

Motion 1: **The Constitution of the Esquimalt Curling Club be amended according to the version as distributed to all leagues.**

Item 10 of Societies Act says the ONLY items in the Constitution can be the name and the purpose.

Motion 2: **The Bylaws of the Esquimalt Curling Club be amended according to the version as distributed to all leagues.**

The Bylaws have been redrafted in accordance with the new Societies Act and in a format suggested by Curl BC. Every attempt has been made to ensure all the member rights contained in the original bylaws have been kept intact. We have endeavoured to include only changes necessitated by the Societies Act have been made. If any old clause is now covered by the Act or will be handled by administrative policies it has been removed.

Motion 3: **The Definition “Board” of the Bylaws be amended to read:**

“Board” means collectively the immediate past president, president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, one (1) League representative from each League, a maximum of two (2) Curl BC representatives and a maximum of three (3) directors at large as appointed by the Board, all of whom must be Voting Members.

Our Board is very large with 21 positions, yet the average attendance over the past 5 meetings has been only 13. With the current wording the President could appoint 20 members to the Board and gain approval of every motion they introduce. The appointment of Directors should be a decision of the Board (not just the President) and the number should be limited.

Motion 4: **The Definition “Member” of the Bylaws be amended to read:**

“League Member” means a person who is registered in a League and is in Good Standing with that League.

The Definition “Non-League Member” be added to the Bylaws of the Esquimalt Curling Club.

“Non-League Member” means a person who is not currently registered in a League and is in Good Standing with the Society;

The Definition “Voting Member” of the Bylaws be amended to read:

“Voting Member” means Life Member, League Member and Non-League Member.

We should allow for a past member that is not able to curl during the current season due to illness, injury, age or otherwise to still be able to participate in the Club activities.

Motion 5: **Bylaw 3.10 of the Esquimalt Curling Club be amended to read:**

At Member Meetings a motion or resolution to amend the Constitution or Bylaws of the Society shall require a majority of sixty-seven (67) percent of the eligible votes to be carried. In the event of an equality of votes the president or chairperson shall not have a deciding vote and the vote will be defeated.

It is normal for amendments to a Constitution or Bylaws require a clear majority in order to pass.

Motion 6: **Bylaw 4.2 of the Esquimalt Curling Club be amended to read:**

- (a) *Each elected Board position listed in 4.1 is two (2) years starting May 1st and ending April 30th.*
- (b) *The term of League representatives, Curl BC representatives and directors at large is one (1) year starting May 1st and ending April 30th.*

We have been operating on this basis for the past few years. A period of continuity in the executive positions is desirable.

Motion 7: **Bylaw 6.5 of the Esquimalt Curling Club be amended to read:**

A contract or other record to be signed by the Society must be signed on behalf of the Society by any two (2) of the president, vice-president, secretary or treasurer.

As a cheque may be written to the treasurer for reimbursement of expenses, such cheques should be signed by 2 other officers.

Motion 8: **Bylaw 6.8 of the Esquimalt Curling Club be amended to read:**

The books and accounts of the Society are subject to a financial review within thirty (30) days after the termination of each fiscal year by accountants appointed by the Board. The report of the accountants and statements must be presented at the next AGM.

The books have rarely been subject to an audit as the cost would be prohibitive. For most years they have been reviewed by an independent bookkeeper or accountant. We simply need to ensure every dollar of income and expense has been recorded and compared to the banking records.

Motion 9: **Bylaw 9.2 of the Esquimalt Curling Club be amended to read:**

A decision to dissolve shall be made by a special resolution at a Member Meeting. Such special resolution shall require a sixty-seven (67) percent majority of the Voting Members present. In the event of an equality of votes the chairperson of such meeting shall not have the deciding vote and the motion shall be defeated.

This is to make is consistent other major decisions.

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