

# Election Time Is Here! It's Time To Volunteer!

Yes, it's that time again, time to raise your hand to accept a nomination or to nominate someone you know that would be qualified to lead our club into the next decade of the 21st Century

We've been around for 74 years and we hope that we can continue our skiing, social activities and camaraderie into the future. If you have leadership skills, computer skills, are able to travel and meet twice a month for 12 months please raise your hand. All it takes is dedication and time and you can help lead this club.

**Nominations begin at BJ's Restaurant & Brewpub in Livonia**, on the 18th of January and continue through February 15th. Balloting would begin shortly after the February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting assuming an office is contested. Please raise your hand and help us to continue our decades of success.

The offices open for election are president, vice president, treasurer, financial secretary and recording secretary.

The Thunderbird Ski Club has been providing ski activities, ski trips and social get-togethers for 74 years and we hope our club continues to thrive through many more decades to come. It's through the hard work of each board member, committee, club volunteer and its 450 members that the T'Birds continue to be a club to be envied in the arena of ski organizations.

Being a leader in this club is a very rewarding endeavor and provides countless opportunities to meet new people, see new places

And hat and will come forward to take on the challenge to help lead our club into its 74th year.

Following is the brief description of each office:

The **president** is the chief executive officer of the club and oversees all its operations. This office should be held by a Ford Employee/Retiree if one is nominated to conform to FERA's (Ford Employees Recreation Association) and our constitution but is not mandatory.

The **vice president** performs the administrative duties of the club and performs the duties of the president in the president's absence. This office also should be held by a Ford Employee/Retiree if nominated but is not mandatory.

The **treasurer** is the custodian of the club assets and maintains complete and accurate records of receipts and disbursements.

The **financial secretary** maintains the club check book, writing all checks and making all deposits. In the absence of the recording secretary, prepares the minutes of board meetings.

The **recording secretary** prepares and maintains the minutes of the meetings of the board of directors

Please plan to attend the membership meetings at **BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse in Livonia** and raise your hand to help lead our club or nominate a friend whom you know is worthy and qualified to be a leader.

## Election Guidelines

The election committee will open nominations at the January 19th general meeting of the club and continue the process through the third nomination meeting, February 16th. At the conclusion of the regular business portion of each of the aforementioned meetings, the election committee takes charge of the meeting and requests nominations from the floor. A member of the election committee shall:

...Read the brief summary of the functions of each office of the board of directors of Attachment 1.

...Request nominations for each office in sequence beginning with recording secretary and ending with president.

...Request a second of each nomination and record the name of the nominee, the nominator, and the second in the Nomination Log of Attachment 2.

...Check the roster to verify that each of these people is a member of the club **and enter their membership number on the nomination log**. If verification is obtained and the nominee is present, ask the nominee if he or she accepts the nomination. If any one is not a member, announce this, report that the nomination does not stand, and request any additional nominations. If the nominee is not present, state that a member of the election committee will contact the nominee and report the acceptance or refusal at the next meeting.

...Provide each nominee with a copy of the Campaign Guidelines of Attachment 3 and the Details of Director Duties of Attachment 4. Invite each nominee to provide a campaign article and a small photo to accompany the article in accordance with the Campaign Guidelines.

...At the conclusion of nominations invite each nominee to make a campaign speech of up to two minutes.

...State that nominations also can be carried out by mailing

the Paper Nomination Form of Attachment 5 in accordance with its instructions, and note that copies of the Paper Nomination Form are available at the election committee table.

...Advise of any nominations received via the Paper Nomination Form, name the nominee and nominators, and announce that verification is or is not established.

...On the last night of nominations, the second meeting in February, nominations are closed for each office in sequence. After all nominations are closed, the election committee will offer each candidate another opportunity to make a campaign speech of up to two minutes. After the speeches, the election committee will describe the timing and essentials of the balloting process. However, should there be no more than one nominee for each office, the election committee will announce such and introduce the new board members by position, ensuring a photo is taken for inclusion with the Towline and Website election result publication. Should there be less than one nominee for any office, the election committee will announce such, and describe the procedure prescribed by the club constitution to fill an empty board seat. Again, if there are more than one candidate nominated for any office the normal election process will take place per the club Guidelines.

**Do to the increase in COVID risks the club will again allow Email Nominations. See Below:**

Email Nominations: Members will receive three emails two weeks apart, asking for email nominations. Each nomination will require a 2nd motion emailed from another member. Also, the nominee must be willing to accept your nomination, so please contact the person you think should be on the board and make sure he/she is willing to accept your nomination.

Attachment 5. Paper Nomination Form



**Nomination of Director**

**The Members of the Thunderbird Ski Club who sign below nominate**

\_\_\_\_\_ (print name of nominee)

**for the office of**

\_\_\_\_\_ for Election during club year beginning 202\_\_

<u>Print Member Name</u>	<u>Member Signature</u>	<u>Membership Number</u>

**I accept this nomination** \_\_\_\_\_  
**(Nominee Signature)**

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Nominee: Hand deliver this form to an Election Committee member, email to address shown, or mail for delivery on or before February \_\_, 202\_\_, with two or more signatures of current Members to:

Election Committee Thunderbird  
Ski Club P. O. Box 532048  
Livonia, MI 48153-5378

**NOTE:** *FOLLOWING RECEIPT, THE ELECTION COMMITTEE WILL VERIFY MEMBERSHIP OF NOMINEE AND NOMINATORS AT WHICH TIME THIS NOMINATION WILL BECOME OFFICIAL, ALLOWING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF AN APPROVED CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN ARTICLE.*