

## **Sandusky County Sportsmen's Club Bylaws revisions**

### Creation of an Elections Committee, Powers and Duties

#### **ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**

The Elections Committee shall consist of not less than seven nor more than ten members in good standing, who during their service may not be an officer, director or employee, a candidate for any elective office, or be related by blood or marriage to any officer, director, employee or candidate for any elective office.

Any member of the Elections Committee who is not eligible to serve shall promptly resign from the committee, and shall be replaced by a member in good standing meeting the qualifications for service on the Elections Committee.

All members and replacement members of the Elections Committee shall be approved by the Membership.

#### **The Elections Committee shall:**

- 1.** Supervise the conduct of all elections of the Club, including the printing, distribution, collection and tabulation of all ballots for all elections, and announcing to the Membership the results of all elections;
- 2.** Determine the eligibility of any candidate for any office, consistent with the Bylaws of the Club;
- 3.** Decide all challenges to candidate eligibility and election procedures, subject to any appeal to the Membership, which may, by a majority vote, affirm, reverse or modify the decision of the Elections Committee.

### Establishing the number of Directors, qualifications for and term of office and manner of election.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **Board of Directors**

**Section 1.** A Board of Directors consisting of nine members shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Club, subject to these Bylaws.

**Section 2.** Three Directors shall be elected by the membership at the General meeting held on the first Tuesday in December. Candidates for Director must be members in good standing who have been members in good standing no less than 48 months prior to the date of the election. Directors shall serve a term of three years commencing at the first General meeting following the election.

**Section 3.** The election of Directors shall be conducted by the Elections Committee in accordance with elections procedures approved by the membership prior to the election. Vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled in accordance with elections procedures approved by the membership.

### **Board of Directors Election Timeline**

#### **July General Meeting**

Written nominations for candidates for Board of Directors ("Director") shall be accepted after this date. All nominations for candidates for Director must be received by the Elections Committee on or before the August General Meeting. The membership shall be notified of all other election-related dates, and the same shall be conspicuously published in the Club newsletter.

#### **August General Meeting**

All written nominations for Board of Directors candidates must be received by the Elections Committee by this date. The last order of business of this meeting shall be to entertain any further written nominations, to close nominations, and following the close of nominations, to announce to the membership all candidates for Director.

The names of all candidates shall be published in the Club newsletter.

### **Two weeks prior to September General Meeting**

All written challenges to any candidate for Director must be received by the Elections Committee no later than two (2) weeks prior to the September General Meeting.

### **September General Meeting**

The Elections Committee shall report to the Membership its findings regarding the eligibility of Director candidates, and its recommendation regarding any candidate whose eligibility to serve as a Director was challenged by any member. Only those candidates eligible for election as determined by the Elections Committee shall be placed on the ballot, unless the Membership rejects the report of the Elections Committee. If the Membership rejects the Election Committee report relating to the eligibility of any candidate for Director, the matter shall come before the Membership at the October General Meeting for final decision.

Candidates for Director must submit biographical data to the Business Manager on or before this date for publication in the club newsletter. In the event a candidate is deemed ineligible to run for Director, that candidate's biographical information shall not be published.

### **October General Meeting**

Any issues relating to the eligibility of any candidate for Director shall be determined by the Membership at this meeting.

### **One week following the October General Meeting**

Absentee ballots shall be available for those members wishing to cast an absentee ballot one week after the October General Meeting.

Any member receiving an absentee ballot shall be prohibited from receiving any further ballot. The Elections Committee shall record the names of all members receiving absentee ballots and shall establish procedures and safeguards to prevent election irregularities or fraud.

### **November General Meeting**

Absentee ballots are due at this meeting. No absentee ballots shall be accepted after adjournment. No member who has received an absentee ballot shall receive any other ballot. Absentee ballots shall be collected by the Elections Committee and secured until the December General meeting. No ballot shall be viewed or counted prior to the December election.

### **December General Meeting**

Election of Directors shall occur at this meeting. In the event the Chairman of the Board of Directors and the Business Manager agree that due to an emergency or other exigency the meeting cannot be conducted, the election of Directors shall occur at the General Meeting to be held on the following Tuesday.

### **Effective date of membership/anniversary date**

A prospective member shall be deemed a member of the SCSC upon the happening of the following events:

1. Approval of the member by the membership; and,
2. Completion of a safety orientation, if applicable.

The Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible for recording and safekeeping all membership records, and shall provide each member with written confirmation of the date and class of membership.

All members who have maintained active membership status prior to January 1, 2007 shall be deemed eligible for election to the Board of Directors.

*The following revisions to the Sandusky County Sportsmen's Club By-laws were read at the Sandusky County Sportsmen's Club general meeting on May 1, 2012; published in the May 2012 "Range Talk" newsletter for Sandusky County Sportsmen's Club and approved by a majority vote of the membership present at the June 5, 2012 Sandusky County Sportsmen's Club general meeting.*