

HPPOA Bylaws Committee Meeting Minutes 13 August 2015

APPROVED

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 PM.

Present: Craig Crelly, Ron Haskin, Tom Jennings, Milton Pavao, Mayelin Stillwell and Ron Vizzone.

Absent: Randi Larzalere.

The 13 August 2015 Agenda was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. All approved the 23 July 2015 minutes. All approved that no further action will be taken regarding the missing 18 December 2014 minutes that were taken by the previous Secretary, Janice Ashford.
2. Article V, Bylaws Definitions, Sec 7-10 - printed copies provided by Tom of sections we reviewed and approved; printed copies were reviewed and approved.

Article V, Bylaws Definitions, Sec 11 Quorum of the Board of Directors, P4 - New wording was previously approved by BLC1. A motion was made to rescind the previous wording on (c). New wording: "Majority Vote of the Board. A majority vote of the board **to approve any motion** is five or more votes without regard to existing vacancies, except as described in Article VIII, Sec 6." Mayelin 1st, Ron V 2nd, all approved motion as amended.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Membership Input - Discussion ensued. Milton will come up with a form for members to use to submit suggestions to us. To include "Please print legibly", Article number, subsection, proposed change, and member's name. Phone number and/or email address to be optional. With a note to feel free to submit at any BLC meeting or drop off at BLC's inbox at the HPPOA office.
2. Reimbursement for supplies - Discussion ensued. Tom will speak up at a later time when he needs reimbursement.
3. Article V, Bylaws Definitions, Quorum of a Committee Sec 13 P4 - Discussion ensued. New wording, "The majority of the **total** members of **a** Committee". Tom 1st, Ron H 2nd, all approved.
4. Article V, Bylaws Definitions, Preferential Voting, Sec 17 P4 - BLC1 previously approved to delete Sec 17 with comment, "Preferential voting is rare in America. One type allows voters to declare a second or third choice of candidate; another type mandates a second or third choice, which violates the right of free choice. The specific type is not designated in the bylaws". Ron V 1st, Ron H 2nd to delete. All approved.

Article V, Bylaws Definitions, Increments I and II, Sec 18 P5 - no change. Note: Sec 18 will become Sec 17.

5. Article V, Bylaw Definitions, Executive Committee, Sec 19 P5 - BLC1 previously approved to delete Sec 19 with comment, "It has been interpreted that an 'executive committee' (president, vice president, treasurer and secretary) consisting of a minority of 4 people on the board, can make decisions for the entire board and HPP community. The BLC considers this to be bad

practice. Executive 'committees' are used in organizations with very large boards or when its members must travel from a distance to meet. There is no reason for a powerful minority committee on the small, 9 member HPPOA board who all live in close proximity."

Ron V 1st and Tom 2nd to delete this definition and terminology, "executive committee". All approved. **HOMEWORK:** Research other affected areas in the bylaws where this terminology is used. To now be referred as "officers of the board".

6. Article IV Objects and Purposes P3 - **HOMEWORK** is to research this section.

7. Article VI Membership and Voting P6 - Tabled.

8. Dictionary - There is no dictionary in the library. The consensus is that we aren't in need of one often enough to warrant one of us bringing one to our meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM. Our next meeting is 27 August 2015 at 5 PM.