

## **CHANGES TO ELECTION PROCEDURES:**

### **MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS**

All club members to be designated a membership number.

This number is to be printed on the election ballot.

The ballots are still to be mailed in the same manner.

The chairperson will choose a number for extra ballots. Example 02-.

**PURPOSE OF NUMBER:** Some members at the last election claimed to have never received a ballot. They could not be given a new ballot because there was no way to verify if the person had already voted. With a number system a person may be given another ballot with their designated number written on the ballot. Should there be two ballots counted with duplicate numbers both ballots would be voided. This would assure all members could vote without the possibility of duplicate or fraudulent ballots.

**TO BE ELEGIBLE TO VOTE YOU MUST BE A MEMBER BY AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup> OF THE YEAR FOR THE PURPOSE OF A WAITING PERIOD:** This will give the chairperson a cutoff date, an accurate membership count, and allow time to order ballots. This also gives new members time to become familiar with club issues and members running for office.

### **AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS TO BE PRINTED ON THE BALLOTS**

**PURPOSE:** To give the membership a true voice to be heard. This would allow the membership time to study and evaluate the proposed amendments.

### **ELECTION CHAIRPERSON DUTYS:**

- Procure the ballots from designated board approved vendor.
- Pickup ballots with witness at post office. Place ballots in metal container(s) provided by club. Place provided locks on containers and deliver to election meeting.
- Assemble a committee to count ballots.
- Be responsible for check off sheet for member numbers.
- Return all counted ballots.
- Ballots are to be held for a period of three months after election.

### **ADDRESSING THE CONCERN FOR VOTING ANONOMITY**

The committee agrees on a solution to the concerns that a number would lead to a members vote choice being detected. To solve the problem the number would be removed from the ballot after it was recorded. The ballot counters will not be supplied with a member number list. The only need to know a member number is if the member claims not to have received a ballot. The chairperson should actually have the members returned unused ballot in the mail unless it was lost. Only then would that persons number have to be checked and written on a extra ballot, that number would also be removed as the ballot is recorded. The list being used to record the number on the ballot would not have members names, only the same numbers issued on the ballots. If there should there be a need for a recount there are no numbers to indicate a member's identity. The removed numbers would be stored with the ballots. Whether the member numbers are generated randomly each year or permanent would make no difference.