

Pincher Creek Search & Rescue Society

⑩ Policy Title: Voting Member

⑩ Purpose

To define the requirements, privileges and treatment of Voting Members.

⑩ Status of This Document

2001-08-09 The policy described in this document is recommended by the Membership Committee. It has not yet been approved by the Board.

⑩ Policy

Voting Members:

- ⑩ can vote at general meetings. [A3]
- ⑩ are eligible to hold office. [A2]
- ⑩ are given written notice of general meetings. [A2,R2]
- ⑩ are given a monthly reminder call of general meetings. [A5,R3]
- ⑩ are encouraged to attend general meetings. [A5,R1]

To be [A1,A4] or to remain [A4] a Voting Member, an individual must:

- ⑩ be 18 years old. [A1,A4,R4]
- ⑩ have filled out a personnel form. [A1,A4]
- ⑩ indicate they want to be a Voting Member. [A1,A4]
- ⑩ attend at least 2 general meetings in the last 12 months. [A1,A4,R5]
- ⑩ have the current approval of the board. [A1,A4,R6]

⑩ Authority

[A1] Bylaws clause 1. Clause 1 defines the requirements to become a Voting Member, but not to remain as a Voting Member.

[A2] Bylaws clause 13.

[A3] Bylaws clause 16.

[A4] Proposed Board Resolution

Moved that the following Special Resolution changing the Bylaws be recommended to the Membership:

Proposed Special Resolution

Moved that clauses 1 and 2 of the Bylaws be struck and replaced with the following clauses:

1.1/ Membership fee, if any, shall be determined, from time to time, by the members at a general meeting.

1.2/ A Voting Member is any individual who is of the full age of 18 years, has attended at least 2 meetings in the past 12 months, has applied to be a Voting Member, indicates the wish to remain a Voting Member, and has the approval of the Board. An individual that no longer meets these requirements is no longer a Voting Member.

1.3/ An Associate Member is any individual who has applied to be an Associate Member, indicates the wish to remain an Associate Member, and has the approval of the Board. An individual that no longer meets these requirements is no longer an Associate Member. Associate Members have no voting privileges and may not be on the board of directors. Associate Members may not be required to pay a membership fee.

2.1/ Any member wishing to withdraw from membership may do so upon written or verbal notice to the Secretary or Board-designated individuals.

2.2/ The Board may suspend or expel any member for any reason deemed reasonable by the Board.^[R6]

2.3/ Suspended Members are entitled to no membership privileges or powers in the society.

2.4/ Suspended Members can be reinstated by a decision of the Board.

[A5] Proposed Board Resolution

Moved that Voting Members are

Ⓣ given a monthly reminder call of general meetings.

Ⓣ are encouraged to attend general meetings.

Ⓣ Alternative Policies

No alternative policies (those considered but not recommended) are listed here.

Ⓣ Rationale

[R1] Member participation makes the society stronger. Stating that Members are encourage to attend meetings makes this explicit.

[R2] Written meeting notices are given to permit Members to attend. It is expected that this will not be a burden to the organization as the notice can be given for the entire year once a year or upon joining.

[R3] History has shown that Member attendance at meetings is greatly increased when a reminder call is given.

[R4] Voting Members can hold office and thus be responsible for the organization. They need to be of the age of responsibility.

[R5] The principle benefit of being a Voting Member is voting and holding office. To do either they should have a track record of attending general meetings. If large numbers of Voting Members do not attend meetings, quorum becomes difficult.

[R6] The Board is the best group to suspend or expel members. If the matter must be brought to the membership at a general meeting, the issue will be too destructive to the cohesiveness of the organization and its relationship with the community. Additional policies can be created that restrict the manner or circumstances under which a member is suspended or expelled.