

February 25th, 2016 10:11am
By-Laws Review Meeting Minutes

Chair: Marlene
Secretary: Shannon
Presenter: Cam B.
Agenda for today: By Laws and Constitution review.

In attendance: Marlene, Cam B, Shannon, Claire, Edward (until 12:30), Bill, Liam, Edd, Megan W., Natalie, Yvonne, Lorne, Jen P.

10:11am

Welcome and introductions from all in attendance, and meeting format introduction.
2/3 of people in attendance need to agree (for our voting procedure) for today's meeting.

Marlene calls meeting to order at 10:18am

Introduction as to why we have to re-write our bylaws and constitution

Questions around definitions of meetings:

General Meeting: requires 14 days notice, email and 21 days notice on a website that is accessible by all members.

Special Resolution: can only be passed at a general meeting. 14 days notice, email and 21 days notice on a website that is accessible by all members.

AGM: General meeting that needs to be held at least once a year. Directors reports, directors elected, special resolutions that have been brought forward.

Extraordinary Meeting?: cannot find definition....

Suggestion to put an appendix of definitions at the end of _____ (not sure where it was wanted)

All of this will go onto the website as a record of this meeting, but a new draft will also come out of today's discussion.

Reminder of Robert's Rules of Order, which apply to this meeting.

Starting with Constitution:

Discussion around why we include fire arts in our constitution, and what the Act is dictating we need to keep in the Constitution.

S.P.A.R.C. In the constitution: discussion around whether s.p.a.r.c (the society values) should be in the constitution. Move them into Into the vision statement, or even in the bylaws.

Discussion around whether the core values should be in the bylaws (which from now on will be unalterable). Vote to remove values from the Constitution: Passed! Gone!
Move it into a Vision Statement. Passed!

Proposed Operating Principles Policy: tabled to into the bylaws/later discussion.

11:03am Comparing Bylaws old and new: suggestion to table discussion of definitions to the end of the bylaws in these meetings.

Motion to give a 2 minute quiet reading time for reading slides before discussion around them. Passed.

Part 2.1 Members: Discussion around amount of time before the AGM in which application can be made for membership Motion to have 90 days ahead. Amendment: to table until a ticketing policy is addressed. Defeated. 90 days: Defeated. Motion: 30 days: Defeated. Motion: 7 days: Defeated.

Amendment to remove the word: Annual. Passed. Fixed in the document.

Motion to allow 5 days: Passed.

New language to be: A person may apply for membership to the Directors up to five days after notice has been given of a general meeting by the methods listed

Duties of members 2.2

Currently the constitution has nothing to be upheld. Struck. Fixed in document.

Membership Dues 2.3

Discussion around "discretion of the Board" appointing members is too ambiguous. Suggestion to outline "discretion" in a table.

10 minute recess.

Motion: strike the " at discretion of the Board." Amendment: strike all of the language from the 2.3 to have it read: "Dues requirements are met by voluntary participation in endeavours related to the operation or goals of the society are defined in the Membership Policy"

Amendment: choose 6 hours as a base for membership hours. Defeated.

Comment: currently policies are not posted online, so not everyone at this meeting specifically has all information needed. Suggestion that attendants of this meeting are emailed the policies.

Motion to table until attendants have access of policy to the next meeting: Passed. Motion to adjourn the meeting. Suggestions to send out all information to all members. Any proposed changes be submitted in writing ahead of time before we come back to another meeting. Point of order: new information comes from discussion. Comment that we have been working on this for 2 years with much opportunity to be involved. Members in this meeting feel unprepared.

Suggestion to continue as we are all here now. Motion to adjourn the meeting: Defeated.

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All membership (part 2) is tabled to next meeting: Passed.

Section 3.1

Motion to table due to not wanting to discuss this section: Passed.

Section 3.7

Question: Is it possible to ask at the general meeting to approve a lower quorum. No, it's not legal. Motion: to change the number from 10% to 5% of the voting members. Amendment: Quorum will be greater than twice the number of directors. Defeated. Amendment: 5% of the voting members or greater than twice the number of directors, whichever is greater. Passed; the smaller number goes ahead of the percentage. "Quorum will be greater than twice the number of directors, or 5% of the voting members, whichever is greater."

Section 3.12

Motion: to insert at an AGM "receive the director's report on the society's short-term and long-term objectives and action plan"

Amendment: within six months after the AGM the directors call a meeting to present a report on short or long term objectives. Comment: 6 months is half way through a director's term.

Amendments: within 2 months after the AGM the director's call a meeting to present a report on short and long term objectives. Passed.

Amendment: after 2 months publish a report only and strike the word "meeting." Passed.

Items agreed upon to discuss at the next Bylaws Review meeting:

"Parking Lot list":

1. Membership list... how will we make that available to general public? Quorum on a general meeting is currently 10% and membership right now is at 321 members.

2. Vision Statement vs. Bylaws (it's actually the constitution), and if this isn't part of the bylaws why are we spending time on it? (The addition of S.P.A.R.C. is what they are referring to).

3. Section 3.1

Adjourned 12:58pm