

**Whistling Wings HRC
General Membership Special Meeting
November 2, 2019**

The November 2, 2019, General Membership Special Meeting was held at Jerry's Place, 17126 State Route 203, Monroe, WA 98272.

Sign-in sheets for members wishing to vote at the meeting were set-out at 2:30 PM.

President Doug Burt called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM and thanked everyone for coming. He advised those in attendance as follows:

Because this is a "Special Meeting" of the General Membership, there was just one item, and only one item, that could be considered at this meeting:

The appeal filed by Burt and Marty Sweet asking the General Membership to overturn the Board of Directors' unanimous October 9th decision to expel them as members of the club.

He then explained that:

- Article V of the Club's Constitution and Bylaws states:
"Any member of the Club may be expelled for conduct by word, deed, or act, detrimental to said Club, by a majority of the board of directors voting by secret ballot."
- The Board provided written notice of the expulsion to the Sweets, and the Sweets filed an appeal of the Board's decision to expel them.
- Notice of this General Membership Special Meeting was sent to all 2019 memberships in good standing that were paid-up on October 9th when the Board of Directors voted unanimously to expel the Sweets. That notice identified the appeal as the item to be considered at this meeting.
- In order for the Sweet's appeal to be successful, three things are required:
 1. 30% of the voting memberships in good standing that were paid-up on the date of the Board's decision (on October 9th) must be present in-person at this meeting, AND
 2. 30% of the members entitled to vote must actually cast a ballot on the appeal. (Any ballot that is not turned in, as well as any abstention, will not count towards the 30% validation requirement), AND
 3. 2/3 of all of the votes that are cast must support overturning the unanimous decision of the Board.

If any of these three requirements is not satisfied, the Sweet's appeal will fail, and the unanimous decision of the Board will be sustained.

- If, by 3:15 PM a 30% possible quorum of members in good standing on October 9th has not signed-in, the Sweets appeal would be deemed rejected for lack of a quorum, and the meeting would be adjourned.
- Alternatively, if, by 3:15 PM, a 30% possible quorum has signed-in, then the meeting would proceed as follows:
 - There would be two presentations of up to 15 minutes each, one on behalf of the Board, and the other by the Sweets.

- The Sweets would not be required to answer any questions, or be subjected to cross-examination of any kind. The same goes for anyone who assists them with their presentation, and for the Board.
- This is a private meeting on private property. No video or audio recording is allowed. In addition, no verbal or physical aggression of any kind will be allowed, or tolerated. Anyone who engages in such conduct, or attempts to do so, will be required to leave the grounds immediately, and the Monroe Police Department has graciously agreed to be available to assist with compliance, if necessary.
- To begin the presentations, the President would have up to 15 minutes to provide an explanation of the basis for the unanimous decision of the Board to expel the Sweets as members.
- Then, if they would like to do so, the Sweets would have up to 15 minutes to make whatever presentation they would like (either on their own, or with the assistance of other presenters of their choosing who agree to assist them).
- Then, members will have the opportunity to vote by secret ballot.
- Individual memberships are allowed to cast one vote, and family memberships are allowed to cast two votes. No proxy voting is allowed.
- Region 14 PR Representative Bev Gettling, and Whistling Wings Secretary Toni Pace, had been assigned to count the ballots.
- As of October 9th when the Board voted unanimously to expel the Sweets, Whistling Wings had:
 - 42 paid-up “Individual” memberships, each with one vote, and 48 paid-up “Family” memberships, each with two votes. So, the total number of votes possible is 134.
 - 30% of 134 (for purposes of determining whether or not a quorum is present and voting) requires at least 41 ballots to be cast.
 - Unless a minimum of 41 ballots are represented in-person at this meeting, and voted either “Yes” or “No,” we will not have a quorum.
 - Individual Membership ballots can only be cast by the individual member who must be physically present to vote, and One Family Membership ballot can be cast by each member of the family who is physically present to vote, up to a total of two votes per family.
 - Ballots that are not turned in before voting concludes, and abstentions not voting, will not count towards the quorum requirement of 41.

President Doug Burt then announced the meeting would stand at-ease until 3:15 PM.

At 3:08 PM the President announced there was seven minutes remaining for people to sign-in to be able to vote if they are currently members in good standing whose dues were paid-up as of October 9, 2019. At 3:14 PM the President reminded those in attendance that the Sign-up would close in one minute.

At 3:15 PM President Doug Burt announced the time, called the meeting back to order and asked for a report on the number of sign-ins. Secretary Toni Pace reported to the President and attendees that 30 members had signed-in for purposes of establishing a possible quorum.

In response, President Doug Burt stated, *“For the possibility of a quorum, at least 41 members eligible to vote must be present. We do not have 41 eligible members present, so no quorum is possible. The appeal is denied, and the meeting is adjourned. Burt and Marty, you must leave the grounds now.”*

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

Toni J. Pace

Toni Pace, Secretary