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Dear LDNS member, colleague

You should have received notice of the forthcoming AGM on Friday 3 May at The Leapark Hotel, Bo'ness Road Grangemouth FK3 9BX and I would hope to see you there.

The position of Chair of LDNS will come up for election and I have made it known that I do not intend to stand for a further period. Nominations for the position of Chair have therefore been invited.

My understanding at this stage is that there may be a number of nominations for Chair in which case there will be a contested election. I have looked at the LDNS Constitution and it does not address a competitive election in detail by setting out how it should be conducted and who is entitled to vote. I must take personal responsibility for this as its author in 2011 prior to the formation of LDNS. Perhaps my successor will wish to review the Constitution in its entirety and bring it up to date and fill in any gaps.

In the meantime, in order to keep matters simple, the intention is that any elections at the forthcoming AGM will be decided on a show of hands by those paid-up LDNS members, representatives of paid-up Lowland Deer Groups and paid-up organisations attending (one vote per Group or organisation). In other words, the candidate receiving the most votes will be elected.

Understandably nominations for office can only be received from properly subscribed current members, Groups or organisations.

If in any doubt whether you, your LDG, or your organisation is a paid-up member then please contact the LDNS secretary (Dick Playfair e: [richard@playfairwalker.com](mailto:richard@playfairwalker.com) t: 0131 445 5570). If you wish to subscribe, or to renew your subscription using the form on the website in advance of the AGM then this will be carried forward as your 2019/20 subscription.

I would add that the position of Vice Chairman was filled at the AGM in 2018 and will not therefore fall due for election until the AGM in 2020 unless it falls vacant at this AGM. There are however regional representative positions to be filled at the AGM for SW Scotland, Central belt, and NE Scotland.

If you wish to exercise your vote in any of this year's elections I trust you will ensure that your membership is up to date and hope that you are able to attend the AGM.

Kind regards

R M J Cooke  
Chairman