

On July 16, 2019, the Board passed a motion to place a Bylaws amendment to a vote of the membership at the August 22 Annual meeting. The motion was to ask the membership to approve one of two options to raise Membership dues and Initiation Fees.

The proposed change is being offered as our current Operating income is insufficient to meet Operating expenses. As a result, the club has significant levels of deferred maintenance and needs for improvements. For example, the Clubhouse roof has been leaking for many years, with the Boards over the years being well aware of the problem, but constrained from addressing the problem because of budgetary concerns. There are many other examples of known issues being deferred. It should also be noted that the last time membership fees were raised was 19 years ago. Costs have clearly increased during that time.

To preclude hardship for existing members, this proposal will not change the membership fees of current members or for members who join before January 1, 2020.

In compliance with the GHSC By-Laws this proposal will pass if the combined votes for either option equal the majority of the ballots received. The option with the most votes will be the one implemented in January 2020.

The proposal is to change Article IV, Section 3, paragraph a which currently reads:

Annual membership dues are of the following classes, and initiation fees are:

- 1.) Single membership - \$50.00, and
- 2.) Family membership - \$60.00, and
- 3.) Single Life membership - \$500.
- 4.) Family life membership - \$600.
- 5.) Initiation fee - \$5.00 for all classes of membership.

PROPOSAL ONE

Article IV, Section 3, paragraph a is changed to read:

Annual membership dues are of the following classes, and initiation fees are:

1.) Single membership - \$75.00, and

2.) Family membership - \$85.00, and

3.) Single Life membership - \$750.

4.) Family life membership - \$850.

5.) Initiation fee - \$50.00 for all classes of membership. The initiation fee will include all Orientation fees, new badges, and the administrative costs of establishing a membership.

Add Paragraph b to read:

b. Any member who has joined the club prior to January 1, 2020, and renews their annual membership within 30 days of its expiration, will be renewed at their current rate of \$50, or \$60. Children who are listed on a Family membership, and reach 18 years of age will be allowed to purchase their own membership at the \$50 or \$60 rate if purchased within 30 days of their 18th birthday.

Existing sub-Paragraphs b and c will be renumbered as c and d.

PROPOSAL TWO

Article IV, Section 3, paragraph a to read:

Annual membership dues are of the following classes, and initiation fees are:

- 1.) Single membership - \$100.00, and
- 2.) Family membership - \$120.00, and
- 3.) Single Life membership - \$1000.
- 4.) Family life membership - \$1200.
- 5.) Initiation fee - \$50.00 for all classes of membership.

Add Paragraph b to read:

b. Any member who has joined the club prior to January 1, 2020, and renews their annual membership within 30 days of its expiration, will be renewed at their current rate of \$50, or \$60. Children who are listed on a Family membership, and reach 18 years of age will be allowed to purchase their own membership at the \$50 or \$60 rate if purchased within 30 days of their 18th birthday.

Existing sub-Paragraphs b and c will be renumbered as c and d.

If both proposals are approved by the membership, the one with the highest number of votes will be implemented.