

Proposed changes to the Bylaws of the Cheema Aquatic Club.

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It is hereby proposed to make the following two changes to the Bylaws of the Cheema Aquatic Club.

1. Add to the definitions section:

“Affiliation” means being a member, or a parent or legal guardian of a member of the club, or having played an active role in another paddling organization.

2. Replace section 5.06 “Nominating Committee” with a new section outlining a new elections process:

5.06 Board Elections

a. Prior to the Annual General Meeting, the Commodore shall appoint a Returning Officer who is not standing for election. The Returning Officer shall also enlist two individuals, over the age of 18, to assist in the conduct of the election and counting of the ballots. These two individuals, known as “Scrutineers”, are to be neutral, and do not need to be Members of the club;

b. To be eligible for election as Commodore, the candidate should have been affiliated with the Club or another paddling organization for a minimum of two years, and should have served at least one year on the Club board;

c. To be eligible for a position on the club board, the candidate should have been affiliated with the Club or another paddling organization for a minimum of one year, and must be a local resident;

d. Candidates offering to return should have attended a minimum of 50% of the Board meetings of the previous year;

e. Candidates eligible for election must be nominated using a form produced by the Club, which will be signed by the candidate to accept the nomination, a mover, and a seconder;

f. The Secretary must receive the nomination forms no later than 8:00 pm AST fourteen days prior to the Annual General Meeting. Upon confirmation of the candidates’ eligibility, the Secretary will endorse the nomination forms. The list of candidates for each position must be posted to the club website, and sent out through email to the list of Members, no later than 8:00 pm AST seven days prior to the Annual General Meeting;

g. Voting Members may cast one vote per decision. The name of each Voting Member will be recorded prior to the election taking place. The list of eligible names will be taken from the CKC athlete registration system. The Scrutineers will check the name of each Voting Member as they cast their ballots to ensure there are no duplicate ballots cast.

- h. A candidate must secure a majority of the votes cast in order to be elected. If no candidate for a particular office receives a majority of the votes cast on the first ballot, any nominees with no votes, and the remaining nominee with the lowest number of votes, shall have their names stricken from the nomination list, and another ballot held until a single candidate receives a clear majority of the votes cast;*
- i. If there is a tie for the candidate to be eliminated, a separate ballot will decide which of the two will remain;*
- j. If there is only one candidate for a particular position, the Voting Members will cast a ballot indicating “yes” or “no” for the single candidate. The candidate must receive a majority of “yes” votes to be elected;*
- k. Voting members who cannot be physically present at the AGM may call in and participate in a conference call during the Annual General Meeting. Their votes can be cast by means of text message or email to the Returning Officer. Votes submitted electronically must be reviewed by the Scrutineers noted in Paragraph A. The Voting Member must participate in the meeting by way of conference call for their electronic ballot to be valid;*
- l. In the event a position is not filled at the Annual General Meeting, every effort will be made to fill it at the following Board Meeting. Calls for candidates will be advertised through an email to the membership and posted to the website;*
- m. The Executive may declare an office vacant when it’s occupant has been suspended, has resigned the office, or has been absent for a period of 3 consecutive months;*
- n. When an office becomes vacant during any year, the vacancy shall be filled by the Club at the next Board Meeting, following the same procedure as the Annual General Meeting; and*
- o. If desired, candidates may make a presentation to the membership, not to exceed two minutes, prior to the election for the position taking place.*