



RULES OF THE CLUB

1. DONATIONS AND DUES

- a. Donations in the amount of \$100 are due at the beginning of each February, May, August and November.
- b. Dues to cover operating expenses in the amount of \$10 are due the first of February of each year. In the event you join mid-year, they will be due at time of new membership.
- c. Donations and dues must be paid at or before a meeting to allow a member to cast a vote.
- d. Donations are tax deductible. Receipts will be provided.
- e. Donations should be made payable to The Golden Gander Club and mailed to Bill Ludwick, 713 North B Street. Oskaloosa, IA 52577 or can be paid at any quarterly meeting.
- f. Donations can be electronically drawn from your account at your request, with completion of authorization.
- g. Donations and dues can be paid for the year in one payment of \$410. This is the preferred method, unless you are utilizing the electronic transfer.

2. MEETINGS

- a. Quarterly meetings will be held the third Thursday of February, May, August and November at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room at the YMCA, unless you are notified of a change. Please mark your calendars.
- b. An email reminder of meetings will be sent by the Club to the members during the week of each meeting. The email will also inform members what the projects up for vote. The Club is not responsible for your failure to receive the email. Please keep the Club updated with your personal contact information.

3. PROJECT PRESENTATION

- a. Projects can only be presented by members or by an individual introduced by a member.
- b. Projects can only be considered and put to vote if they can be categorized as “community improvement”. Community improvement includes anything that can be utilized or enjoyed by anyone in our community, if they so desire. It is not limited to a physical item. Failure to qualify as community improvement could violate the rules of the 501C3 which could result in voiding the allowable tax deduction of donations to the Golden Gander Club.
- c. Preferred project deadline is the last day of the month preceding the month of the intended quarterly meeting. The person making the request will complete a Project Questionnaire/Application. That document is located on our website. It must be completed and provided to the board for review and approval by the board prior to being allowed to present a project to members.
- d. No more than three projects will be submitted at a quarterly meeting. There will always be the option to vote for holding the cash.
- e. Projects must be researched for cost and estimated time of completion prior to being submitted to the board. The more information provided, the more interest you will generate.
- f. A maximum of 10 minutes will be allowed for project presentation.
- g. Projects that don’t get selected by receiving the most votes will be added to the end of the list of requests, and can come back up to 2 times, if needed. A new Project Questionnaire/Application will need to be submitted if an additional presentation is requested.

- h. If the Board considers a project's qualifications questionable, it will be reviewed by a Project Committee. That committee currently consists of to be determined.

4. VOTING

- a. Voting is limited to members only.
- b. Voting is limited only to members who are paid current at the time of the vote.
- c. Voting is limited to one vote per member per meeting.
- d. Voting is not mandatory.
- e. Voting is anonymous.
- f. Voting can take place absentee. Any member not planning to be present at a meeting may vote absentee.
- g. A member can vote absentee two ways. (1) Contact a member who will be in attendance at the meeting and request they vote for you. The attending member will sign in to the meeting designating who they are casting an absentee vote for. (2) a member may cast an absentee vote by sending it with a member of the Project Committee designated in 3h above. Do not "reply all" or your vote will not be anonymous. Do not assume your emailed vote was received. If your vote was received, you will receive a response stating so.
- h. Project recipients will be selected by being the project receiving the most votes.
- i. In the unlikely event of a tie vote in the majority vote position, the two projects receiving the tied vote will be revoted.
- j. If we have sufficient funding at any quarterly meeting to fulfil more than one project, that issue can be addressed as needed. In the event this situation becomes a possibility, funding multiple projects at one meeting will be given consideration and utilized by a separate vote. Only members present at such a meeting will be given the opportunity to vote.
- k. Voting will be tallied before the meeting is adjourned.
- l. An email with meeting results will be sent to the members following the meeting.

5. MANAGEMENT OF FUNDS

- a. Funds will be held in an account at Midwest One Bank.
- b. Treasurer reports will be presented at every quarterly meeting.
- c. Any member may see a treasurer report upon request by contacting an officer below.
- d. Funds are only distributed upon presentation of an appropriate invoice.
- e. Unused funds that have not been claimed after 2 years, from receiving the vote, will undergo forfeiture and remain the property of the Golden Gander Club. Any recipient of funds may request an extension before the end of the two-year period. It is not the responsibility of the Club, nor the intention of the Club, to remind any recipient when their two-year deadline is approaching. Any extension must be received, reviewed and approved by the board, prior to the expiration date.
- f. Should a forfeiture take place, the project could be allowed to present again, at the discretion of the board.

6. BOARD MEMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Any board member who is absent from two consecutive quarterly meetings, without an acceptable reason will be replaced. The replacement of a board member, when required is selected by current board members.

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