

Proposed rule change brought forward by Maureen Sullivan, seconded Lisa Siese for AGM 2019

Sandys Boat Club Rules – Amendment to Rule 10. Election of Members as follows:

10. ELECTION OF MEMBERS

- a.** The election of Members to the Club shall be the responsibility of the Executive Committee.

- b. The method of electing applicants shall be as follows:
 - (i)** Every nominee for election must be proposed and seconded by two Members in good standing, to whom he/she must be personally known.
 - (ii)** Application for Membership shall be made on a form approved by the Executive Committee and shall be duly signed by the applicant, the proposer and seconder, and shall be forwarded to the Secretary for posting on the Club Notice Board. The applicant shall be required to pay the Entrance Fee applicable in their case, to the Treasurer, before their application is posted on the Club Notice Board.
 - (iii)** Applications shall be displayed on the Notice Board for at least fourteen days, in order to give Members an opportunity of registering any objection they may have to the applicant. Objections must be made in writing to the Secretary only and shall not be disclosed except in Committee.
 - (iv)** After having been posted for at least fourteen days, the applications shall be brought before the next meeting of the Executive Committee. After considering any objections registered by Members, and after being satisfied that sufficient is known about the applicant, the Executive Committee shall vote on the application.
 - (v)** The Executive Committee may defer consideration of an application, in order to conduct any necessary interview or investigation.
 - (vi)** Voting shall be by secret ballot and should one third of the votes cast be adverse votes, the applicant shall be declared rejected and the proposer and seconder shall be advised within seven days and the entrance fee paid by the applicant, refunded.
 - (vii)** Should the vote be in favor of the applicant, he/she shall be declared elected to membership and shall be so advised in writing by the Secretary within seven days of the date of acceptance.
 - (viii)** After a period of at least six months, a rejected applicant may again apply for Membership, but, if rejected a second time, he/she shall not be eligible for membership.

- (ix) No elected applicant shall be entitled to the privileges of membership until their subscription is paid. Applicants shall not have the use of the Club facilities before election excepting as a guest of a Member.
- (x) (i) The successful Nominee should attend the next scheduled Member Appreciation Night together with his/her proposer or seconder. Such nights will normally be scheduled once per month on the last Friday of the month.
(ii) This requirement may be waived
 - a. For Overseas applicants (under Rule 19a)
 - b. Former Members who have resigned in good standing and wish to rejoin the Club.
 - c. Sons or daughters of Members in good standing, joining the Club between their eighteenth and nineteenth birthdays.
- d. A person who was a Member of the Club and resigned in good standing and now wishes to rejoin does not have to pay the entrance fee again.

Changes noted below:

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- a. The election of Members to the Club shall be the responsibility of a Membership Committee consisting of past (full) Commodores, present Flag Officers, a secretary appointed by the Executive Committee, and three other Members in good standing appointed by the Executive Committee. The appointment of the aforementioned secretary and three Members shall be made within two months of the date of the last preceding A.G.M. and shall be recorded by the Secretary in the Minutes of the Executive Committee and as an addendum to the Minutes of the A.G.M. The appointments shall be valid for the Club year in which they are made. the Executive Committee.
- b. (i) ~~At any meeting of the Membership Committee, seven Members shall form a quorum and an applicant shall not be accepted for membership unless at least seven Members vote.~~
~~(ii) Voting by the Membership Committee shall be treated as **CONFIDENTIAL**.~~
- c. The method of electing applicants shall be as follows:
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 - (ii) Application for Membership shall be made on a form approved by the Membership Executive Committee and shall be duly signed by the applicant, the proposer and seconder, and shall be forwarded to the Secretary for posting on the Club Notice Board. The applicant shall be required to pay the Entrance Fee applicable in their case, to the Treasurer, before their application is posted on the Club Notice Board.

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 - (iv) After having been posted for at least fourteen days, the applications shall be brought before the next meeting of the Membership Executive Committee. After considering any objections registered by Members, and after being satisfied that sufficient is known about the applicant, the Membership Committee shall vote on the application.
 - (v) The Membership Executive Committee may defer consideration of an application, in order to conduct any necessary interview or investigation.
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 - (viii) After a period of at least six months, a rejected applicant may again apply for Membership, but, if rejected a second time, he/she shall not be eligible for membership.
 - (ix) No elected applicant shall be entitled to the privileges of membership until their subscription is paid. Applicants shall not have the use of the Club facilities before election excepting as a guest of a Member.
 - (i) (i) The Nominee must attend the ~~Membership Committee Meeting together with his/her proposer or seconder~~ next scheduled Member Appreciation Night together with his/her proposer or seconder. Such nights will normally be scheduled once per month on the last Friday of the month.
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 - (ii) This requirement to ~~appear before the Membership Committee~~ may be waived
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- e. ~~The Membership Committee shall be scheduled to meet at least once a month or as required. Notification of the meeting shall be not less than seven days.~~