

- VMC Membership Committee -

Proposed Amendments to the VMC's Bylaws; December 17, 2024.

Preamble:

- This proposed Bylaw amendment has been discussed around the table at Executive Meetings and at regular Monthly Meetings.
- These changes were tabled and discussed at December's regular monthly meeting.
- A motion was made and approved to publish these recommendations as required and put to a vote as an Extraordinary Resolution at next month's meeting.
- The suggested changes are highlighted in **Red** below.

B. "Extraordinary Resolution" shall mean a resolution passed by a majority of not less than three-quarters of the members entitled to vote as are present at a general meeting of which notice specifying the intention to propose the resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution has been duly given.

C. Notice of Extraordinary Resolution shall be deemed to have been given to all members, if posted on the website at least two weeks prior to the meeting. All members to be alerted to this posting through a broadcast e-mail. Notice that an Extraordinary Resolution will be presented, must also be given at the regular VMC meeting prior to the meeting at which it will be voted upon.

This Extraordinary Resolution is to be circulated by email and posted under Latest News on VMC's website for consideration and vote at the next regular monthly meeting on January 21st, 2025.

BY-LAWS

C – ADMISSIONS: - New Membership Applications:

Section 1. **Applications** for new Active, Senior, Junior and Youth and Family group members shall be made Online, by submitting the applicant's fully completed application form with all required contact information (address, phone number, e-mail address), including a signed and dated electronic waiver. Family applications and electronic waiver shall be completed by the Primary (adult) Applicant.

- a) E-Form to be submitted on-line or optional paper application form sent via email as may be the practice at such time, to the Membership Committee in advance, and no less than five days prior to the next Regular Monthly Meeting at which the Applicant makes it known that they wish to attend and introduce themselves. See b)
- b) If Membership roster is full the Applicant will be advised of their position on the Wait List and advised to await further communication.
- c) When space allows for new member intake, Wait Listed applicant(s) will be invited to attend a regular monthly meeting in-person, at which time the applicant will be asked to stand for introduction to all members present.
 - At the same meeting when the applicant is introduced, membership will consider the application and vote on it.
 - When an application is approved the applicant will be granted conditional status (Youth, Junior, Active or Senior accordingly).
- d) If a new Member Candidate is unable to attend the specified monthly meeting for Introduction as scheduled their name will be moved to the bottom of the wait list.
 - A Member Candidate is entitled to request a deferral from attendance for Introduction. Deferral may be granted only if ongoing work or prior family commitment requires them to be out of town.
 - Member Candidate must make it known then at which Regular Meeting they are available to attend to be introduced and voted upon.
- e) A Sponsor is required. The Sponsor's presence at the Regular Monthly Meeting when Applicant is introduced is suggested although not mandatory.
 - i) Sponsor must have been a VMC member for no less than one full year and an Active, Senior or Life member.

- ii) No Sponsor shall nominate more than three Applicants as a Member in each calendar year. (Applicant may be an Individual or can include a Family group which will be counted as one for the purpose of Sponsorship limitations.)
- f) Applications for membership shall be accompanied by the Initiation Fee.
 - The full year's annual dues become payable immediately upon admittance as a conditional member.
 - If for any reason the Applicant does not pay the full annual dues (including initiation fee) immediately following the Regular Monthly Meeting, applicant will face immediate reversal of any membership granted.
- g) All new conditional Junior, Active and Senior applicants will attend a Monthly Meeting followed by an Orientation Day session at the next scheduled Orientation Day dates. **Orientation must be completed prior to December 1st** within the same **season year** they are accepted as a member.
- h) Each new conditional Active member is required to contribute a minimum of two days (6 hrs min/day), and new conditional Junior members are required to contribute a minimum of one day (6 hrs min/day). **Required Work Duty shall be completed prior to December 1st** in their first **season year** of membership, working on club sanctioned activities, projects and events.
 - i. Required Work Duty activity shall be recorded by the New Member as directed.
 - ii. It is each new conditional Members' sole responsibility to ensure that their work duty is properly **recorded logged** both on the New Member Report Card and **also** logged Online or as otherwise set out. Accurate Self-Reporting is key in this regard.
- See also Article 1 – A, Section 10. a) – d i. & ii.
- i) new Junior members will participate in work parties as above along with their responsible parent or legal guardian.
- j) new Senior members are similarly encouraged to be involved and contribute (see Article 1 Section 10 - b).
- k) **No Gate Key or Fob** will be provided to a conditional member until both the Orientation Day and Work Duty requirement has been properly completed and logged. Failure to properly complete all requirements may lead to revocation of membership.
 - **new conditional members are invited to ride at and enjoy Cycle Park in the company of their sponsor or any other current member. They can also access the property on event days when the gate is open. Have your membership card with you.**
 - **Until new a new conditional member has a Gate Fob providing unencumbered Gate Access, they should be mindful of being accidentally locked in whether or not they are the last to leave the property.**
- l) **Notwithstanding Article 1 Membership; Section D - EXPULSION, SUSPENSION, RESIGNATION:**
 - **Any new conditional Member who fails to complete all New Member requirements in their first season, prior to December 1st as specified will not be permitted to continue as a member.**
 - **In cases where there may be extenuating circumstances as to why the member was not able to fulfil their requirements: prior to December 1st she/he may request the opportunity to explain their situation to the Membership Committee Chair. If requested by the new member this may be escalated to the Executive Committee. If the Executive Committee chooses, on recommendation of Membership Chair they may permit the member to continue their membership in the VMC. Otherwise, their membership is revoked.**

- Note: at times when membership has reached the Cap, applicants are advised to submit their completed Application Form at <https://vmc.bc.ca/join-the-vmc/> to be placed on the Wait List.

For Reference Only:

Article – 1; Section D - EXPULSION, SUSPENSION, RESIGNATION

Section 1. A member may be expelled from the Club, or suspended for any period not exceeding six months from participating in any function of the Club, as the Club may decide, for:

- a) Willfully violating any by-law of the Club.
- b) Conduct unbecoming to a member of the club.

Section 2. Before any member is suspended, his case shall be investigated by the executive at a meeting to which the member shall be given not less than three days notice and at which they shall be given reasonable opportunity to attend. The executive shall recommend to the next general meeting of the Club what punishment if any should be imposed, or that no punishment should be imposed as the case may require.

Section 3. After the recommendation of the executive has been made, the Club shall vote:

- a) First, on the question of whether or not any punishment should be imposed.
- b) Second, (if it has been decided to impose punishment) on the question of what the punishment should be. It shall require a three quarters majority vote to impose any punishment as in (a) above and a majority vote to determine what the punishment should be. Provided that the imposition of any punishment shall not relieve any member so punished from any indebtedness to the Club for unpaid dues.

Section 4. Any member may at any time resign from the Club:

- a) By handing his resignation in writing to an officer.
- b) At any general meeting of the Club, provided that resignation shall not relieve such member from any indebtedness to the Club for unpaid dues, fines or assessments.