

M.A. Lightman Bridge Club
Special Called Membership Meeting
June 15, 2013

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Larry Alexander - President
Cary Rodgers-Vice President
Judy Knox –Secretary
Henry Francis
Tom Dixon

The meeting was called to order by Larry Alexander around 5 pm. Article III-4 of the By Laws requires that 20% of Club members in good standing shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the membership. A head count was made before the meeting began and there were exactly 51 members present which constitutes the required quorum. This meeting is limited to the following topics and no other topics will be discussed.

1. Separation of the Boards of Directors and related topics.
2. Reworking election procedures.
3. Recording method for membership meetings.
4. Changes in by laws governing how soon after passage of any change or addition these changes and additions may be changed or augmented.

There was a discussion regarding whether or not a special called meeting would constitute a membership meeting whereby the members present could vote to change the by laws. After much discussion and consulting Robert's Rules of order, it was decided that Article III on page 1 of the current by laws does acknowledge a special called meeting as a membership meeting.

There was also a discussion regarding whether or not the required quorum of 20% or 51 MAL members are required every time a vote is taken or if there are 51 or 20% quorum present at the beginning of the meeting and some of them leave before a vote is taken, can we still have a valid meeting and valid voting. According to Robert's Rules of order, in order to vote we must have a quorum present at the beginning of the meeting only.

A motion was made by Michael Schreiber and seconded by Tom Dixon that article 5.1.a be deleted and the following be inserted – The M.A. Lightman Bridge Club will have its own separate election for Board Members and members of the Unit 144 Board of Directors are not eligible to run for the MAL Board. The MA Lightman Bridge club Board of Directors will be separate from the Unit 144 Board of Directors. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Michael Schreiber for Article 5.1.b. to be deleted in its entirety and the following inserted: Any member of the Unit 144 Board is ineligible to run and serve for or on the MAL Board of Directors. If you are on the Unit 144 Board, you cannot run for the M.A. Lightman Board. The motion passed.

Michael Schreiber made a motion that an election for the temporary MALightman Bridge club board of directors to be held on July 20, 2013 with pre- voting on the 18th and 19th. There will be no absentee ballots. After much discussion, it was decided to change the Pre-voting dates to July 15th – July 20th. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Michael Schreiber that Article 3 sections 1-a & 1-b to be re-lettered to be Articles III sections 1b and c respectively and the following be entered. An election will be held in January of each year to elect MALightman Bridge club Counsel Members. The motion passed.

A Motion was made by Michael Schreiber to create Article 3, section 1.a.1 Notice of any election be delivered by phone, fax or email 21- 28 days prior to the election. A discussion was held and a proposed change was made to say all notices will be sent out by U. S. Post office mail. The motion passed.

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Michael Schreiber made a motion that the term of the temporary MALightman Board members should be until January, 2014 when we have our regular election. The motion passed.

Michael Schreiber made a motion that there shall be eight members on the MALightman Board. This can be amended later if necessary. The motion passed.

Michael Schreiber made a motion that for 2014 the MALightman Board members with the most votes will serve on the board for 2 years. The next 4 members will serve for only 1 year. After that, all Board of director terms of service will be for 2 years. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Michael Schreiber that we select 3 election officials to be in charge of the election in July, 2013 and to count the votes. Joyce McMonagle, Sharon Ohsfeldt, and Richard Brehm were selected and accepted the election official positions for 2013. The election officials can select anyone they chose for assistance if necessary. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Michael Schreiber that we postpone the regularly scheduled July meeting until August so the newly elected Temporary Board can preside over the August election on Saturday. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Michael Schreiber that for the special election you can vote for 1 – 8 people. You can vote for 1 or 8 or any number you chose. There will be no minimum number of people you can vote for. The motion passed.

Michael Schreiber made a motion that all subsequent membership meetings should be audio recorded. The motion passed.

Michael Schreiber made a motion that any changes to the by laws or changes or modifications should be in place for 6 months before they can be altered again unless a membership meeting is called and 51% of the membership must be present to over turn the changes. The motion was amended to eliminate the 51% requirement. The motion passed.

Michael Schreiber made a motion to elect a new secretary to write up the minutes to replace Judy Knox since she is a member of the Unit Board. After much discussion, Michael withdrew his motion and Judy Knox will write up the minutes.

Howard Morris made a motion that anyone can nominate themselves to run for the MALightman Board of Directors. No nominating committee is necessary. The election committee will take names 10 days prior to July 15th of people who want to run for the Board. If anyone wants to run and their name is not on the ballot, they can write themselves in with no problem. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Knox
Judy Knox, Secretary MAL Bridge Club