

Proposed Changes to the By-laws Pertaining to Membership

Passed unanimously by the Board of Directors on January 11, 2016

(Items in brown type are new; items in black type are unchanged)

Definitions

“Member” means any person who meets the qualifications for membership as defined in Item 1 under membership (below).

Membership

1. Membership in the Association is open to any person who meets the following four conditions:
 - (a) resides in one of the communities of Beechville, Lakeside, Timberlea, Hubley, or Lewis Lake,
 - (b) upholds the objectives of the Association,
 - (c) registers as a member, and
 - (d) pays annual dues in the amount determined at the Annual General Meeting.
2. An individual can register and pay his or her dues in person at the Annual General Meeting or online. Registrants can pay their dues with cash, with a personal cheque made out to the Association and left at the desk of the Lakeside Community Centre or by e-transfer.
3. Every Member of the Association shall be entitled to attend any General or Special Meeting of the Association, to vote at such meetings, and to hold office.
4. Membership in the Association shall not be transferable.
5. Membership in the Association shall cease if the Member should die, send a written notice of resignation to the Secretary of the Association, or cease to qualify for membership in accordance with these by-laws.
6. Members of the Association shall not be remunerated for being Members of the Association or for carrying out the ordinary business of the Association in any capacity.
7. Members are not agents of the Association and accordingly cannot enter into agreements or make representation on behalf of the Association.
8. Individuals who wish to support the building and maintenance of trails in Nova Scotia are encouraged to become a *Friend of the Association*. Government officials and any others acting in an advisory role or offering voluntary support to the Association are welcome as Friends of the Association without prejudice to their political or professional responsibilities.
9. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to recognize and grant honorary membership to any individual, wherever he or she may reside, who in their judgment has made a substantive contribution of service or financial support to the Association. Honorary members are not required to pay dues and enjoy all the rights and privileges of membership for life.