

GOTC Business Decisions Document Dated ~~11-18-2015~~ GOTC Business
Decisions Document Dated ~~8-23-2017~~ 6/21/2019

A reference to the following GOTC Business Decisions Document was added to the GOTC Bylaws dated August 26, 2015, under Article VI Meetings. After each GOTC General Meeting, the GOTC Secretary will add any Proposals or Motions, approved by a Quorum vote of GOTC members, to the GOTC Business Decisions Document. Any revision to this document must be approved by Motion vote at any GOTC General Meeting.

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Date	Business Decision	Quorum Needed	Vote
4-22-15	Elaine asked for a vote as to whether the Oscar Award should continue as an annual award or if it should be awarded on an "as needed" basis. Fred Sisbarro stated that it was conceived as an annual award and should continue as such. It was voted to keep it as an annual award. It was suggested that the previous year's winner should be on the selection committee for the current year.		
5-27-15	None		
6-24-15	None		
7-22-15	None		
8-26-15	Proposal 1: Add the content of the GOTC Roles and Responsibilities Document, dated 8-26-15, to the GOTC Bylaws dated March 26, 2014, under Article III Membership, in a new section, named Membership Roles and Responsibilities, as content for a new subsection named Member Roles and Responsibilities.	35% of 94 = 33 members	47 to 2
8-26-15	Proposal 2: Add the content of the GOTC Rules and Regulations Document, as amended on 8-26-15, to the GOTC Bylaws dated March 26, 2014, under Article III Membership, in a new section, named Membership Roles and Responsibilities, as content for a new subsection named Member Rules and Regulations.	35% of 94 = 33 members	38 to 11
8-26-15	Proposal 3: Add a reference to the GOTC Women's Reserved Club Time Rules and Guidelines Document to the GOTC Bylaws dated March 26, 2014, Article III Membership, under a new section named Reserved Club Time Rules and Guidelines. Any revision to this document must be approved by Motion vote at any GOTC General Meeting.	35% of 94 = 33 members	46 to 3
8-26-15	Proposal 4: Add a reference to the GOTC Men's Reserved Club Time Rules and Guidelines Document to the GOTC Bylaws dated March 26, 2014, Article III Membership, under a new section named Reserved Club Time Rules and Guidelines. Any revision to this document must be approved by Motion vote at any GOTC General Meeting.	35% of 94 = 33 members	46 to 3
8-26-15	Proposal 5: Add the content of the GOTC Rules of Communication Document, as amended on 8-26-15, to the GOTC Bylaws dated March 26, 2014, as content under Article IV Officers, Sections 3 and 5, and under Article III Membership, in the new Section named Membership Roles and Responsibilities, as content under the new subsection named Member Roles and Responsibilities.	35% of 94 = 33 members	47 to 2
8-26-15	Proposal 6: Add a reference to the GOTC Business Decisions Document, as amended on 8-26-15, to the GOTC Bylaws dated March 26, 2014, under	35% of 94 = 33	47 to 2

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8-26-15	Proposal 7: Add the content of the GOTC Bylaws Clarification of Quorum and Majority Vote Document, as amended on 8-26-15, to the GOTC Bylaws dated March 26, 2014, as content under Article VI Meetings.	35% of 94 = 33 members	45 to 4
8-26-15	Proposal 8: Reformat the GOTC Bylaws, as specified in the GOTC Bylaws New Document Format document, dated August 26, 2015.	35% of 94 = 33 members	47 to 2
8-26-15	Motion 1: To approve the contents of the GOTC Women's Reserved Club Time Rules and Guidelines Document, as amended on 8-26-15. (Women's only vote)	25% of 44 = 11 members	21 to 0
8-26-15	Motion 2: To approve the contents of the GOTC Men's Reserved Club Time Rules and Guidelines Document, as amended on 8-26-15. (Men's only vote)	25% of 50 = 13 members	21 to 0
8-26-15	Motion 3: To approve the contents of the GOTC Business Decisions Document.	25% of 94 = 24 members	42 to 0
8-26-15	Motion 4: To include in all future GOTC General Meeting Minutes the total number of GOTC Members, the total number of Women Members, and total number of Men Members, as of the meeting date. In addition, all future GOTC General Meeting Minutes, that include an approved motion vote, must include the Quorum met and the vote count in favor and against the motion.	25% of 94 = 24 members	42 to 0
9-23-15	Motion 1: To approve the By-Laws Document dated August 26, 2015	25% of 94 = 24	26 to 5
9-23-15	Motion 2: To approve the Business Decisions Document dated August 26, 2015	25% of 94 = 24	37 to 0
9-23-15	Motion 3: George Leary suggested that the GOTC purchase a rechargeable battery-operated blower to enable players to clear off the courts as needed rather than having to rely on the community to clear them. This item would cost around \$100. Ralph Dawes presented a motion that the Club purchase one to try it out.	25% of 94 = 24	28 to 0
9-23-15	Motion 4: Mike Mahony proposed that the Club needs to have back-up storage of all the GOTC documentation. He presented a motion to purchase a flash drive for this purpose to be maintained by the Club Secretary.	25% of 94 = 24	28 to 0
10/13/15	To approve the contents of the GOTC Women's Reserved Club Time Rules and Guidelines Document, as amended on 10-13-15. (Women's only vote)	25% of 44 = 11 members	27 to 0
10/28/15	Proposal 1: No more than one member of a household may seek election to any of the GOTC officer positions at one time, nor may more than one member of a household serve on the GOTC Executive Board at one time.	35% of 94 = 33 members	50 to 17
10/28/15	Proposal 2: The GOTC board of officers (5 members) shall hold an officers'	35% of	58 to 5

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	board meeting at least 2X a year during the Tennis season to discuss issues and share ideas and also meet as often as necessary to discuss important issues that arise in the course of a given year. A primary function of the meetings is to make unified decisions on important issues. Each officer has an equal vote. A majority vote of the board will stand unless otherwise specified in another by-law. Subsequently, based on these decisions, presentations may be made to the membership at regular meetings.	94 = 33 members	
10/28/15	<p>Proposal 3: If a tennis member has any complaint or issue against the club or another tennis club member(s), he/she must send it via email to the Communications Officer. Complaints will only be addressed when it comes directly from the complainant and all parties involved are named. The Communications Officer will share the complaint with the other board members. The complaint will be investigated and a decision will be made in a reasonable amount of time.(30 days)</p> <p>Complaints submitted by a member for another member(s) will be treated as a complaint from a third party and ultimately considered hearsay and dismissed. Complaints which do not include the names of all parties involved will also be dismissed and considered incomplete.</p> <p>The board's decision will be considered final. The board will solely decide the outcome and/or action required based on the by-laws.</p>	35% of 94 = 33 members	55 to 6
10/28/15	Motion 1: To approve the Business Decisions Document dated September 28, 2015	25% of 94 = 24	39 to 0
10/28/15	Motion 2: If a GOTC member votes on a Proposal or Motion via email, prior to the GOTC General Meeting, and votes again at the GOTC General Meeting, and the Proposal or Motion voted on is not amended at the GOTC General Meeting, then the members vote at the GOTC General Meeting "supersedes their email vote".	25% of 94 = 24	39 to 0
10/28/15	Motion 3: If a GOTC member votes on a Proposal or Motion via email, prior to the GOTC General Meeting, and does not attend the GOTC General Meeting and the Proposal or Motion they voted on is amended at the GOTC General Meeting, then the member's email vote will be ignored. Furthermore the member will reserve the right to vote on the amended Proposal or Motion within two weeks from when the GOTC General Meeting minutes are distributed to all GOTC members.	25% of 94 = 24	39 to 0
11/18/15	Proposal 1: <u>Amend the termination clause in the Bylaws to reflect the procedure required to terminate a member in the GOTC. See Bylaws dated 11-18-2015 for revised amendment</u>	<u>35% of 92 = 33 members</u>	<u>44 in favor, 7 opposed, 1 abstain</u>
11/18/15	Proposal 2: <u>Add a succession plan of officers to the Bylaws to reflect the procedure required to replace a member of the GOTC Board whenever there is a vacancy. See Bylaws dated 11-18-2015 for revised addition.</u>	<u>35% of 92 = 33 members</u>	<u>44 in favor, 73 opposed, 1 abstention</u>
11/18/15	<u>Motion 1: A motion to amend the current dues structure as currently shown in the Bylaws was brought to a vote. The motion proposed that the current dues of \$30 per member should be reduced.</u>	<u>25% of 92 = 23</u>	<u>22 in favor, 35 opposed</u>

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11/18/15	Motion <u>21</u> : A motion to revise the GOTC Men's Reserved Club Time Rules and Guidelines document was brought to a vote by the men after upon the conclusion of the GOTC meeting. After a discussion concerning the proposed revisions, a vote was taken. See the GOTC Men's Reserved Club Time Rules and Guidelines Dated 12-7-2015 document for updated text.	25% of 50 = 13	14 in favor
<u>6/22/16</u>	<u>Motion 1: A motion to amend the GOTC Women's Reserved Club Time Rules and Guidelines document clause from a 30-minute court wait time to a 15-minute wait time was approved.</u>	<u>25% of 41 = 11</u>	<u>14 to 0</u>
<u>8/23/17</u>	<u>A decision was made by the GOTC Board to reduce the annual dues to \$20.00.</u>		<u>5 to 0</u>
<u>7/25/18</u>	<u>Motion: Tennis courts at Waretown Lake should not be used by GOTC members during their own reserved court time.</u>	<u>25% of 104 = 26 members</u>	<u>18 of 34 approved</u>
<u>7/25/18</u>	<u>Motion: A signup sheet should be used by members wanting to play on the Waretown Lake courts; and signup should be no later than 24 hours before play time.</u>	<u>25% of 104 = 26 members</u>	<u>18 of 34 approved</u>
<u>7/25/18</u>	<u>Motion: Any member of age 80 years or older should be allowed to play in whichever time slot they choose during reserved court time.</u>	<u>25% of 104 = 26 members</u>	<u>27 of 30 approved</u>
5/22/19	Motion: Allow the GOTC Social Committee to request GOTC funds for up to three social events per year with a maximum allowance of \$100 per event. The GOTC Prior Approval Expense Form, which is on the GOTC web page, must be submitted to the GOTC Board at least one month prior to the event for which the funds are needed. It will be at the Board's discretion, with advice from the club Treasurer, to approve the request. These funds do not carry over and must be requested each year.	25% of 105 = 26 members	26 of 27 approved

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(Historical GOTC Business Decisions)

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3-24-10	There was a proposal that B champions have to play in the A tournament the following year. The proposal was voted and approved.	
4-27-11	None	
5-25-11	None	
6-22-11	A motion to accept the latest version of the By-Laws was moved and seconded. Jim asked for the motion to adopt the By-Laws as written which was distributed to all members for review prior to tonight's meeting.	
6-22-11	Jim asked for a motion from the membership to eliminate the July General Meeting . A motion was made, seconded and approved by everyone that there would not be a July general meeting.	
7-27-11	No meeting.	
8-24-11	None	
9-27-11	None	
10-23-11	TBD	
11-16-11	None	
12-7-11	None	
3-28-12	The tennis club proposal for the shade area alongside court 2 was denied by the Board as not a necessity at this time. A motion was proposed by Jim Silk and seconded by Bob Konvit and approved by the club membership to continue with the shade area effort with the club's own funding and labor.	
4-25-12	None	
5-23-12	None	
6-27-12	TBD	
7-25-12	None	
8-22-12	None	
9-27-12	None	
10-24-12	Of the 52 male members, approximately 8-12 rarely or never play open tennis. This leaves 40-44 players. After discussion, those present voted to limit the A group to 21 men.	
10-24-12	Tom Rosa asked Fred to bring up the use of the funds left over in this year's treasury after end of year expenses are paid. A vote to carry the amount over rather than to reduce the holiday party expense was taken and passed.	
11-28-12	None	
4-17-13	It was stated that 40 to 45% of our annual dues is used to finance the pizza parties: and there are some paid members that don't usually attend the parties. It was suggested that perhaps we should charge a nominal fee to members to attend the pizza parties. Tom Rosa stated that approximately \$900 is spend each year for the pizza parties. This amount of money could be used for purchasing items needed for the tennis club. It was voted by a majority that the pizza parties would remain the same.	
4-17-13	Meta proposed the question of whether or not we should continue to participate in intercommunity tennis. A vote was taken and the majority voted to discontinue the intercommunity tennis.	
5-15-13	Oscar Haimowitz: It was suggested that an award be created in Oscar's name. The award	

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	would be presented at our last social function of each year. The Board would decide who would receive the award based on service to the club, participation, and willingness to volunteer. It was voted that a plaque would be purchased which would have Oscar's name on it and a recipient's name would be added to the plaque each year.	
6-19-13	None	
7-17-13	None	
8-21-13	TBD	
9-18-13	Jim Silk addressed the subject of the upcoming "Grandparents Halloween Gathering" to be held on October 26, 2013. It was voted by a majority of attendees that any donation of monies or goods to this would not exceed \$50.	
10-16-13	The men will revote on assignments to Advanced and Intermediate groups next March using the procedure used this past year where all members vote on all other members.	
3-26-14	Motion by Bette Silverman, seconded by Jim Silk, to amend the Bylaws to add a definition of a quorum. Any voting at GOTC meetings necessary to carry out GOTC business will be conducted during the meeting and only those present will vote <u>and a minimum of 25% of the membership in attendance will constitute a quorum</u> . This does not apply to voting conducted for the following purposes: a) election of GOTC officers, b) amendment of Bylaws. (amendment is underlined wording) Motion Carried.	# existing members paid = 33
3-26-14	Motion by Elaine O'Keefe to amend the Bylaws to permit voting by email on all items to carry out GOTC business AND to add a definition of a quorum. Any Voting at GOTC meetings, necessary to carry out GOTC business, will be conducted during the meeting and those present will vote in person, and members not present may vote by email <u>and a minimum of 25% of the membership voting will constitute a quorum</u> . This does not apply to voting conducted for the following purposes: a) election of GOTC officers, b) amendment of ByLaws. All motions intended to be voted upon are to be provided to the Secretary at least seven days before the meeting and the Communications Officer will email all such motions to the membership by 5 days before the meeting. All email votes are to be returned to the Secretary at least two days before the meeting, and the Secretary will report all such email votes to the meeting should the subject motion actually be made and seconded. Any email vote made by a member present at the meeting will be set aside. (amendment is both underlined and strikethrough sections) Motion Carried	
3-26-14	Motion by Joe Randazzo "Our motion is to allow the membership to vote on dividing the membership "EQUALLY" into two groups, 1) an Advanced group and 2) an Intermediate Group. This would allow equal court for all our members and eliminate unfair "waiting to play time" because one group is larger than the other group". Motion Carried.	
3-26-14	Motion by Dennis O'Keefe "I move that the selection of partners by "picking out of a hat" for the men's A round robin/ladder be set aside and the A players sign up as 2-man teams, as is the established practice of the Club, and request that only men's A players vote on this motion, so the outcome of the of the vote will represent the "will" of the group of members affected by this motion." Motion Carried	

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4-23-14	None	
5-28-14	A motion by Monica DeCicco to institute Monday evening tennis for those interested in playing under the lights from 7-9pm.	21 to 5
5-28-14	A motion by Monica DeCicco that tennis play be revived on Friday night pizza night, starting 2 hours before the pizza arrives.	23 to 2
5-28-14	A motion by Monica DeCicco that the president of the club send a letter to the Mayor of Waretown and the head of the Recreation Dept., asking them to replace the tennis courts at the lake on Route 524, Wells Mills Road, with new tennis courts.	28 to 0
5-28-14	A motion by Bette Silverman "To promote open discussion of issues that affect the general membership, I move that all emails directed to the general membership be sent such that the email addresses of all recipients are visible and a member wishing to reply all to the email may easily do so. This acknowledges that democracy may be messier than an autocracy, but "neatness" is no justification for quashing the free exchange of differing opinions."	25 to 3
5-28-14	A motion by Bette Silverman, "To facilitate communication among members, I move that a roster of members containing email addresses and phone numbers be made available to the general membership.	28 to 0
6-25-14	From Joe Randazzo: Please submit an amendment that changes our fiscal from April 1 of current year to March 31 of next year. All dues must be paid by April 1 of the current year to qualify to be a "member in good standing," and be eligible to vote on issues, play tennis, or share in all the member benefits. Those members that are out of town can either mail in their dues or have some other member submit their due for them. It is time that we behave as adults and be responsible for paying our dues on a timely basis and in an organized manner in order to share in the member benefits.	
7-23-14	None	
8-20-14	A vote was taken as to whether the women want to give up one court during their regular Wednesday/Friday sessions for tournament play. All women present at the meeting voting no to this motion.	
9-24-14	None	