



# Sundre & District Aquatic Society

## March 2026

Clause-by-Clause Summary of Amendments to 2006 Bylaws  
(Original Text → Updated Text → Rationale)

*This document provides a clause-by-clause comparison of all amendments made to the 2006 Bylaws. For each clause, the original wording is shown first, followed by the updated wording and the reason for the change.*

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### Article 2.01 – Membership Age and Fees

#### Original wording:

*Any person sixteen years of age or older residing in Alberta, may become a member upon payment of an annual membership fee of one dollar (\$1.00). Memberships may be extended to any person(s) having an annual subscription to use of the facilities operated by the Society or may be extended to persons as part of some other promotion regarding the generation of revenue for the operations of the facilities.*

#### Updated wording:

Any person eighteen (18) years of age or older who resides in Alberta and holds a current Aquaplex pass or an active punch pass that has been used within the preceding twelve (12) months shall be deemed a member in good standing of the Society.

#### Reason for change:

To align voting age with legal adulthood, remove the outdated \$1 fee, and clearly recognize Aquaplex users as members.

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### Article 2.02 – Membership Removal

#### Original wording:

*Any member of the Society may be removed from membership for any cause that is deemed reasonable, upon majority vote of members at a General Meeting. A person may resign from membership in the Society by so advising Society in writing.*

#### Updated wording:

Any member of the Society may be removed from membership for any cause that is deemed reasonable, upon a majority vote of members at a General Meeting, after written notice and an opportunity to respond. A person may resign from membership in the Society by so advising the Society in writing.

**Reason for change:**

To ensure procedural fairness and reduce legal risk.

**Article 3.06 – Former Employees**

**Original wording:**

*Former employees of the Society cannot be elected to the Board for a period of three (3) full years after formal termination of their employment by the Board.*

**Updated wording:**

Former employees of the Society may be eligible for election to the Board of Directors provided that at least one (1) full year has elapsed since the end of their employment. Individuals whose employment ended as a result of termination for just cause are not eligible to serve on the Board of Directors, unless such termination was subsequently overturned through legal or arbitration proceedings.

**Reason for change:**

To remove an arbitrary exclusion period while maintaining safeguards related to just-cause dismissals.

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**Article 3.07 – Officer Terms and Continuity**

**Original wording:**

*The Board shall consist of the following officers: president, vice-president, past president, secretary and treasurer and five directors, each elected for a term of one year and two directors appointed by and representing the Town of Sundre and the Sundre and District Agriculture Society.*

**Updated wording:**

The Board shall consist of the following officers: President, Vice-President, Past President, Secretary and Treasurer, and five (5) Directors, each elected for a term of one (1) year, and two (2) Directors appointed by and representing the Town of Sundre and the Sundre & District Agricultural Society. Officers are encouraged to serve a minimum of two (2) consecutive years in their elected Executive role, where reasonably possible, and to stagger their departure from office to promote continuity and effective governance.

**Reason for change:**

To support continuity, knowledge transfer, and effective governance without creating rigid term limits.

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**Article 3.09 – Board Meeting Frequency**

**Original wording:**

*Meetings of the Board shall be held as often as required, but at least every three months, and shall be called by the President.*



**Updated wording:**

Meetings of the Board shall be held as often as required. The Board shall hold a minimum of ten (10) regular meetings in each calendar year.

**Reason for change:**

The previous requirement of meeting at least once every three months does not reflect the operational demands of running an active aquatic and fitness facility. Ensuring there are adequate meeting in a year supports stronger financial oversight, timely decision-making, improved risk management, and overall good governance.

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**Article 3.10 – Board Meeting Notice**

**Original wording:**

*Meetings of the Board shall be called by three (3) days notice by telephone, facsimile or e-mail or other electronic means.*

**Updated wording:**

Meetings of the Board shall be called by three (3) days' notice by telephone, e-mail or other electronic means. Directors are expected to attend meetings in person whenever reasonably possible. A Director may participate in a meeting electronically, including by telephone or video conferencing, where in-person attendance is not reasonably possible, provided that all persons participating in the meeting can communicate adequately with each other. A Director participating electronically is deemed to be present at the meeting and shall be counted toward quorum.

**Reason for change:**

To modernize communication methods and remove obsolete technology.

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**Article 8.01 – Treasurer**

**Original wording:**

*The Treasurer shall collect and receive the annual dues and all monies paid to the Society and shall be responsible for the deposit of the same in the bank. The Treasurer shall properly account for the funds of the Society and keep such records as will reflect the financial undertakings of the Society.*

**Updated wording:**

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the oversight of the receipt, deposit, and accounting of all monies paid to the Society. The Treasurer may rely on Society employees or contracted services for the collection, processing, and deposit of funds in the ordinary course of operations.

**Reason for change:**

Right now, bylaws imply:

- the Treasurer personally *collects* money, and

- the Treasurer personally *deposits* it.

That does not reflect:

- front-desk staff processing payments,
- POS systems,
- daily operational deposits,
- separation of duties (which auditors actually want).

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#### **Article 11.01 – General Meeting Notices**

##### **Original wording:**

*The Society shall hold an Annual General Meeting on or before March 31 in each year, of which proper notice shall deemed to have been given, when preceded by public notices published in the local newspaper having the largest circulation, for two successive weeks beginning at least three weeks prior to the date of the meeting.*

##### **Updated wording:**

The Society shall hold an Annual General Meeting on or before March 31 in each year. Notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be provided to members at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the meeting. Such notice shall remain posted for a minimum of fourteen (14) consecutive days prior to the meeting. Notice may be delivered by electronic communication to members, posting on the Society’s website, posting within the facility, social media, or by such other method as the Board determines appropriate to reasonably inform the membership.

##### **Reason for change:**

To reflect modern communication practices and improve accessibility. The amendment removes the mandatory requirement to publish notices in a newspaper, while allowing the Board discretion to use newspaper publication when it is considered beneficial.

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#### **Article 15.01 – Arbitration**

##### **Original wording:**

*Any dispute arising through a member or aggrieved person which has been the result of any action or neglect of the Society, its Officers or Board, shall be referred to and settled by single arbitrator appointed and mutually agreed upon by the Society and the member or aggrieved person. The decision of the arbitrator is final and binding with no right of appeal.*

##### **Updated wording:**

Any dispute arising through a member or aggrieved person which has been the result of any action or neglect of the Society, its Officers or Board, shall be referred to and settled by single arbitrator appointed and mutually agreed upon by the Society and the member or aggrieved person. The decision of the arbitrator is final and binding, subject to the laws of Alberta.



**Reason for change:**

To remove unenforceable language and align with provincial law.

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**Article 17.03 – Maintaining and Tracking Amendments to the 2002 Bylaws**

**Original wording:**

*“These Bylaws were originally approved by a Special Resolution of the members of the Society at a General Meeting duly called and constituted on June 17/2002 and were approved by the Registrar of Companies. Article 3 was amended by Special Resolution on March 21/2005 and approved by the Registrar of Companies. The amendment of Article 3 and the addition of Article 18 approved by Special Resolution of the members on March 31/2006 are hereby submitted to the Registrar of Companies and come into effect upon acceptance of the Registrar.”*

**Updated wording:**

These Bylaws were originally approved by Special Resolution of the members of the Society at a General Meeting duly called and constituted on June 17, 2002, and were subsequently approved by the Registrar of Companies. The Bylaws have been amended by Special Resolution of the members and accepted by the Registrar of Companies on the following dates:

- March 21, 2005 – Amendment to Article 3
- March 31, 2006 – Amendment to Article 3 and addition of Article 18
- March 30, 2007 – Addition of Article 11.06

All amendments come into effect upon acceptance by the Registrar of Companies.

**Reason for change:**

To update the amendment history to include the 2007 amendment and to improve clarity by presenting the amendment record in a format that is easier to read and track.

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