

SUMMARY OF BYLAW CHANGES - 2019 AGM

Proposed Bylaw Change: 2.02c

Motion to amend Lawrence Park Tennis Club Bylaw 1, Section 2.02c as follows:

TO:

“Holding” status refers to a person who has previously been a member of the Club as outlined in paragraph 2.04 and who is unable for reasons of health or travel or personal circumstance to be an active playing member of the Club in the current year. Application for holding status for the year must be made during the normal membership renewal process and is not granted mid-season. During the renewal period, prior to the registration due date, Members on holding status from prior seasons may renew without payment of the administration fee either as Adult or Intermediate members in the Club or, if they choose, as Holding status members. Holding status members may attend Club social activities but do not have court privileges and shall not be entitled to vote at meetings of Members.

PREVIOUSLY:

“Inactive Member” means a person who has previously been an Adult or Intermediate Member of the Club as outlined in paragraph 2.04 and who is unable for reasons of health or travel or personal circumstance to attend the Club in the current year. Application for Inactive status for the year must be made to the Membership Director. Inactive Members may return to the Club after up to two years absence without payment of the initiation fee, if a membership Application Form is received by the Club prior to the Registration Date. Inactive Adult or Intermediate Members shall not be entitled to attend or to vote at meetings of Members.

Reason for Change:

We are proposing that a Holding status replace the Inactive status. The new status would incorporate most of the characteristics of the former Inactive status as well as the Adult Social category. The Adult Social category would cease to exist.

- There has been an overlap between the Inactive status and Adult Social category of members.
- The Inactive was never a choice on the new membership system but Social was.
- Several renewing members used the Social category to become inactive because that was the only choice they were given in the system to put their memberships on hold. They were charged \$45.
- Previous year’s non-renewing members were automatically considered Inactive and were offered renewal in the following year without charge.
- The new Holding status would allow all members putting their active, playing memberships on hold to be treated the same way.

Note: If this amendment is approved at the AGM all references to “social members” and “inactive members” throughout the bylaw will be changed to “holding members”.

Because the “initiation fee” is now called the “administration fee” in the city tennis policy any references to “initiation fee” in our bylaw will be changed to “administration fee”.

Proposed Bylaw Change: 3.03c

Motion to amend Lawrence Park Tennis Club Bylaw 1, Section 3.03c as follows:

TO:

The other elected Directors may serve on the Board for 3 consecutive 1- year terms after which they must resign their positions. They may run again for any office for another period of 3 consecutive 1 year terms with the majority approval of the Board. The maximum period for serving is normally 6 consecutive years in total. However, if there is no candidate for an office, a board member who has completed their 6 years may run for that office for another 1-year term with the approval of a majority of the board. In respect to the Directors in office at the time that this Bylaw comes into force, the 6-year period shall commence on the date on which this By-law comes into force. (Part in green to be deleted – no longer required)

PREVIOUSLY:

The other elected Directors may serve on the Board for 3 consecutive 1- year terms after which they must resign their positions. They may run again for any office for another period of 3 consecutive 1 year terms with the majority approval of the Board. The maximum period for serving is 6 consecutive years in total. In respect to the Directors in office at the time that this Bylaw comes into force, the 6-year period shall commence on the date on which this By-law comes into force.

Reason for Change:

- It is sometimes very difficult for the Nominating Committee to find members to volunteer for the Board.
 - This amendment gives us the opportunity of extending the current incumbent for a year rather than not filling a position and cutting back on programs.
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Proposed Bylaw Change: 3.01f

Motion to amend Lawrence Park Tennis Club Bylaw 1, Section 3.01f as follows:

TO:

f. The Board must include the Immediate Past President on the Board as a full Director for a minimum period of one (1) year, being the year immediately following the year in which the Immediate Past President ceases to hold the office of President. Extension for one (1) or two (2) additional years beyond the one year period is determined by resolution of the Board.

PREVIOUSLY:

f. The Board must include the Immediate Past President on the Board as a full Director for a minimum period of one (1) year. Extension for two (2) additional years beyond the one year period is determined by resolution of the Board.

Reason for Change:

- These are changes that were made back in 2016 and approved by the Constitution Committee - but they missed the final Board version that was approved by the membership at the 2016 AGM.
 - Because they help clarify the meaning of this section of the bylaw we would like to get them approved at the 2019 AGM along with the other changes.
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Proposed Bylaw Change: 5.01b

Motion to amend Lawrence Park Tennis Club Bylaw 1, Section 5.01b as follows:

TO:

The order of business at Annual meetings shall include the following:

- Call to order
- Confirmation of Quorum
- Reading and adoption of minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
- Business arising out of the minutes
- Treasurer's report of the current year Financial Statements
- Business arising out of the Treasurer's report
- Appointment of the person conducting the Review Engagement for the Club and authorization of the Board to fix compensation for the next Review Engagement
- Nomination and election of Directors
- President's report and summary of Director and Committee reports
- Member Q&A
- New Business: (if any)
- Adjournment

PREVIOUSLY:

The order of business at Annual meetings shall be as follows:

- Call to order;
- Reading and adoption of minutes of the previous Annual meeting;
- Business arising out of the minutes;
- Treasurer's report of the current year and the Audit or Review Engagement report;
- Business arising out of the Treasurer's report;
- Reappointment of the auditor or person doing Review Engagement
- Reports of Directors and committees;
- New Business;
- Nomination and election of Directors;
- Adjournment

Reason for Change:

- Previously the order of items on the AGM agenda was dictated in the bylaw. The recommended change gives the Board flexibility in the order of items but still ensures the inclusion of all the required items.
 - The Board's goal is to ensure the critical business related to the Club's financials and election of incoming Directors has been can be moved to take place earlier rather than later ensuring the maximum number of members is able to be present. Additionally, transparency is increased because each Director's written portfolio report is shared with members prior to the meeting rather than each Director presenting at the meeting. This means all members can see the reports whether they attend the meeting or not and gives time for members attending the meeting to ask questions of and share their perspective with Directors.
 - Since our income is under \$100,000 we do not have to have an audit or review engagement. However exclusion of this must be approved by an extraordinary resolution of the membership.
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