

Motion to revise the 2024 By Laws at the 2025 AGM

MOVED that, the 2024 Club By Laws be amended as follows

7. NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD DIRECTORS

(a) the words “They shall invite potential nominees from the membership via the club’s newsletter, the club’s official website and other means as the board requires, prior to the meeting.” be DELETED.

Reason: Same notion repeated in next clause.

(b) after the word “website,” the words “and other means as the board requires” be DELETED, and REPLACED by the wording “When any member has no email address, notification shall be sent by mail to the member’s postal address.

Reason: Mailing hard copy ensures notification to All members.

(b) the date “April 30th” be DELETED and REPLACED with the date “July 31st.”

Reason: change of date

(c) the words “The nominee shall certify that he or she meets” be DELETED and REPLACED with the words “Nominees shall certify that they meet.”

Reason: eliminating gender preference

(c) in the phrase “The nominee shall also provide” the word “The” be DELETED and REPLACED with the word “Each.”

Reason: Pedantry (THE suggests only one, EACH presumes many)

(c) After the word “hand.” DELETE the word “fax.”

Reason: Only doctors/lawyers fax.

(c) after the words “good standing” ADD the words “in addition to the member proposing the nomination.”

Reason: Clarifies that from the floor needs as many supporters as nomination using form

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8. ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(a) the words “an election officer appointed by the board of directors subject to the general authority of the chair of the meeting as provided” be DELETED and REPLACED by the words “the chair of the meeting with reference to voting as described

Reason: Elections officer imposed when BTC apprehensive that President at the time perhaps unreliable. Now, that rectitude has been restored, this function superfluous.

(f) the sentence “The election shall follow Bourinot’s rules of order” be DELETED and REPLACED by “The parliamentary references for the club shall be Bourinot’s Rules of Order, 4th or later edition, and Robert’s Rules of Order 12th or later edition.”

Reason: Bourinot Canadian, but Roberts better known and tends to have more detailed examples. Specifying edition keeps us always up to date.

(g) after the words “of the election” ADD the words “and also posted to the club’s website and sent to members by email or mailed to a member’s postal address.

Reason: Makes results widely available right away.

13. After the word “who” and before the word “has” INSERT the words “without providing excuse or explanation.”

Reason; Conventional caveat. Might be good reasons. Tends to prevent draconian decisions.

14. The words ‘he or she’ be DELETED and REPLACED by the words “that director.”

Reason: Gender free zone

20. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

After the words “executive committee” ADD the words “may convene and”.

Reason: Clarifies that committee always exists but not always used

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25. ANNUAL AND GENERAL MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

(c) After the words “shall be required,” INSERT the words “Announcement of such meeting may be posted on the club’s website, but such announcement shall not constitute official notice given to each member.”

The text of (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v) be DELETED and REPLACED by the following wording:

(i) Emailed to the member’s email address or included in the club’s emailed newsletter,

(ii) mailed to the postal address of members not having an email address.

Reason: Thrust of this clause is to make sure All members get notified. In the olden days, newsletter was physically sent to All. Telegram, fax, hand delivery archaic. New version uses email and snailmail to ensure contact.

28. DELETE the words “AND INVESTMENT POLICY.”

(a) The words “thirty-first day of December” be DELETED and REPLACED with the words “on the same day as the Bruce Trail Conservancy fiscal year end.”

Reason: Date change to regularize with BTC. No investment policy ever articulated, although we seem to have small fortune in GICs.

29. DELETE both uses of the words “their own” and REPLACE both with the words “the director’s.”

Reason: As far as possible, Dufferin is pronoun free.

31. The words “words importing the singular number or the masculine gender shall include the plural number or the feminine gender, as the case may be, and vice-versa, and” be DELETED.

Reason: By this point, irrelevant.