Lifetime Member Committee

**Lifetime Member Nomination Policy and Procedure**

1. A Lifetime Membership is a special honor bestowed on a few select individuals. In recognition of that fact careful consideration of each step in this process should be taken.
2. A Lifetime Member Nomination Form may be requested by any Superior Curling Club member from any Board Member or the SCC Club Manager. Once requested it is the responsibility of the Board Member or Club Manager to ensure a hard copy and/or an electronic version of the Lifetime Membership Nomination Form is provided along with the current Lifetime Member Nomination Policy and Procedure document.
3. A prospective lifetime member must be nominated by not less than 2 current club members and may be presented to any Board of Director member or SCC Club Manager. NOTE: A member is not allowed to nominate themself. Submissions must be received by the Board of Directors by January 1 of each year to be considered for the Spring Member Meeting.
4. Once a Nomination form is completed and submitted, the completed Lifetime Member Nomination Form must be added to the agenda of the next at the next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting.
5. If a member is nominated, the SCC President and/or Board of Directors will appoint a Lifetime Member Committee of not less than 1 Board member plus 3 others (Board members and/or other current members in good standing) to review the nomination and evaluate their eligibility for lifetime member status based on the criteria established by the Board of Directors. Meetings of the committee for consideration are to be held beginning in January to be able to report back to the Board of Directors by the March Board Meeting.
6. The Lifetime Member Committee shall consider the following criteria for establishing consideration.
   1. Nominations **MUST** have the following for consideration. In order to be considered for lifetime membership, all Musts need to be met. These items are simple pass/fail.
      1. A prospective lifetime member must be in good standing.
      2. A prospective lifetime member must have been a member for a minimum of 25 years.
   2. A prospective lifetime member **SHOULD HAVE** some/most of the following considerations to be considered.   
      **NOTE**: The following is supporting data to justify the Lifetime Membership. These items are much more subjective, for example: *A person could volunteer once in a while, or they could volunteer a substantial amount of time*.   
      This is where the people doing the nominating will need to make a case for the person they are nominating. A more detailed list of contributions will increase the likelihood that the person will be elected a lifetime member. Keep in mind, the burden of completing the Lifetime Membership Nomination Form is on the nominator(s), not the committee.:
      1. **Club Leadership**: Positions held within the club, including but not limited to: Board or Committee Member, League Commissioner, Bonspiel Chairperson, Ice Crew, Juniors Curling Coach or Coordinator, and/or Certified Instructor.
      2. **Sportsmanship**: Playing fair, honorable, and by the rules of curling etiquette. Someone you would respect on and off the ice, and someone you would want to represent the Superior Curling Club.
      3. **Volunteering**: Volunteer time such as Season Club Opening or Season Club Closing activities, Bonspiels, Open House or Learn to Curl Events, Junior or Adult Curling Instruction, Facility Management (repair, housekeeping, building or equipment upkeep, etc.), Ice Maker, Ice Crew, etc.
      4. **Curling Instruction and Recruitment**: Time dedicated to growing the game inside and outside the club including actively promoting curling, the Superior Curling Club, and the USCA through recruiting new members, advertising, or Open House and Learn to Curl events.
      5. **Financial Contributions**: Financial and/or material contributions to the club that go above and beyond regular membership contributions.
      6. **Bonspiels**: Participation in in-house bonspiels; travel to other local, US or International club bonspiels.
      7. **Competitive Curling**: Participation in USCA sanctioned bonspiels such as, but not limited to: State, Nationals, Worlds, Olympics, etc.
      8. **Recognition:** Being recognized internally and externally as a “face of the Superior Curling Club” – recognized for their participation and making other significant contributions to the club.
7. The Lifetime Member Committee shall report back to the SCC Board of Directors at the March Board Meeting with its recommendation whether to approve or deny a Lifetime Membership vote for the nominee.
8. The SCC Board of Directors will review the Committee’s recommendation. A unanimous vote by the Board of Directors is needed to move the nomination and allow a full membership vote at the Spring Superior Curling Club Member Meeting.
9. For the Nominee to become a Lifetime Member they must receive a supporting vote of 75% or more of membership. (Proxy voting or voting via video conference is permitted)
10. Lifetime members are entitled to the following:
    1. A professional photograph to be displayed at the club.
    2. Free lifetime club membership (no regular dues or locker rental fees)
    3. A Celebration of the election of the new Lifetime Member is not required, but it certainly would also be in order.

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