

To: 2024 Sewing and Quilting Club Leaders and Club Members

August 9, 2024

President Katrina Heath
Vice President Diane Deep
Secretary Lorene Osterday
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At the Community Lifestyle Committee Meeting on August 9, 2024, a motion was approved waiving the current Committees and Clubs Policy Manual (CCPM) requirement for a 30-day notice to be given to club membership that a vote on approval for an amended club charter is to take place. It is noted that the revised CCPM effective September 1, 2024, no longer requires that 30-day prior notice period. The club would like to have an amended charter approved by the BOD in time for the election of 2025 club leaders.

At the meeting, there were some questions raised and information provided on the changes to the club's charter that the club leadership is presenting to its membership. The changes include having the leaders of four SIGs serve as at-large positions on the leadership team.

Upon further deliberation, the CLC has second thoughts on its earlier discussions with club leaders giving tacit approval of the changes. We now feel that the changes being considered are major and complicated:

- 1) SIG leaders are selected by the SIG members but then must also be elected to serve on club leadership by the entire club membership. In club elections, another candidate may run opposing the SIG's selected leader.
- 2) The club leadership is recognizing four SIGs but the CLC is not clear, at this time, that other groups within the club may fall within the CCPM definition "Shared Interest Group is a subset of club members interested in an aspect or specialty of the club, which may meet separately."

We understand that the current leadership wants to move forward with the current proposal or not at all. Although, for the CLC, there would be no opposition to adding at-large leaders elected by the club membership which would provide for more member representation.

The CLC consensus is that we need time to resolve the issues that may arise if we were to recommend the amended charter as proposed. We acknowledge that there is a club who has a similar leadership structure in place, but we feel the current committee needs to do its own due diligence. The CLC is of the opinion, it is more appropriate for the upcoming 2025 leadership team to address such a major change perhaps early in the year. This gives more time for member discussion and input on changes they may like to have.

Please distribute this memo to your club membership.

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