



Goldbug's Wake

*East Cooper Outboard Motor Club
Founded 1956*

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Next Meeting: Monday Night September 18th, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Remember to bring cash for the 50/50 donation – that helps the club pay for the food and drink provided FREE to members at ALL meetings!

- **Special thanks** to all the members who came out on Saturday, September 9th to help clean up and secure the club grounds in preparation for the anticipated unpleasantness caused by Hurricane Irma

Proposed Bylaw Change shall be voted on at the Sept Meeting- See page 3

Beneficent Group News:

For the 12th & final donation of this fiscal year we got to help at risk youth and their families by donating \$5,000 to Windwood Farm Home For Children, Inc. Our total donation to this organization since 1999 is \$38,850. With this donation, it makes our year to date distribution total \$38,000 and our total Donations Since 1998 is \$284,300.



Chris Momeier presenting a check to Don Squires, the Director of Windwood Farm Home For Children, Inc.

It is time for the ECOBG Board to meet to discuss and disperse the funds for our 2016-2017 fiscal year. Our funding comes exclusively from contributions received from the East Cooper Outboard Motor Club (ECOMC), primarily the net profit from a Turkey Shoot fundraiser held annually in November. Thanks to the hard work of the ECOMC membership & our sponsors I can tell you that 2015 was by far our best year to date, resulting in a 10% increase over the previous year.

I've scheduled a meeting of the ECOBG Board for Thursday, 9/28/16 at 6:30PM, Goldbug Island Turkey Shoot Pavilion, 1560 Ben Sawyer Blvd., Mt Pleasant SC 29464. Prior to our business discussion I've blocked out some time, beginning at 6:40PM, for anyone who would like to briefly, (5 Minute Limit), address the Board. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity I need to know ASAP so I can include you in the agenda.

Chris Momeier, Chairman, East Cooper Outboard Beneficent Group, 843-614-1813

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The Annual Turkey Shoot

Begins November 1st
Please contact
Randy Howe to sign up
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OFFICERS

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House Committee Chairman

Randy Howe
Entertainment Chairman

Jerry Barnett
Membership Chairman

Jim Craig
Member at Large

Robbie Forbes
Member at Large

NOTICES:

- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TURKEY SHOOT:** **Now** is the time to sell sponsorships for the 2017 Turkey shoot. If you have a new sponsor in mind and need help selling - please contact Randy. Remember you can get all the work parties you want very easily at the Turkey shoot in November - Contact Randy Howe [(843) 708-2978] to sign up early and save your space
- **FIREWOOD! :** Remember if you or anyone you know is cutting trees or if you see a pile of available wood that can be used in the fire pit - please bring it to the club. We burn firewood often and are always in need of firewood even in the hot summer, a stockpile is good to have.
- **GUN RANGE SAFETY:** IF you are going to shoot at the Turkey Shoot Range, Please make sure that there is no one walking the paths to the North End of the Island (North Beach). Also please do not discharge shotguns during a wedding or event at the clubhouse.

Log onto www.goldbugisland.com for news and other information.

If you do not have a member login email Mike Richardson at mrichardson@atlanticelectric.com

Mark your Calendar:

11/01/17 thru 11/22/17 Turkey Shoot *No monthly meeting during Turkey Shoot	10/31/18 thru 11/21/18 Turkey Shoot *No monthly meeting during Turkey Shoot
12/03/17 Cookies with Santa	12/02/18 Cookies with Santa
12/09/17 ECOMC Christmas Party	12/08/18 Christmas Party
02/24/18 Oyster Roast	02/TBD/19 Oyster Roast
03/22-23/18 Spaghetti Dinner	
04/14/18 Spring Fling	
08/25/18 Banquet	

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Here is the Bylaws change.

Section 4(Old) Upon presentation of a new candidate for membership, any club member with a reason why the individual should not be considered must inform one of the Executive Committee members of his reasons. The Executive Committee shall re-evaluate the candidate to determine if the reasons given are substantial enough to warrant exclusion from the club. If the Executive Committee finds no reason to exclude the candidate, he will be voted on at the next regularly scheduled club meeting. The sponsor/sponsors, but not the candidate, must be present for the voting.

Section 4(New) The Membership Committee Chairman or Commodore shall present a new candidate to the Executive Committee for membership into ECOMC providing the membership cap for **Regular and Probationary Members** is less than 200. The Executive Committee shall evaluate the new candidate to determine if the Candidate is worthy to become a Probationary Member. The Executive Committee shall vote to approve the candidate to become a Probationary Member. Probationary Member's shall serve a probationary period of at least 12 months and have all the rights, duties, and privileges of a regular member except they are not allowed to vote at club meeting. The Executive Committee shall determine when the Probationary Member's probational period is completed or if the Probationary Member should be dropped from membership of ECOMC. Any club member with a reason why the Probationary Member should not be considered for regular membership must inform one of the Executive Committee members of his reasons. The Executive Committee shall re-evaluate the candidate to determine if the reasons given are substantial enough to warrant exclusion from ECOMC. The Executive Committee shall schedule a vote with the membership at the next regularly scheduled club meeting once the Probationary member has successfully completed his probationary period.

Reasoning.

Currently new candidates for membership are brought before the executive committee where they must receive a unanimous vote. The Executive committee almost always votes to the advance the candidate for the membership vote. The membership usually approves the candidate by show of hands without discussion.

Why?

The answer is obvious. Neither the Executive committee nor the membership usually knows who we are voting on.

The new bylaw will not change how we vote candidates into the club. It will simply delay the vote until after their probationary period. Hopefully this will give us time to know who we are voting on.

Topics of discussion:

How long is the probationary period?

A minimum of 12 months, but how long? The text is written to give the Executive committee flexibility in cases where the Probationary Member has medical, work, or other issues during the probationary period that would prevent him for completing his requirements.

What should the minimum probationary period be?

This should be a topic for discussion for the membership. There is really no down side for a 2 year minimum probationary period. Currently we have several members who have completed their one year probationary period and then they quit participating. The membership needs to give the Executive Committee guidance on this issue.