecountryclub.co.uk/egm2024

Summary of Rule Changes

The copy of the proposed rules, issued with this letter, highlights the sections where changes have been made.

1. References to “Full” membership and “Chantrey” membership have been removed except for rule 22 which has been amended to explicitly state that completed years of Chantrey membership do not count as basic unit shares. Example for illustration purposes: a previous Full member with 8 years’ continuous membership will carry forward 8 “basic units”, and in 2 years’ time will have accumulated 10 basic units. A previous Chantrey member with 8 years’ continuous Chantrey membership will start to accumulate basic units and in 2 years’ time will have accumulated 2 basic units.
2. Rule 4(a) has been amended to ease the admin burden of processing new members. The 14 day rule will act as a probation period during which members can object, rather than a pre-requisite to becoming a member.
3. Time accrued as a Chantrey Member **will** count towards eligibility to be nominated for the executive committee. Nominees must have been a member for at least 18 months.
4. The membership year will run April to March.
5. Rule 18 (EGM) has been made clear that letters calling for an EGM must show date, name, address and membership number of the member.

Implementing and transitioning to the single membership

If the majority of Full members vote in favour of the rule changes, the transition to the single membership will follow the process outlined below. This process acknowledges the need to follow current rules for the EGM and up to the 1st April 2024 when they will come into effect.

1. The new rules will come into effect from 1st April 2024
2. Previously, applications for Full membership required names to be displayed on the notice board for 14 days, whereas Chantrey membership did not have this requirement. We do not intend to display names of previous Chantrey members who apply for membership from 1st April 2024.
3. Existing Full members are expected to renew their 2024 membership at the current price £80 before the 1st March 2024 and before the EGM takes place. If you have not renewed by then, you will not be a Full member and therefore not eligible to vote at the EGM.

4. 2023 Chantrey Members will be given opportunity to become members from 1st April 2024 to March 2025 at £50
5. Full members who renewed for 2024, will have paid £80. This will cover:
 1. Two months of Full membership to cover February & March 2024 at $2 \times (\pounds 80/12) = \pounds 13.34$
 2. £50 new style membership to cover April 2024 to March 2025

This leaves an overpayment of £16.67. Members can choose to either receive a refund, or have their membership card credited to spend behind the bar, or donate to the club

Yours sincerely,
Sue Moulson
Club Secretary