

Natures Fun Association - General Meeting Minutes

February 16th 2019

Call to Order: At 10:00 am by President, Steve Watters with Vice-President, Rainy Wolfe, Treasurer, Pete Smithley, Secretary, Robin Baugh, Entertainment Director, Janice Perry and Kelley Cameron, Director at Large present.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Was led by Ken Casey. Our friends and neighbors from Canada and other countries were saluted and thanked for spending time with us here at NATURES.

President

Good Morning Natures:

Welcome Everyone to our Annual General Meeting and Elections.

The agenda for today's meeting will be slightly different than normal.

As we have Constitution/bylaw changes plus our annual elections, the meeting will be as follows.

We will start with the Secretary's Report, followed by the Treasurers report. We will then proceed to the Constitution/Bylaw amendments, and then move into the election process with speeches given by the Nominees. I will then open the floor for voting. As the voting is taken place, we will continue on with the remainder of the board officer reports, followed by the Audit committee report, Upcoming

Events, Unfinished Business, New Business, Open Discussion/Announcements, Adjournment followed by the Owners Corner:

Once I receive the voting results I will present the outcome to the membership.

So if there are no questions we will get started with the meeting.

Secretary's Report: Was given by *Robin*.

The Minutes from the last members meeting has been posted on the NR website and on the Bulletin Board. Are there any questions regarding those meeting minutes?

Motion to Accept: Tom

Second: Dan

Motion was passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: *Pete gave his report. See attachment.*

Motion to Accept: Greg

Second: Rich

Unanimously accepted.

Constitution and Bylaw Changes

We have proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws, which have been broken down into 5 different Proposals.

The vote for each proposal will be for all of it or none of it.

Under proposal number 5, there are 3 options, which we will discuss shortly, you can only vote for 1 of the options under proposal 5, If you vote for more than 1, your ballot for that proposal will be rejected.

Each proposal will be presented one at a time with 10 mins allotted for open floor discussion by the membership; I will allow a possibility of a 10 min extension if there is still a lot of debate on that proposal. We will then move to the second and so on until all the proposals have been presented and discussed. The proposals are presented exactly as submitted, no changes or updates have been made.

Are there any questions on the process?

Ok we will get started.

Proposal 1

CONSTITUTION(*Requires a 66 and 2/3 majority to pass*)

Add:

CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

All meetings of the Natures Resort Fun Activities Association shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, most recent copy.

Rationale:

We use Robert's Rules of Order at our meetings. However, it is not mentioned in the Constitution or Bylaws that we should be using it. This amendment corrects the oversight.

Open floor for discussion (10 mins) Ken, Tom, and Greg gave their opinions about this proposal.

Proposal 2

BYLAWS Article I – Officers (*Requires a simple majority to pass*)

Current Bylaw:

There shall be six officers elected at the February general membership meeting to form a Board. The first year, the officer receiving the most votes shall be elected to a three year term. The officers receiving the second and third highest number of votes shall be elected to serve two year terms. The officers receiving the fourth and fifth highest number of votes shall be elected to serve one year terms. Each year thereafter, starting in 2005, officers to replace those whose terms are expiring shall be elected to three year terms. The six elected officers shall promptly select from the Board a President, Vice President, Entertainment Director, Secretary, Treasurer and Director at Large, each to serve as a voting member of the Board for a one year term. At the March meeting of the general membership, the out-going President will present to the general membership the complete incoming Board, and the officers the incoming Board has selected.

Amended Bylaw:

1. Officers shall be elected for a three-year term. Each year, two officer positions shall be up for election. This allows for continuity on the Board.
2. The six (two newly elected and four incumbent) officers shall promptly select from the Board: President, Vice President, Entertainment Director, Secretary, Treasurer and Director at Large, each to serve as a voting member of the Board for a one-year term.
3. The Board members selected for the officer positions shall be announced as soon as possible after their selection.
4. At the March meeting of the general membership, the outgoing President will present to the general membership the complete incoming Board, and the officers the incoming Board has selected.

Rationale:

There is no longer a need to detail how the first Board shall be elected

Open floor for discussion (10 mins) Was opined by Ken, Stan, Greg, and Julie.

Proposal 3

BYLAWS Article IV – Meetings (*Requires a simple majority to pass*)

Current Bylaw:

2. A general membership meeting of the Association shall be held on the third Saturday of each month, beginning the third Saturday of October or November and continuing through the third Saturday of March; or shall be held at such place and time as set by the President, due notice of the change having been posted on the bulletin board at least 15 days before the usual meeting date for that month. A special general membership meeting may be called by a majority of the Board present on the grounds by posting on the bulletin board, at least seven days prior to the meeting date, a statement of the subject matter to be covered, and the date, time and place of meeting. The Business transacted at such special meeting shall be confined to the subject matter stated in notice.

Remove:

Mention of October.

Add:

3. The February membership meeting shall be the Annual General Meeting where election of Board members, amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws may be voted on as well as regular membership meeting business.

Complete Amended Bylaw:

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to the meeting date, a statement of the subject matter to be covered, and the date, time and place of meeting. The Business transacted at such special meeting shall be confined to the subject matter stated in notice.

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Open floor for discussion (10 mins) No Discussion or questions.

Proposal 4

BYLAWS Article V – Nominating Committee (*Requires a simple majority to pass*)

Current Bylaw:

Slates are needed for two nominees to fill places of board members whose terms expire the next February 29.

Amend to:

Slates are needed for two nominees to fill places of board members whose terms expire the next end of February.

Open floor for discussion (10 mins) No questions

Proposal 5 Option A

BYLAWS

Article VI - Election of Board Members (*Requires a simple majority to pass*)

Current Bylaw:

In the First year the election of officers, the procedure of Article I of these Bylaws will be followed.

Thereafter the election of nominees to fill the places of Board members whose terms will expire at the end of next February will be held in the clubhouse on the third Saturday of February or at such other time and place as scheduled in a manner as provided elsewhere in these bylaws. In the case of Board members who resign or are unable to complete their terms, the Board may appoint a replacement until the next Board election, where the membership will elect a replacement for the remainder of that time.

In the first year, and in all subsequent years, nominations from the floor will be accepted on the ballot in advance of each election provided the proposed nominee is present and agrees to serve if elected; or, when a possible nominee cannot be present at the time of the election but has provided to an Activities Association member with a written agreement to serve the Association if nominated and elected, such nominee will also be accepted on the ballot.

Proposed Amendment:

Remove:

In the First year the election of officers, the procedure of Article I of these Bylaws will be followed.

Change:

Thereafter the election of nominees to fill the places of Board members whose terms will expire at the end of next February will be held in the clubhouse on the third Saturday of February or at such other time and place as scheduled in a manner as provided elsewhere in these bylaws.

To:

The election of nominees to fill the places of Board members whose terms will expire at the end of next February will be held in the clubhouse on the third Saturday of February.

Change:

In the first year, and in all subsequent years, nominations from the floor will be accepted on the ballot in advance of each election provided the proposed nominee is present and agrees to serve if elected; or, when a possible nominee cannot be present at the time of the election but has provided to an Activities Association member with a written agreement to serve the Association if nominated and elected, such nominee will also be accepted on the ballot.

To:

Nominations from the floor will be accepted on the ballot in advance of each election provided the proposed nominee is present and agrees to serve if elected; or, when a possible nominee cannot be present at the time of the election but has provided to the Secretary with a written agreement to serve the Association if nominated and elected, such nominee will also be accepted on the ballot.

Add:

A member must be present at the Annual General Meeting to vote. Proxy, absentee and early voting shall not be allowed.

Complete Amended Bylaw:

1. Nominees to fill the places of Board members whose terms will expire at the end of next February will be held in the clubhouse on the third Saturday of February. In the case of Board members who resign or are unable to complete their terms, the Board may appoint a replacement until the next Board election, where the membership will elect a replacement for the remainder of that time.
2. Nominations from the floor will be accepted on the ballot in advance of each election provided the proposed nominee is present and agrees to serve if elected; or, when a possible nominee cannot be present at the time of the election but has provided to the Secretary with a written agreement to serve the Association if nominated and elected, such nominee will also be accepted on the ballot.
3. A member shall be present at the Annual General Meeting to vote. Proxy, absentee and early voting shall not be allowed.

Rationale:

1. Update bylaw to remove mention of Article I.

2. Removed the possibility of holding the Annual General Meeting at another time or place.
3. Provided a contact person (Secretary) for absentee nomination agreements.
4. We are a small organization. It should be kept simple and easy to administer. We should remove the ambiguity that often happens in January meeting (nominating) about who can vote.

Or

Proposal 5 Option B

BYLAWS

Article VI - Election of Board Members (*Requires a simple majority to pass*)

Changes are proposed in the second paragraph only.

Current second paragraph:

Thereafter, the election of nominees to fill the places of Board members whose terms will expire at the end of the next February will be held in the clubhouse on the third Saturday of February or at such other time and place as scheduled in a manner as provided elsewhere in these bylaws. In the case of Board Members who resign or are unable to complete their terms, the Board may appoint a replacement until the next Board election, when the membership will elect a replacement for the remainder of the term.

Proposed revision:

Thereafter, the election of nominees to fill the places of Board members whose terms will expire at the end of the next February will be held in the clubhouse on the third Saturday of February or at such other time and place as scheduled in a manner as provided elsewhere in these bylaws. **Members who have a commitment out of the park on the day of the election may request an advance**

ballot from the election coordinator. This request must be made in person and may only be made within 7 days before the election. Specific directions for advance voting will be provided by the election coordinator in conjunction with the Board.

In the case of Board Members who resign or are unable to complete their terms, the Board may appoint a replacement until the next Board election, when the membership will elect a replacement for the remainder of the term.

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ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

The following sentence would be added as a new paragraph at the end of ARTICLE XI:

Advance voting for amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws will follow the same procedure as stated in ARTICLE VI for Election of Board Members. For the purpose of determining 66 2/3 majority or simple majority, the number who voted in advance will be added to the number present at the meeting.

Rationale:

These amendments are proposed to provide a voting option for those who are unable to attend the annual general meeting because of specific commitments outside the park. These amendments have no bearing on the right of all members to vote at the annual general meeting. Members who wish to vote in advance are on their honor to distinguish between a valid commitment and a desire for a day at the beach! It is not the responsibility of the election coordinator to make this distinction.

The current election coordinator has reviewed these amendments and indicated that the procedures would be manageable.

Amendments are proposed to two bylaws articles, but both deal with the same issue so only one vote is required.

Or

Proposal 5 Option C

BYLAWS

Article VI - Election of Board Members (*Requires a simple majority to pass*)

Neither (Leave as is)

Open floor for discussion (10 mins) Ken and Tim voiced their outlook on these Proposals.

Close open floor discussion on Constitution/Bylaw changes

Elections & Voting:

We will now start our election process.

As you all know there are two positions open for election.

As per our Bylaws, Nominees were presented at the January membership meeting and were listed on the bulletin Board, the Fun Association Website along with the electronic notice board in the order of a draw that was completed after the last meeting.

There are 3 nominees for 2 Board positions. **You may vote for 1 person, you may vote for two people, you cannot vote for**

three people. If there are three or more votes on a ballot, it will be disqualified and removed.

The two winning candidates will be decided by a simple majority, meaning the 1st and 2nd highest number of votes will be elected for a 3 year term.

I have the rules in case of a tie. So please stick around for the whole meeting in case we have to have a tie breaking vote.

Tables will be called individually. Please give your lot # to the person checking you in to vote, as many last names are different than their significant other.

Once Paula tells me that all the tables have been called to vote, I will ask if there is anyone who has not voted and wishes to vote. If there are no other members who want to vote, I will ask for a motion and second to close the voting.

Once the voting has concluded, Paula will give me the results and I will present them to the membership.

At the conclusion of this meeting the New Board of Directors will meet to determine the Board positions for next year.

We will now move on to the speeches, the speeches will be in the order as listed which was previously determined by a draw.

Each Nominee will be giving two minutes to give their speech if they so desire. The speeches will be timed.

I would like to thank each nominee for running for the board, and I wish you all the best of luck.

Let's get Started:

Jerry (Joan)	Lot 62
Steve(Julie)	Lot 300
Tom (Kat)	Lot 130

The floor is now open for voting; Paula called the tables for voting.

We will now carry on with the remainder of our meeting.

Entertainment Directors Report:ByJanice-see attachments. Reminded everyone to check board for information about upcoming events.

Director at Large Report:Kelley had no report to give.

Vice President Report: Rainy state 1 suggestion was turned over to the owners.

Audit Committee Report: President Steve introduced Tom to give report.

As you know every January our financial records, are audited by a three member team of the membership which was made up of the following members:

Tom (team leader)

Cindy, and

Sylvie

The Audit Committee has completed their review of the financial records and I will now ask them to present their report.

Report: All records are excellently kept!

At this time, I would like to thank the audit committee, Tom, Cindy and Sylvie for doing a great job of reviewing and auditing our financial records. Thank you!

I would now like to thank Pete our treasurer for the hard work he puts in every day to ensure our funds and books are kept in pristine condition. It's a demanding job, and on behalf of our membership, thank for another year of doing an outstanding job; well done Pete.

Upcoming Events:Steve

At this time, I would like to thank all of our great volunteers who have stepped up to host an event or a party. We cannot do it without you, so a big thanks to all of you.

Here is the list of upcoming events leading up to the end of March

- 17 Feb Open Mic/Karaoke
- 18 Feb Dance Bottom Line Band
- 21 Feb AARP Safe Driving Course

- 21 Feb HEB Wine tasting
- 25 Feb Dance – Helen Russell
- 26 Feb Variety Show Rehearsal
- 27 Feb Street Party
- 1 Mar Variety Show
- 3 Mar Members Video
- 4 Mar Blood Drive
- 5 Mar Dance Mardi Gras
- 6 Mar Vipers Basket Ball
- 6-8 Mar Spring Garage Sale
- 9 Mar Dance – Ren Rockers
- 10 Mar Essential Oil workshop
- 10 Mar Birthday's & Anniversaries
- 14 Mar Spring BBQ
- 16 Mar Last General Meeting of the Year
- 17 Mar St Patrick's Day Dance – Steve May
- 19 Mar Open Mic/Karaoke Night
- 25 Mar Owner Dinner and Dance (Band TBA)

Unfinished Business:

- As you may know, Robin our current Secretary is not running again for the board and will be leaving us at the end of the season. Robin has served on the board for the last three years and has done a great job, as a member of your board. Over the years she has also organized and taught Bridge, and I am sure spent many hours taking care of the Birthday's and Anniversary lists and also organized and helped out with many events.

Robin, on behalf of the board and the Natures membership, we would like to thank you for everything you have done for us here at Natures Resort. You will be truly missed by all of us.

- Thank you to Laurie for the hard work at putting together the Natures Phone book

- Thank you – All helpers for Tater Night

- Thank you – Monte Carlo Night
 - Monte Carlo Night was a huge success and is turning out to be a very popular event. No one person can pull this off on their own, so I would like to thank everyone of you who stepped up, to decorate, deal or run a game, the bankers, counters and the runners, We could not of pulled it off without you. Thank you so very much.

Rick and Sylvain made motions to close the voting-It was unanimously accepted by the members.

- Thank you – Eric & Kathy for running a great Super Bowl Pot Luck and the people who ran the football pool.

- Thank you – Ruthifor another Great Dance and kick off to our annual FITs activities.

- I would like to thank all the coordinators that ran the various FITS events; you all did an amazing job. I would also like to thank all the participants, for without you we would not have FITS. I trust and hope you all had fun participating or watching.

- Thank you – Tom, always great thanks for running another success full FITS.

- Thank you – Valentine’s Day Brunch Helpers. Julie, Greg, Rainy, Paula, Beckey, Karen,

- Thank you – Craft Fair Folks

- AARP Safe driving course Cost \$15.00, members, \$20.00 non members. – Feb 21st from 10am to 2pm in the Clubhouse. A signup sheet has been posted in the Black Binder. If you agreed to sign up the last time I asked please ensure you do so, so it turns out to be a successful event and worthwhile to the presenter.

- 20 additional towels have been ordered with the Natures Logo Embroidered, and are now for sale. Thanks Pete for taken care of this. Price is \$30.00

- Friday Night Campfire: Dave (Kay)

- First Aid Coordinator (Paula) Reminder

- Military Photo’s (Ken) Reminder

- Pens, Hats, Towels, T-Shirts – For Sale

- Fun Association Website The link is:
<https://www.naturesresortfunassociation.org/>

New Business:

- A special thank you to Paula Brooks and her election crew that always does an outstanding job ensuring the creation of Ballots and counting of the ballots along with the smooth running of our election process. Thank you, Paula for your hard work.
- The original Karaoke machine that was purchased by Alice and Dave, has quick working. Once Alice and Dave heard about this they quickly offered and purchased us a new Karaoke machine. Alice and Dave, thank you so much for your very kind donation.

Open Discussion/ Announcements:

Jim gave Kudos to all the officers for their hard work. Deb gave thanks to Mary Ann and Ruthi as Dance Instructors. Tom reminded people to sign up for Red Hots on Sunday after FITS. Greg encouraged everyone to come to Breakfast in the Bag with Blueberry Pancakes, next Saturday, hosted by Canadian Sue. Kelley asked for help taking down Valentine Decorations.

Next Membership Meeting will be March 16th 2019 at 9am.

While waiting for outcome of elections, Misty gave the Owners Report.

Steve and Tom were elected to the board and Jerry was thanked for his participation.

Adjournment:

Motion: Tom

Second: Ken

Motion accepted unanimously! Bylaws will be announced on the google site.