

Elections Bylaws

Candidates for Office and Elections Now is the time to start thinking about the CLUB for 2023! This is a critical year and it is imperative that strong, capable, dependable, leadership represents our club for continued success.

As Election Chairperson, **he/she to be named** presented the Slate of Officers at the Flag Meeting on **18 October** and nominations were accepted from the floor. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor as of the **1 November** Flag Meeting, at that time Nominations will be closed for 2023.

Below are the Candidates for Officers and Board effective as of the Flag Meeting 18 October 2022.

Officers Nominee

Commodore

1st Vice Commodore

2nd Vice Commodore

Treasurer

Financial Secretary

Secretary

Sergeant at Arms

Board of Directors (Vote 3)

1.

2.

3.

Returning Board:

4.

5.

6.

Dates to Remember: (Candidates to be current within 60 days)

Last day/to request Absentee Ballot is Oct. 25

Note there are two Flag Meetings in November: **1 November & 15 November 2020.**

(Candidates must be current within 60 days) October 31, is the last day to bring delinquent accounts current to vote (15 days)

15 November 2020 - Election 1:00-7 pm. Polls close 7 p.m.

15 November 2020 - Flag Meeting 7 p.m. Election Committee will count votes and announce @ Flag Meeting, Board Meeting to follow.

Jan. ?, 2021 (TBA) Installation & Dinner – Duties of Officers and Board & Elections Rules are in the October and November Scuttlebutt It's also the time of year to recognize members that have gone above and beyond the call of duty; select that someone special. At elections, we vote on the "Man and Women of the Year!" There are many individuals that should be "Man and Women" every year but only one man and one woman receives this mark of distinction. Each time the award is received it is prestigious award and an honor from your peers! We would like to thank: The Election Committee - Members working polls and the Tellers. Thanks to members for voting and Candidates for running for office.

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ARTICLE VII – ELECTIONS

SECTION 1 - The Commodore shall appoint a nominating chairperson, which shall present a slate of officers and Board Members at the meeting required by SECTION 3 of this article. All candidates for office must be Flag Members in good standing and be able to represent the Club in a respectable, legal, credible and reputable manner.

SECTION 2 - Prior to the election the Commodore shall establish an election committee no less than 30 calendar days prior to First Nominations. The election committee shall be comprised of no less than 3 and no more than 5 individuals who are not on the current board and are not running for office. The responsibility of the board is to validate that the voting processes is in accordance with these Bylaws, validating the total ballot count, presenting the voting results to the Board of Directors and announcing the results of the tally after the voting has been closed. The tally shall include the total numbers of votes for each candidate. The committee shall sign and date voting results.

SECTION 3 - Nominations for Officers and Directors shall be made at the meeting in October and again at the first meeting in November. Nominations for Officers and Directors shall be closed at the meeting in November by proclamation of the Commodore after he/she shall have determined by three (3) enquiries that there are in fact no further nominations.

SECTION 4 - It shall be the responsibility of the Election Committee Chairperson to have proper ballots prepared for the election. The ballot shall contain the names of those nominated for each office, plus nominations for the Board of Directors and at least one blank space for write-in candidates. A ballot cast for an eligible member shall count even though such member may not have been nominated.

SECTION 5 - For the election of officers, in the event no Member receives a simple majority of votes cast, the Commodore shall cause the two members who receive the greatest number of votes to be balloted upon again in order that one may receive a majority present and eligible to vote, who shall, upon acceptance of the office, be declared elected. For the election of Directors, the nominees receiving the greatest plurality of votes shall be declared elected. In case of a tie vote for the last office, additional votes shall be had to break the tie.

SECTION 6 - REGULAR BALLOTING: Elections shall be conducted on the day of the second Flag Meeting in November at the SDMBBSC. Voting shall be done that day at the Clubhouse beginning at 1:00PM, and continuing until closing at 7:30PM except for a possible "run off" ballot, which will be decided by the members present and eligible to vote at the normal Flag meeting.

SECTION 7 - All ballots shall be numbered. This number shall be separated from the ballot and the ballot deposited into the ballot box by a member of the Election Committee. The number will be returned to the voter and MUST BE RETAINED by the voter. In case of a "run off" ballot, this number must be surrendered to the Election Committee to receive a "run off" ballot. The Election Committee may require any Member to show picture identification.

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SECTION 8 - ABSENTEE BALLOTS (Including Out of County/State Ballots): Any Member having a valid reason that requires an absentee ballot must request said ballot, in writing or e-mail and stating the reason, from the Election Committee Chairperson. **The out of county member must request, in writing, no later than twenty (20) calendar days before election,** their desire and intention to vote in the election. The Election Committee Chairperson shall issue to each member, whom he/she deems eligible, an absentee ballot. The voter must adhere to the following procedures to return the ballot to the SDMBBSC.: 1. Place the marked ballot (Unsigned) in an envelope and seal envelope. 2. The sealed envelope shall be placed in an outer envelope with member name printed and, once sealed, signature on the outer envelope. **DO NOT SIGN THE BALLOT or Inner Envelope.** 3. Return by mail to the Financial Secretary. 4. The Financial Secretary must receive the ballot prior to the close of election at 7:30PM on Election Day for the ballot to be counted.

SECTION 9 - It shall be the responsibility of the Commodore to cause the above Sections 4, 5, and 6 to be published in the October and November issues of the Scuttlebutt.

SECTION 10 - It is the responsibility of the Financial Secretary to prepare a report for the Election Committee of all members eligible to vote the night prior to the Election no later than 7:00PM. Any Member over 60 calendar days delinquent is not eligible to vote. Members have until 15 calendar days prior to election to become fully current (no delinquencies) to be eligible to vote.

ARTICLE VIII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1 - The Board of Directors shall be elected by the Flag Membership and consist of the seven (7) officers and six (6) other Flag Members as provided in these Bylaws. The position of Rear Commodore shall be filled by the immediate past Commodore and shall become a member of the board. The term of office of the elected Directors shall be for two (2) years for the six (6) non-officer elected directors, however, three (3) of their number shall be elected each year for a two (2) year term starting on January First (1st) and ending on December Thirty First (31st) of the second year.

SECTION 2 - The Board of Directors shall conduct the business of the SDMBBSC and perform such other responsibilities not specifically reserved to the membership herein.

SECTION 3 - Seven Board of Directors present shall constitute a quorum, except as hereinafter provided.

SECTION 4 - If a vacancy shall exist on the Board of Directors, those remaining Directors present at a regular meeting, or at a special meeting called for the purpose, shall have the power to fill such vacancy. If only one (1) Director shall remain, he/she shall have the power to fill all vacancies, except that the Flag Members shall have the power upon written notice to the Commodore by five (5) or more, to hold an election and elect Directors who shall replace the Directors so elected by the remnant of the Board of Directors.

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SECTION 5 - If a vacancy shall exist in the elective offices of the SDMBBSC, to which succession is not herein provided, the Board of Directors shall elect from the membership a person to complete the unexpired term of the vacated office.

SECTION 6 - The Commodore shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors including Flag meetings and meetings and special meetings. The Commodore shall run the meeting according to Robert's Rules as defined for a Board of Directors with twelve or more Directors. The Commodore shall have one (1) vote in all matters coming before the Board, and an additional vote if such is necessary to break a tie.

SECTION 7 - Any Flag member in good standing shall be eligible to be elected as a Director.

SECTION 8 - The Board of Directors shall meet on notification by the Commodore, or by any four (4) Directors, as soon after the installation of Officers as practicable, and thereafter according to a schedule established by the Board of Directors. Special meetings may be called by the Commodore, or by any four (4) Directors, provided that each Director shall have been notified in person, e-mail or by telephone not less than twenty four hours (24), or by first class mail to his/her last known address not less than forty eight (48) hours prior to such meeting. All e-mail correspondence shall be acknowledged with return e-mail or telephone call.

ARTICLE IX – OFFICERS

SECTION 1 - The elective Officers of the SDMBBSC shall be: 1. Commodore. 2. First Vice-Commodore. 3. Second Vice-Commodore. 4. Treasurer. 5. Financial Secretary. 6. Secretary. 7. Sergeant at Arms. Rear Commodore is not an elected position. See SECTION 11.

SECTION 2 - Their terms of office shall be January 1 to December 31.

SECTION 3 - COMMODORE. The duties of the Commodore shall be those ordinarily delegated to a President, and shall include presiding at all meetings and enforcement of all rules and regulations of the SDMBBSC. The Commodore shall cause an accounting and inventory to be made during the months of July and January of each year and shall report the results of same to the Board of Directors. The Commodore casts the deciding vote on deadlocked committees, represents the organization, signs all legal documents, supervises the activities of the organization, represents or speaks on behalf of the membership, directs the SDMBBSC in such a manner as to promote good will, growth and sound policies. The Commodore shall also assume the office of Rear Commodore for the year (s) following his/her term as Commodore until replaced by natural succession of the outgoing Commodore.

SECTION 4 - FIRST VICE-COMMODORE. The duties of the First Vice-Commodore shall be to assist the Commodore in the performance of his/her duties and to preside in his/her absence. In the event of death, disability or resignation of the Commodore, the First Vice-Commodore shall succeed to this office for the remainder of the term of office.

SECTION 5 - SECOND VICE-COMMODORE. The duties of the Second Vice-Commodore shall be to assist the Commodore as directed. If for any reason there shall be a vacancy in the position of First Vice-Commodore, the Second Vice-Commodore shall succeed to this office for the remainder of the term of office.

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SECTION 6 - TREASURER. The duties of the Treasurer shall be to receive all monies from the Financial Secretary and pay same out upon order of the Commodore, with the approval of the Board of Directors; keep a joint and accurate account thereof; and to make reports at the meetings of the membership. The Treasurer shall keep the funds of the SDMBBSC on deposit in a reputable bank and/or shall invest the same as directed by the Commodore upon approval of the Board of Directors. Disbursement shall be made by check, signed by any two of the following: The Commodore, the First Vice-Commodore or Second Vice- Commodore, or the Treasurer. Checks may not be signed by two (2) members of the same family including domestic partners. d. A replacement Treasurer shall be elected by the Board of Directors within 30 calendar days.

SECTION 7 - RESIGNATION, DEATH OR DISABILITY OF TREASURER. In the event of death, resignation or disability of the Treasurer, the Commodore shall be custodian of the funds and documents until a successor is named as herein provided. A replacement Treasurer shall be elected by the Board of Directors within 30 calendar days.

SECTION 8 - FINANCIAL SECRETARY. The duties of the Financial Secretary shall be to collect all monies due to the SDMBBSC, pay the same over to the Treasurer, and take a receipt thereof, maintain a true and accurate list of members, and other such duties as the Commodore may prescribe.

SECTION 9 - SECRETARY. The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep the minutes of the meetings as required by these Bylaws, and such other secretarial duties as the Commodore may require.

SECTION 10 - SERGEANT AT ARMS. The duties of the Sergeant-At-Arms shall be to keep order at meetings, police and protect the property of the SDMBBSC, and other such duties as the Commodore may require.

SECTION 11 - REAR COMMODORE. The Rear Commodore shall assist the Commodore in a smooth transition and in other matters as mutually agreed. In the event the Rear Commodore is either disabled or no longer a member the position shall remain vacant until such time as the position is filled by the natural succession of current Commodore to Rear Commodore. The Rear Commodore is not an elected position.

SECTION 12 - REMOVAL OF AN OFFICER. An Officer may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of eligible Flag Members present and voting at a special meeting of the membership called for that specific purpose, provided that at a previous board meeting (non-flag meeting) a two-thirds (2/3) majority present and voting shall have voted in favor of such removal.