

Q&A from the 2016 Annual Meeting;

What are council budget and goals? The council is looking to create a balanced budget so that we not only operate within our means but also a budget that helps us to pay into reserves and decrease the debt.

What are council strategic priorities? In June after a presentation by Mary Charles, Interim CEO and a great deal of discussion the board define these strategic priorities;

- **Membership** – growth and retention
- **Finance Management** – stabilize, operate within our means and payback debt and reserves
- **Fund Raising** – increase public support, seek funding for technology upgrades
- **Communication** – increased and consistent communication
- **Organization Stabilization** – key staff positions filled, build community partnerships, engage members in conversation and training.

How can members communicate with the Board? There is a form located [here](#) it is the Compliments, Comments and Concerns form.

How can a change to the bylaws be proposed? Bylaw changes are recommended to the board and a board committee reviews and advises the board on any suggested changes. The board then brings those forward to the delegates for consideration and vote. Councils are encouraged to do a bylaw review every three years and we are doing that now.

How can the membership get updates on fundraising? Fund raising results are a part of the financial reports that are given to the board.

How often does the board meet? The board is required to meet 4 times per year by the bylaws, but will meet as often as needed to do the work of governance and oversight.

What are the current committees of the board? The board has only two standing committees – Finance and Audit. There are currently two other task groups working on topics for the board – Property and Bylaws Review

Can council service fee be \$5.00 per family? No the service is applied to each girl membership.