

Proposed Changes to the Stonebridge Men's Club Bylaws

Change #1

Article II Purpose

Section 5

5.4

~~No authenticated charitable cause or entity paid from restricted funds¹ shall receive Stonebridge Men's Club charitable financial support for more than two (2) consecutive calendar years.~~

Reason for this change: The above provision restricts our ability to provide continuing support to local charities such as Monroe Special Sports and Special Strides, which are especially dependent on community donations. It also restricts our ability to continue our annual 50-50 raffle benefiting the Prostate Cancer Foundation and our donations on behalf of the Women's Club to the American Cancer Society for treatment of breast cancer. The Board would still have the ability to suspend donations to any charity after a given number of years.

Change #2

Article II Purpose

Section 5

6.6

Net proceeds received should be maintained in ~~two~~ three separate categories:

1. Unrestricted (free) fund² account(s): for all ~~net~~ receipts less disbursements for noncharitable activities;
2. Restricted fund¹ account(s): for all ~~net~~ receipts less disbursements for charitable activities coming from fundraising ~~activities~~ events excluding those involving games of chance.
3. Restricted fund¹ account(s): for all net receipts less disbursements for charitable activities coming from fundraising activities involving games of chance.

Reason for this change: NJS Regulations require that we maintain a separate bank account into which are to be deposited only those proceeds received from games of chance such as raffles and bingo. Receipts

¹ Restricted funds: Net receipts less disbursements for charitable activities coming from SMC fundraising activities.

² Unrestricted (free) funds: Net receipts less disbursements for operating activities coming from SMC dues and activities.

from other types of fundraising activities such as community breakfasts and candy sales will continue to be deposited into our operating account but maintained in a separate category.

Change #3

Article III Membership

Section 4

On ~~August 1st~~, September 1, those members whose dues are in arrears shall be notified by the Membership Committee for collection. Any member who has not made payment or payment arrangements for dues by ~~September 1st~~, October 1 or another date as authorized by the SMC Board will be considered as having resigned from the Men's Club.

Reason for this change : This will provide more flexibility by enabling us to give members a window of three months past the start of the fiscal year on July 1 to renew their membership without unduly dragging out the process..

Change #4

Article III Membership

Section 6

For information security and member privacy reasons, the Vice-President for Membership shall limit distribution of complete membership lists to the following SMC Board members: President, ~~Vice-President of Committees~~, Vice President of Communications, Treasurer, Secretary and a Secretary designee(s) responsible for web site ~~and email~~ administration. The Vice-President for Membership shall provide the rest of the SMC Board with a summary of any membership changes at least monthly.

Reason for this change: This change reflects the abolition of the Vice-President of Committees and the establishment of the Vice President of Communications position in June of 2025. The Vice President of Communications is already responsible for email administration.

Change #5

Article V Officers and Trustees of the Executive Board

Section 1

The Stonebridge Men's Club Executive Board shall consist of the President, ~~Vice-President of Committees~~, Vice-President of Activities, Vice President of Communications, Vice-President of Fundraising, Vice-President of Membership, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer (non-voting and a Trustee) and Secretary ~~/Communications Officer~~. There shall also be a maximum of five at large Trustees as

appointed by the President with the approval of the SMC Board. ~~for a period not to exceed two one year terms.~~ The immediate past President may serve as an ex-officio officer in an advisory role ~~for a period not to exceed two one year terms~~ subject to appointment by the President and approval of the SMC Board. Only elected officers shall have voting rights.

Reason for this change: This change again reflects the abolition of the Vice-President of Committees and the establishment of the Vice President of Communications position. The elimination of the time limit for Trustees and the immediate past President will provide increased flexibility in filling Board positions and enable us to use their experience and expertise more effectively.

Change #6

Article V Officers and Trustees of the Executive Board

Section 4 Duties of Officers:

President:

Shall preside at the general meetings and SMC Board meetings, fostering positive values of cooperation, teamwork and respect among SMC Board members and the membership at large. He shall appoint or remove, if necessary, the Chairs of all Committees, except the Nominating Committee, and serve as an ex-officio member of all committees. Assists various committees as needed. Shall have check signing authority without a co-signatory up to ~~\$400.00~~ \$500.00. Checks in excess of this signature authority shall require a co-signatory. No officer may sign a check payable to himself.

Reason for this change: The \$400 limit on the President's check signing authority limit has been in effect for many years, and an increase to \$500 is warranted to offset the impact of inflation.

Change #7

Article V Officers and Trustees of the Executive Board

Section 4 Duties of Officers:

Vice-President of Fundraising:

Shall have overall responsibility for leading fund-raising activities and events and organizing committee support to assist in the management of said events and activities. Shall establish and organize a committee to assist him in the coordination of the vetting and authentication of worthiness of all community and charitable projects. Shall make reasonable efforts to obtain written acknowledgements as required by the IRS. ~~Shall also be responsible for annual updating and distribution of the Vendor List.~~

Reason for this change: The last sentence needs to be deleted as we no longer maintain a preferred Vendor List.

Change #8

Article V Officers and Trustees of the Executive Board

Section 4 Duties of Officers:

Treasurer:

Shall (1) receive dues and other payments from the members by check, Venmo or similar Board approved methods; (2) have charge of all SMC funds; (3) deposit all monies received into a bank, or set up special accounts, approved by the SMC Board; (4) reconcile and balance the accounts monthly; (5) pay by check or ~~credit~~ debit card such sums approved by the SMC Board; (6) keep accurate accounts of all monies received and disbursed; (7) present a verbal summary of the SMC's financial condition ~~at all regular general meetings~~; at a regular general meeting within 90 days of the fiscal year-end. (8) render a written or verbal financial update at all regular SMC Board meetings; (9) prepare an annual budget and chair the annual budget meeting in May; (10) submit all appropriate financial filings. Shall have the same check signing authority as the President.

Reason for this change: The first change reflects the move from credit to debit cards as a payment method to avoid the payment of credit card fees. The second change requires that the Treasurer present a verbal summary of the Club's financial condition to the membership at a general meeting within 90 days of the fiscal year end rather than at each general meeting, which would be unnecessarily time-consuming.

Change #9

Article VI Operation of Executive Board

Section 6

6.5

An SMC ~~credit~~ debit card should be used whenever practical to pay for SMC expenses. ~~due to their inherent advantages over checks and debit cards.~~ Payments made to a vendor shall be supported by an invoice for the product(s) or service(s) indicated. Reimbursements for cash purchases will require a paid receipt or bill. The Men's Club shall refrain from making cash payments except when there is Board approval, with the exception of a reasonable gratuity.

Reason for this change: The Board has discontinued the use of its credit card in favor of debit cards which do not entail either transaction fees or account maintenance fees.

Change #10

Article VIII Committees

There may be the following committees: Membership, Publicity, Activities, Fund Raising, ~~Vendor~~, Sunshine, Information Technology and such other committees as the President and the SMC Board shall deem necessary to carry out the functions of the club. Committee Chairs will ~~report to the Vice President for Committees and~~ give reports as necessary at SMC Board and general membership meetings.

Reason for this change: The reference to the Vendor Committee is being deleted as we no longer maintain a preferred Vendor List. The reference to the Vice President for Committees is being deleted as this position no longer exists.

Change #11

Article VIII Committees

Section 1

The Sunshine Committee is responsible for the administration of remembrance policy of the SMC. This policy shall consist of a ~~\$40~~ \$50 donation in the name of a deceased SMC member in good standing or spouse. The donation will be applied in memoriam, in consultation with the family, toward an appropriate charity or institution. The Executive Board shall have discretion to make other remembrance donations for this same amount.

Reason for this change: The \$40 donation has been in effect for a number of years and its value has been eroded by inflation. \$50 is a more generally accepted donation amount.

Change #12

Article XII History

This section will be removed and maintained as a separate document titled “Bylaws Amendments.”

Reason for this change: This will keep the Bylaws at a reasonable length while continuing to maintain a complete and accurate record of amendments.